



The Euro Steel Drak Descent is unique for many reasons – and this is why:-

- The mtb race/ride is limited to 250 teams of two riders (500 riders max).
- Previous riders invited may in turn invite another team. (men, women or mixed).
- It's a race (there are very nice prizes and give-aways .....but no cash) - or a leisure ride, if you want. But whatever you want it to be, it's assured to be testing, spectacular and lots of fun.
- Much of the route is along the banks of the Umzimkulu River and its tributaries – right alongside the canoeists doing their race – but don't watch them for too long ....and you'll be in the water!!
- This is an annual ride only and much of the route is on private property - that is otherwise inaccessible during the rest of the year.
- There will be a race/ride come hell or high water. Its afternoon thunder-storm season in the Drakensberg – and if the rain or river gods are not with us, we may well be swimming and not riding. But at least it's bound to be warm at that time of year!
- It's the first stage race/ride of the 2016 season and will test your early season fitness and skills – as it's definitely not for the inexperienced beginner! You'll see the river from close – and also up from plateaus – giving some spectacular views. It is a “descent” but as you may well have heard “Life is not all downhill!!”

Join the Spoons Team for the 2016 Drak Descent. As an entrant, you will be afforded the rare opportunity to ride along single track that has been described as the “hidden gem of SA MTB”. The inaugural event of 2015 produced the following comments from the MTB community:

“I am sure that the Drak Descent has already gained the reputation of being a mountain bike event that is tough and technical. You must not change this. It is what will set your event apart from the many others out there.

Although the route is technical it is all ride able (besides the switch back portage at Wild dog.) You just have to be strong enough. Your event will challenge mountain bikers across the country. Just as the Drak canoe marathon is known for its technical nature so too will the mountain bike event be the same. I really don't think that I have ever ridden any mountain bike event anywhere in the country that is as challenging technically. Many events have short technical sections but the Drak Descent challenges one fully throughout the 2 days.

I see your route becoming more of an attraction to the Underberg community than the uMzimkhulu River in years to come.” **Farmer Glen Haw**

On behalf of 5 old toppies who did 75% of Day 1 (and 1 not so old toppie who did 100% of Day 1) and all 6 doing 100% of day 2 I would like to thank the Sani Spoons team for a most wonderful weekend on the most fantastic single tracks in the most fantastic part of the world. You guys did a really great job - each one of our teams said that they would happily do it again next year” **Henk Duys and partners**

“Thanks for the great event. Definitely one for every MTB rider's calendar. Will be back next year. Single track was unreal and will get better with riders frequenting it.” **Per Lofstrand**

“As for the Drak Challenge, I really loved the race. Some of the nicest mountain biking I have done in ages and certainly the most fun I have had on my bike in a long while. The MTB ride combined with the canoeing made for great spirit.” **Julian**