

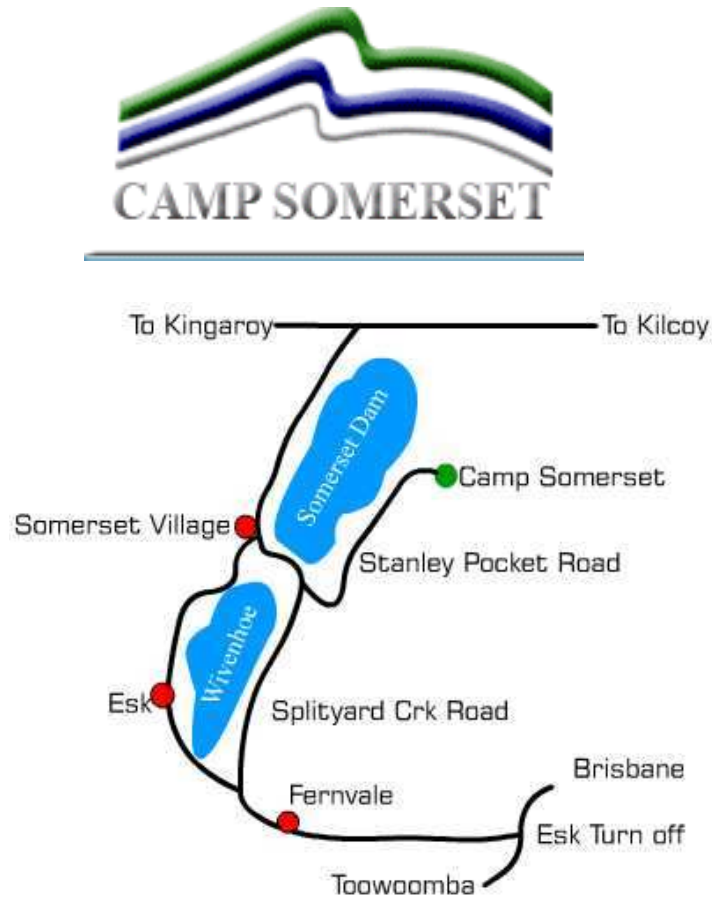
## What is the “Rites of Passage” for Men?

The Program is a five-day/ four night deeply prayerful and soulful experience that builds on the classic patterns of male initiation through simple and moving rituals and teaching. Each day includes group prayer, major teaching on central masculine spirituality themes, quiet time for reflection, and sharing in the context of a “small group”

“Men are asked to come with a willingness to participate from beginning to end and not as an observer. All participants begin at point zero with no agendas to live up to or down to. All that is required is for a man to come with a ‘beginners mind’ and the readiness of a young novice seeking wisdom. Ultimately, initiation, like itself, is not a spectator’s sport”.

Richard Rohr program founder

## Directions



This is not about religion but about spirituality, about age old traditions that guide us into manhood, about coming to trust that there is something much greater at work in our lives than we could ever imagine

[www.malespirituality.org](http://www.malespirituality.org) or [www.mtmaustralia.org.au](http://www.mtmaustralia.org.au)

**Men As Learners and Elders**



But no sign will be given, except  
the sign of Jonah. Luke 11:29



## Men's Rites Of Passage



**19—23 August 2008**

Camp Somerset,  
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## What the MROP is...

- A personal discovery about masculine spirituality and the “Holy Mystery”.
- A time to savor the healing and awesome power of nature.
- A process to address issues of loss, grief, and relationships with father, other men and others.
- An invitation to listen to the ‘quiet voice of God’
- A chance to return to life with a renewed commitment to your gifts.

## What MROP is not...

- A traditional lecture- based retreat.
- An informational workshop about men’s spirituality.
- A sensitive training or deprivation experience.
- A threatening process that requires participants to engage in anything strange or unsafe.
- A test of physical stamina.

## Step One - Pray and Prepare

The MROP is not just another event to attend, nor is it something to “fix” some condition of your life. It is a decision that should come out of prayer; you should know in your “gut” that God is inviting you into it. You might also talk to others who have gone through the MROP.

## Step Two – Get an Application

Do you feel ready? Applications are available online at [www.mtmaustralia.org.au](http://www.mtmaustralia.org.au) or you can call the MTM office on 07-3876 8710. Please take time in responding to the questions.

## Step Three – Mail Application and Deposit

With your completed application, mail it with a \$50 deposit to the address on your application. If accepted, the deposit becomes non-refundable and is applicable to your final payment. If not accepted, your deposit will be refunded.

## Step Four-Wait and Pray

You will be notified that your application has been received and then re-notified if you have been accepted, or not accepted, or placed on a waiting list. If accepted a full confirmation packet will be sent to you with payment and event instructions.



## Not Sure If You Are Ready?

This is a common question for those interested in the MROP. Here are some practical ways to help you to know:

1. Speak to someone who has made the MROP. If you don't know someone, email [mtm.aust@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mtm.aust@bigpond.net.au) or call us on 07-3876 8710 and we can connect you to someone to speak with in your geographic area
2. Obtain one or some of the resources listed below, or join a MALE's men's group in your area. Call 07-3876 8710 for details.
3. Beloved Son Series DVD1 on Masculine Spirituality.
4. Beloved Son Series DVD2 on Why Males Need Initiation.
5. From Wildman to Wise Man – a book by Richard Rohr
6. Adams Return – a book by Richard Rohr
7. Quest for the Grail – a book by Richard Rohr

All above resources can be purchased from the MTM Resource Centre [res.mtm@bigpond.net.au](mailto:res.mtm@bigpond.net.au), on the webshop [www.mtmaustralia.org.au](http://www.mtmaustralia.org.au) or call 07-3876 8710.