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An elite international mountain bike racer is set to attempt the fastest official recorded end-to-end of the 1000km Munda Biddi Trail.

Perth man Declan von Dietze, 22, will depart Albany on his mountain bike on at 9am Sunday 30 April, with the aim of reaching the northern end of the world-famous trail in Mundaring in less than one week.

Mr von Dietze said he was attempting the record because he wanted to inspire young people to take up mountain biking.

"The Munda Biddi is among the best and longest mountain bike trails in the world, and what better way to get people interested in this wonderful sport and our magnificent environment than attempting to 'Bust the Biddi' in record time," he said.

"I've been training hard in the lead-up to this attempt, and while it's going to be an immense personal challenge, I am hoping it will result in a higher profile for this sport in Western Australia and around the world."

"Following my attempt of the end-to-end I plan to visit schools and community groups to encourage people to take up the challenge of mountain biking."

Munda Biddi Trail Foundation chair Peter Versluis said the Trail was ideal for novices through to advanced mountain bikers.

"The Munda Biddi Trail is the world's longest continuous off-road cycle trail, drawing tens of thousands of international, interstate and local riders each year," he said.

"However, we also encourage people who are just starting out with mountain biking to have a go and experience the wonder of this world-class trail that we are lucky enough to have in our backyard."

The Trail is managed by the Department of Parks and Wildlife with support from the Munda Biddi Foundation. The Foundation receives funding from the Departments of Sport and Recreation and Parks and Wildlife.

Mr von Dietze is self-funding the attempt. To keep up with his progress, follow the hashtag #BusttheBiddi on social media.

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