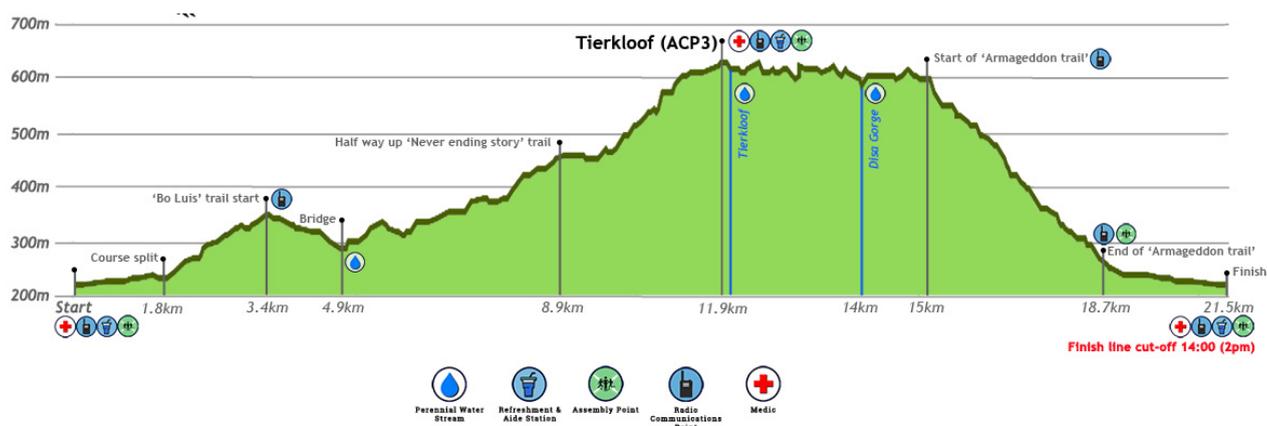


21.5km

Accumulative + 690m
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Reduced from 24km to 21.5km, this brand new route for 2020 includes the fabled 'Never Ending Story' MTB trail and proves to be faster than ever with 400m less climb. Your 9am start from Assegaibosch Nature Reserve heads into the Jonkershoek Nature Reserve along the same easy and runnable 1.5km twin spoor jeep track as the 38km. After this welcoming warm up a gradual climb starts at the 1.75km mark on open forestry jeep track, and continues for a further 1.7km. At 3.4km you leave the jeep track and descending down 'Bo Luis' MTB trail for a further 1.3km before joining crossing the lower jeep track and reach the bridge over the Eerste River at 4.9km.

100m on and you turn onto the famed MTB trail called 'Never Ending Story' and it is up this trail you climb for 7km and 340m of vertical height gain. Unlike the ascent of previous years, this one relents on many occasions as you wind your way up and up and up in the shadow of the mighty Twins & First Ridge peaks! But don't despair as from the top of the climb at 11.9km, not only will you have an aid station waiting for you, but spectacular views and the knowledge that you have completed the most vertically challenging section of the race.

At 11.9km we hook onto a 3km mountain hiking trail traverse below The Twins (1493m) crossing two perennial streams, including your last drinkable mountain water at Disa Gorge (14km). 500m on and

you cross over the highest of the mountain jeep tracks, and join onto the top of 'Armageddon' mountain bike trail that will weave you all the way down to the lower slopes. You will be spat out very near the main gate before heading back onto the final 2km return section to the finish.