

H2H3 RUN #367 - 2nd September 2017

LOCATION: Off Sam Phan Nam Floating Market Road opposite Ban Thung Yao School

GOOGLE MAP LINK <https://goo.gl/maps/D2YeZcbTJsF2>

GPS COORDINATES: N 12 27.732, E 99 55.402 (N 12.462204, E 99.923370)

HARES: Hugmanannygoat & Davey Delayed

HASH SNACKS: Doggy Style

TAX COLLECTOR: Butt Out

NUMBER OF HASHERS: 35

HASH NOTES

Hugs wrote:

Thank you to the many hashers that gave the feedback of the trail good or bad. By the way, the feedback from the runners (who gave feedback), was that the trail was very enjoyable / good.

As lead Hare I originally planned a short walk / long walk / runners trail but decided that taking the long walkers up the hill where the runners went was too tough, even for the fit long walkers. The runners loop was originally planned on the area of pineapple fields and the short walkers would have branched off back to the car park with the long walkers joining the runners up the hill. I changed the trail so the long walkers didn't have to climb any steep hill but by doing so I had to ditch the short walk.

So in the end, as it turned out, part of the walkers trail entailed a section of woodland of which I have had strong feedback that it was far too dangerous. Using the accuracy of Google Earth, the first 100 metres of woodland entailed an inclination from 203 feet above sea level to 231 feet above sea level, a climb of 28 feet (or 8.5 metres) i.e 1 in 12. Admittedly that section of the first 100 metres of woodland was a bit up and down with brambles, rocks and bamboo in the way, but in my opinion nothing that could be described as "dangerous".

The rest of the woodland, all 300 metres was level and very pleasant in my opinion, in fact the last 300 metres of woodland was unobstructed and a steady and slight decline of 36 feet (or 11.0 metres) i.e. 1 in 28. I chose to take the walkers through the woodland for their pleasure, not for any warped sense of getting personal pleasure out of putting people through torturous terrain. On our website on the front page it states " *Hashing can be a bit risky. Though we try to keep our hash as safe as we can, there is always a possibility of an accident*" Obviously no one wants to set a trail that might cause an accident, but I hardly think taking walkers through woodland that rises for 28 feet then declines for 36 feet over 400 metres is (in hashing terms) dangerous, however maybe I'm wrong so I'm interested to hear your feedback?

Ask our hair raiser Mudman - and he will surely agree finding Hares is a hard job, I personally put about 20 hours, probably more, into planning, reccyng and physically laying a trail, I can take criticism no problem, that's part of the hash fun, but when the criticism becomes abusive I have to think if all the effort is worthwhile.

As a wise man said "You can please some of the people all of the time, you can please all of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all of the time"

As is normally the case, I had a lot of fun with Dave Delayed laying and planning the trail, and Dave stayed behind the slow walkers to make sure everyone got back safely, but to be honest, I've kind of been put off doing any more trails. Serious question - has laying a wimps trail now become a necessity?

Bent Banana wrote:

I thought it was a great trail. Really liked that the runners loop did not go over the hill but looped back to the same side as we had gone up. Worked very well. Not boring.

On the way back some of us runners did foresee that some of the walkers would not be happy with the bit at the end. Maybe in the dry they would have been happier ?

BUT,if they aren't happy they should lay more trails themselves. IMHO, there is a limit as to how dumbed down things should be. I guess one problem with h2h3 is that the average age is getting higher and fitness may be quite low esp. when compared to other hashes.

It is a tricky one to get the right balance, but there is no excuse for abuse. Laying a trail can be a thankless task at times.

I didn't have my phone with me today, but Tinks wasn't with us on the first false trail and I got no 2 as well as a lot of extra work at other checks, so I will be fascinated at the distance as I did over 1km more than the vanilla route. Good trail.

Cathusalem wrote:

Thanks for another excellent trail, which I found very enjoyable.

Here are just a couple of comments, which I trust you will take as constructive criticism.

1. About 100m after the merge, somebody asked why don't we take that track on the right? I replied that I was sure there was a good reason why Hugs didn't lay the trail that way. Looking at the scan, perhaps you could have put a short cut sign there.
2. You've heard it before but I still can't understand why the instruction should be that after finding a false trail you go back to the check. Your first false trail yesterday delayed everybody not just the front runners. My hash upbringing for false trails is that if there is a branch with only two ways to go, you can optionally make the front runners take the wrong one. When they find the false trail sign they leave it where it is but pick up paper at the branch to indicate the correct direction.

Mudman wrote:

As Hareraiser, I'd like to agree wholeheartedly with Bent Banana's comments. The "shrubby" sections with teasing barbed thorn bushes and the sneaky ankle high vines, added amusing flavour to the afternoon's hike. In particular that "mountain goat" Bushwacker was not able to get too far ahead of me in these sections, as he often does, as he had to bend down a lot more than I did. The runners were in long single file through some sections, and on hearing a blood curdling scream from up ahead, a visitor enquired, "What was that"? "That was the scream of a barbed thorn bush" I knowingly replied. For me this is part of Hashing, and variety is the spice of life, so we must expect varying degrees of difficulty on Hashes set by different individuals. I know the walkers had beautiful views on their section before the split, and the runners were treated to stunning panoramic views at the top of the hill.

Often a bit of hot headed moaning, is not as serious as it sounds at the time, but can be taken that way, particularly by a hard working Hare, who has done his best to provide a good afternoon's entertainment for all. I know myself how disheartening it is to receive intense complaints, or even moans, but as long as I'm content with the trail I've laid, and

the general feedback is positive, which it was yesterday, I'm not concerned. Good trail Hugs and Davey Delayed.

I needed to send an e-mail to the group this morning to apologize for the incorrect misinformation I gave late yesterday in the circle, as I slumped inebriated onto the ice! I mentioned I thought Ballbanger and Onefer were doing next week's CAH3 trail, but they are actually doing the H2H3 trail in TWO weeks time. As you will have realised by now, after Ballbanger's e-mail this morning, Dragontail and Mingster will be Haring next week's CAH3. Woe betide anyone who dare berate that pair!!

Dave the Rave wrote:

Hi Hugs and fellow hashers, I don't normally take part in sending emails to the hash group but I felt I had to put fingers to keyboard after reading Hug's mail. I returned to the hash last Saturday after a long absence from hashing so I was looking forward to a good trail and I was not disappointed. I thought as I set off I may do the run trail but by the time I reached the split I was ready to take the one point two walk back to the cars. The mixed terrain of paths, pineapple fields and bush as well as the wet condition made it a challenging trail, but absolutely enjoyable.

I have been on some hashes and the hares have thrown a bit of paper around a field and called it a hash trail, this was not the case on this hash trail. It was obvious the hares had put a lot of time and effort into the thing. If there was a bit of confusion out there on the day both hares were out there making sure we all got back to the beer safe and sound.

WELL DONE THE HARES (to conclude if anyone is complaining put your hand up, step forward, get out there and show us how it should be done).

Onefer wrote:

Good trail mate

Butt Out wrote:

I thought it was a very good trail, certainly not dangerous, challenging yes and I have the bruises to prove it. No photographic evidence of my tumbles fortunately. Trails that are not challenging are boring!!!!!! More like this one would be welcome. Great work the Hares.

Hollow Legs wrote:

The reason I went to the Hash (46kms from where I live) is that Hugs was the Hare. He has always done great trails;

And this one did not disappoint!

Not all trails are the same of course some as DTR said are an easy paper chase around a field.....Others a strenuous CLIMB over a mountain! (MM) haha! One time I could not get over it.

But it was great trail none the less.

Bush Whacker wrote:

It was a great trail!

I did walk up the hill after the false trail near check 2 but I didn't reach the in trail or see any paper up there (editor's note - see Tinks's GPS notes). By the time I could see the other hashers they were still walking up and I was already coming down again. I'm not sure who called On On, but it wasn't me.

Perhaps a few more calls of "Are You" are required after a FT or Check and I'm guilty of that too. I don't remember hearing any On On or Are You calls after the FT on that particular check, maybe because I was a long distance from the hashers who had found the real trail.

Cathusalem added:

There was heavy rain at scheduled arrival time of 4 pm and everybody stayed in their cars. However, by 4:20 pm the rain had tailed off and we could see clear weather approaching from the West. Our dearly departed Religious Adviser must have been with us in spirit to keep the rain off for run time, which was postponed to 4:40 pm.

The first check worked well, sending the front runners scurrying and allowing the pack to catch up. The second check didn't work so well. It had been combined with a false trail, which in my opinion can lead to unnecessary complications. Worse was that several followed what they thought was saturated shredded paper, which was in fact frayed sacking probably from fertiliser bags for the pineapple.

After about another kilometer, the trail started going uphill on a gradual climb towards the woodland, passing the back of the Hua Hin Safari Elephant Park on our left. "Thank goodness, it's not a completely flat trail" I said to myself because we'd had several of those recently and I love hills!

However, we have a few of our members who think just the opposite. Admittedly, you had to be careful not to stumble following the trail through the woodland but it was hardly dangerous as was being claimed. The co-hare Davy Delayed was bringing up the rear so I decided to speed up and get away from the whingers, then promptly fell over, fortunately only suffering a dirty shirt.

A few runners took some wrong turns and took almost two hours so a quick circle was called for. A vote for a merger of the two hashes gave the go-ahead for this to happen. Then Hares, Hash Snacks, Returners (Dave the Rave, Dave & Pam Motion from Dubai and Hawaii Five-O Ring from Soi 102) and Mudman as next week's hare stand-in were down-downed before we set off for Coconut restaurant attended by 17 hashers.