

Hanging controls? Here's a list of things you need.

Hanging controls often (but not always) involves vetting the control location. This list assumes you will be vetting and hanging.

Item	Comment
Corflute control flags	Always take out more than needed in case of damage. 10 of the regular flags fit nicely into a cloth shopping bag. There are also large bags that hold 20-25 flags.
Control numbers	There are 2 sets of lightweight numbers (laminated with loop cord attached). Take a whole set.
Navlights	Before hanging, the navlights need to be: • charged up (5 days preferably) • set up for the event
Cow protectors	If in an area where domestic or feral animals have been seen (or their poo)
Compass and watch	Navigate like you are in the rogaine (it's great practice!)
The map	Hanging controls/vetting is usually split between a number of people so make sure you are clear which ones you are hanging.
Control descriptions	The setter will have put these together, but your job is to check they are correct.
Note book + pen	Handy addition for making notes of control changes, descriptions and/or interesting things on the course.
GPS or geo-referenced map on your phone	With pre-loaded waypoints of each control. Note: Do not use the GPS for navigation. It is to verify that the control location is correct. ACTRA has 2. The alternative to this is a geo-referenced map and phone app which will show you where on the map you are (remember – do not use this to navigate, it's to check!).
Phone	If you are in an area where mobile reception is poor, arrange to hire a SIM card so you can take an ACTRA satellite phone especially if you are going alone.
PLB	Definitely take one of these if you are going alone. ACTRA has two.
First aid gear	Snake bandages and space blanket.
Food and water	Check with the setter if there is any water on the course and where.
Spare clothing	Depending on the weather conditions
Camera	Always good to have photos of the course area and some of the controls hanging in the bush for pre-event publicity. Take one of yourself too!
Big pack	The flags are bulky so start with a good sized pack eg 50 litre or be able to securely tie a cloth shopping bag to your pack.
Dress like a rogaier	Don't forget the gaiters!

LOCKING CONTROLS

Metal control flag	These have the length of chain already attached. The unit weighs 480gms and the chain length is 1 metre.
Padlocks and keys	They are all the same key
Metal casing with navlight enclosed	The navlights will need to be charged up and set up for the event, then inserted into the metal casing. Do this at home as it is a fiddly process.
Control numbers	It is not possible to read the number once the navlight is inserted into the casing. Looping the control number through the locking hole is a good method to ensure you know the navlights number and hang the correct one!!

Business card	These are laminated cards to attach to the flag – for information to curious public and to ask the casual thief not to pinch the gear.
Cloth flag	Add a cloth flag to help with the visibility of the control.
And all the other things mentioned above.	