



Dark Horse Event Information

Ranger Wood, Bath, BA1 9BZ – 8th Feb 2020

On the Day Registrations

10km - £25 (min age 14)

5km - £20 (min age 12)

5km - £20 (min age 10 – adult accompanied)

Please scroll down to see the Event Schedule which will show the available waves and start times for on the day sign ups.

There is no charge for adults who are accompanying their children. Accompanying adults will not be awarded a finish time or finisher's medal.

Hog Roast - £5

Beer - £1.5/£3 for half pint/pint

There will be potentially limited amounts of hog roast and beer available for on the day purchases as we have to pre order this two weeks before the event.

Please note we can only take payment in cash or cheque for on the day sign ups. There is no cash machine on site.

Important Notices

- There is ZERO on street parking available for runners on the streets around Brockham End or Piplely Wood. The road entrance will be marshalled to ensure no cars park here as this is vital to enable our shuttle bus service to turn around. Please park at the Lansdown Park & Ride and catch the Dark Horse Bus Service. The postcode for the Park & Ride is BA1 9BJ and the cost of a return ticket is £2.50 for adults and there is no charge for children aged 15 and under. **The first bus leaves the Park & Ride at 17:00, the final bus to return to the Park & Ride will leave Brockham End at 21:15.** Buses will run from 17:00 - 19:30, (half an hour break), 20:00 – 21:30.
- Please do not use the Brockham End road as a place to drop off and collect runners, you will be waved on by the marshal as we need to keep this area free for the bus to turn around. There are several lay-bys close to Brockham End road but these will not be marshalled, nor will the road crossing be manned. **We strongly recommend you use the shuttle bus as this is a very busy road and runners cross it at their own risk.**
- If you are arriving by bike please bring your own bike lock. Bikes are left at the owner's own risk.
- All paths used by the race are open to the general public, many of whom use the routes as their regular walking routes. Please make the event a success by being polite and courteous to the other users of these paths so that the race has a positive impact on everyone involved. Please stick to the left hand side at all times, unless otherwise instructed by our event signs.

- Please do not run with in ear or over ear headphones as it means you can not hear marshals instructions. Only bone conducting headphones are permitted.
- We will have a selection of caterers selling coffee, snacks, beer and hog roast so please consider bringing some pennies!

How to get to the Dark Horse

By Car/Park & Ride - There is no on street parking available for runners on the streets around Piplely Wood or Brockham End. Please park at Lansdown Park & Ride (BA1 9BJ) and take the shuttle bus MUD to the race site, please be mindful not to catch the 31 service down to town.

By Train – Bath Spa Train Station is the main station in Bath and is in the town centre. The number 31 Park & Ride service from Milsom Street will take you to Lansdown Park & Ride, from where you can catch the race bus service Dark Horse. For full information please visit the bus service website [here](#).

By Bike – Please bring your own lock as this is not a secure bike compound. All bikes are left at the owner's own risk, the event accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to bikes or any other property left on the race site.

Spectators

As this is a relatively narrow course we recommend that spectators stay at the Race HQ site and cheer their runners in over the finish line. Runners will loop around the Race HQ field at the start and finish of the race and there is plenty of hog roast, beer and other refreshments to enjoy in the meantime!

Race Registration

We are not posting out any numbers for this event, all numbers will be available to collect on the day. Number Collection and On the Day Registrations will open from 17:15. Number Collection will be according to your EVENT wave (see schedule below), with signs hanging from the gazebos. If you registered your runners as part of an official group entry (10+ runners), your group's number will be available to collect from the Event Information desk. Please ensure everyone in your group receives their assigned number.

Runners who register on the day will be assigned a wave according to the first available wave, waves are not organised by predicted finish time, each wave is open to everyone to allow runners to spread out over the course.

Please note it will not be possible to swap waves or to fit any runners into a wave once it is full or under any circumstances on the day. If you start in the incorrect wave your time will not appear on the results.

Bag Storage

There is a bag storage gazebo. Please fill out the luggage tag provided with your race number and event.

Toilets

There will be portaloos in the woods. There will be a small changing tent, partitioned into male and female sections which will come into being after all the waves have started – we recommend you come changed, with warm clothes on top, and then get changed into them again after the event. There are no showers.

Race Start Times

To allow the runners spread out we are splitting up the events into the following waves. Below are suggested arrival times for the Park & Ride (P&R) service which will take 5mins to take you down to the drop off point and from there is a 5min walk to the actual race site. Please check the bus schedule for more information.

Event Wave	Race Wave	Arrive P&R	Arrive at Race HQ	Briefing	Start	OTD?
Event Wave 1	10km Wave 1	17:00	17:25 – 17:35	18:25	18:30	No
Event Wave 2	5km (All)	17:10	17:35 – 17:45	18:35	18:40	Yes
Event Wave 3	10km Wave 2-5	17:20	17:45 – 17:55	18:45	18:50	Yes

This is the PROVISIONAL schedule. The final schedule will be posted as a separate document on the website once we have finalised the start lists, on Wednesday of race week. OTD? – On the Day Registrations?

Buses run 17:00 – 19:30, 20:00 – 21:30 ONLY.

Race Briefing

There will be a 5mins race briefing ahead of each wave start at the start line.

Course Markings

Our courses are marked with the usual bright run route multi directional arrows. There are used for turns and periodically along straight ahead sections. We will also be putting down reflective temporary marking paint, but given the mud on the course I would not rely on too much of this being around once the first wave of runners has gone through.

The vast majority of our courses are marked with Relish Running Races branded tape which will be hanging from trees overhead and along the side of fences. Our reflective signs have a white background and a red print of the Relish Running Races logo. The yellow and black signs are not reflective and will be used as little confirmations on more straight on sections.



We will be using this almost entirely for the wooded section so please keep a lookout for this tape, you should be able to see one piece to the next, to the next. In the highly unlikely event that you wander off course and find yourself in an area with no tape or course markings, please retrace your steps. Do not attempt to find the course route by guessing the route and trying to pick it up later on, these woods are vast and even the people who working in them find it a bit confusing.

Route Descriptions

5km & 10km Route Description

About 50m after the start runners will make a few quick right turns to then head back past the start in the opposite direction along a lovely muddy path. Shortly after the 1km mark runners will join a tarmac road, please stick to the right hand side at all times as there will possibly be cars moving along this road. Tarmac becomes grass again by the time runners reach the 2km point.

The next right hand turn brings runners into a field with the public footpath and crop growing field separated by an electric fence. The path is wide but please allow runners plenty of space whether you are overtaking or being over taken.

At the 3km point there will be great views over to the Bristol Skyline which reveal themselves on a little downhill. And of course shortly after is the corresponding climb to bring you back to level ground by the time you see the 4km sign.

The course deviates from the straight line course to take in the sculpture garden with the Dark Horse and his ghostly entourage. Our event photographer will be waiting for you here if you wish to pose for a photo. The sculptures must not be climbed upon!

You will then be approaching the start/finish area with a Split Ahead sign announcing your approach. Once you turn the final corner there will be a Lap 2 Right sign for 10km runners to head out for their second lap, with a drinks station 20m along this path. 5km runners will follow the Finish Left sign to go direct to the finish line.



If you are a 10km runner and you do not fancy the 2nd lap please make sure you let the timers know, they will not be able to record a 5km time for you but it will stop you finishing in a crazy fast time ;-). If you do drop down, you can of course still collect a medal!

Drinks Stations

There will be a drinks station at 5km on the 10km which will be serving water. There is no drinks station on the 5km route.

Refreshments - Beer & Hog Roast

We pre order the food 2 weeks in advance of the day so supplies on the day, for on the day race sign ups, may be limited. Beer will only be served to people 18 or older. If you think you might be lucky enough to look under this age, please bring some ID with you. We reserve the right not to serve anyone who can not prove their age upon request.

If you would like to purchase the beer and hog roast (veggie, gluten free and soft drinks options available) and you have not done so as part of your registration, we will have a limited amount of additional tickets available on the day. **£5 for hog roast. We will have a small bar after the race which will be selling beer at £3 per pint, £1.50 for a half pint and £1 for soft drinks.** Please purchase this on the day extra at the desk in front of the hog roast.

Runners who have pre ordered the hog roast need to show their race number as proof of purchase at the tent in front of the hog roast serving area - please hang on to it after your race! **The stars on your number tells us what food you have ordered for please do not remove them !**



Gold stars = beer + hog roast. Silver stars = soft drink + hog roast. We will have a list of spectators, by spectator name when it was given, by runner name when it was not, who have pre ordered food.

Refreshments - Coffee Van

We will also have a coffee van on site for pre and post race warm drinks and snacks.

Medical Cover

There is a First Responder mid way around the course and additional medical team members at the finish line. If you do not feel able to complete the course or if you feel unwell please stop at your nearest marshal and we will arrange for you to be returned to the Registration area or the Park & Ride once the last runner has cleared that section.

Finish

After the race all runners will be awarded a medal and presented with our usual buffet of fresh fruit and tasty treats. Please make sure we can see your race number as you move through the finish funnel.

Results

PROVISIONAL Results will be posted by 6pm on Sunday evening (most likely much sooner) to the Results page of the website. If you have queries after this time please send us a message (email tom@relishrunningraces.com) and we will get back to you on Tuesday.

Prizes

Prize winners will be contacted by the end of the week by email. There is no on the day prize giving because of the multi wave start.