

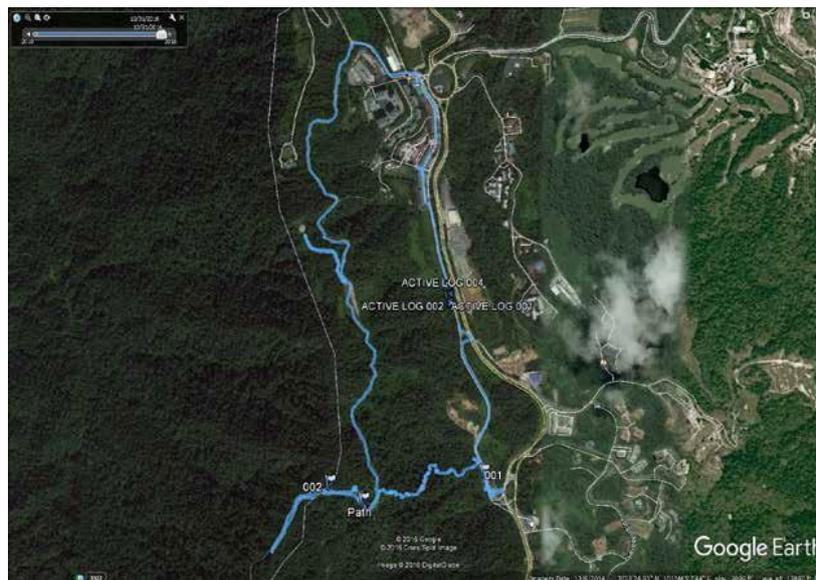
AS IT WAS ON RUN 3806 AT GOTONG JAYA(31/10/2016)

HARE : LAI GOON CHUAN

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Map below by Rob... Spot the difference.



Run directions looked a bit iffy but you drive there and do the usual checking should find it. Drove towards the shop houses and saw the hash sign and cars at the roadside. Initial thoughts were that the site was not large enough to accommodate all the cars, and it was a bit public on the roadside. We were the 430 gang so no problem for us for the parking, but we would then see how it went for the 600 gang. As it turned out common sense prevailed and the runsite was moved to behind the shop houses.

The usual 430 gang assembled minus Goh (recovering) Jake (overseas) and TT (don't know) and followed paper on the road to the first check. The GPS had the runsite at 872m elevation and the first check at 875m (something wrong) On our right hand side were great hills so we were hoping paper was anywhere but right. Ah Man checked forward. I was hopefully looking to the left but Chris Tan had checked up by an inviting looking drain and found paper. Off we went up and up. Lucky there were tree roots, ropes, vines, and branched to pull us up the slope. We discovered plenty of Thursday unmentionable paper cohabiting with the Mother paper and this was the case for most of the way. Plagiarism!

After 1 hour we reached a contour, turned left and followed paper to the second check. This contour was unusual in that it was tarmacked and well overgrown. The path was at an elevation of 1139m so we had climbed only 267m. Paper was found ahead, still on the overgrown metalled road, this turned out to be a false trail. We found a lookout point admired the view for a second before resuming the search for paper. I found a potential trail near to the lookout point but the cleared trail only led to the edge of the hill but with a trail leading up a ridge. Fortunately I did not check there, as it happened, there was paper, the correct trail, but more climbing. Another back check was on a steep muddy slope. I thought if I got up and no paper it would be a difficult decent but nevertheless I did climb and then found the next bit of climb was impossible, so back to our pack. Chris Tan was at on other back check up in the hills. He had found Thursday paper and was optimistic of finding the mother paper. We pulled him back as we did not want another session of climbing and rough tracks as it was. Decision time follow the false trail that may go down and contour the hill or go right where we exited the hill slope and on to the metaled contour.

Luckily we did not take the metaled track down the hill. Chatting to Opera after the run he told me that trail was the old Genting Road. We chose John's route to follow the contour in the direction of home as the trail must go somewhere. Part way along the track we met Thursday coming down the hill from the left. Plagiarism again! We though by then we must be in front of the hares. Onward and downward we went only to meet the hares at some junction in the trail. The hares were cutting steps into the hillside for the decent from the path we had not taken. So the hares must have continued on the ridge track to reach where we met them.

We continued on the metal track which was then the access road to a water tank and into civilization on the roads of Gotong Jaya. We met the On Sec the way who told us the run site had been change so we had to back to the cars, change, drive to the run site and wait for 7.30 or the first runners.

Ah Wah appeared, but as he partakes of the unmentionable run he must know the short

cut.

7.30 appeared and the beers were consumed. It was a further 20 minutes wait for the Frogs with Sotong and Monkey leading the way.