

Relish Running Races

Lacock Road Races - 27th June 2021 from 09:00

Lacock Playing Fields, Lacock, SN15 2LG.

What3Words for Parking <https://what3words.com/speakers.frog.skies>

On the Day Registrations

1km - £5

5km - £20

10km - £25

Half Marathon - £36

Please see the separate schedule document for confirmation of the start times available on the day. We can only accept cash or cheque on the day. There is no cash machine nearby so please come prepared.

Parking

Parking is £4/car payable to the farmer. Cash only. Please have exact change ready, thank you.

Safe Race

Best summarised as; be socially distanced, apply hand wash/hand sanitiser and wear a face covering when using any of the tents which have their panels on as this represents an indoor space.

There is a LOT of scrutiny on events at the moment, so whilst an end to restrictions feels so very close, please remain on your finest behaviour so we can show off how good we are at all this, and can use to gain more support for future events.

In more detail;

- Please do not attend the event if you have displayed any covid symptoms in the 14 days in the run up to the event, if you have had a positive test result, have been instructed to self isolate, or live in an area in local lockdown. In any of the above situations, you can complete your run virtually at any time between now and the end of the year and we will post out your medal and some goodies. Please upload your evidence here when you have completed your run.

- Participants and spectators are encouraged to [test twice weekly](#) for covid-19. Sight of test results are not required to enter the event.
- Face coverings may be required when moving around the race site; think bag drop, number collection, portaloos and medal collection, could all be considered indoor (tented) spaces. You can remove your face covering when you join the starting area, stash it in your pocket and it is ready for after the race. Do not wear a face covering when you are running.
- If you lip read please contact us ahead of time so we can help with any additional arrangements that might be helpful for you.
- Respect the space of the public, other runners and the event team. Other users of the route have priority, only pass when a safe distance can be achieved at 1m+. You may need to wait for a moment on some narrow sections of the route.
- Please follow the recommended times and you should arrive 45-60mins before your start time. Please make your way from the race site 30mins after you finish your race.
- We are practising a 2m+ social distance policy, we have the luxury of space so we are going to make good use of it. One way systems will be in play with socially distanced markers on the floor where you might need to queue.
- If you see some hand sanitiser, please apply it.
- Gatherings of 6 may only take place away from the main race areas; please don't meet up by the start line, or the finish area. We have use of the whole park.
- We are not performing temperature checks pre race. If you do not feel well in any way, do not attend the event. Covid tests are not available on site.
- It is expected that 5km and 10km runners should be self sufficient in terms of carrying their own water for events of this distance. This reduces the risk of potential crowding at drinks stations. There are drinks stations on the course, primarily for half marathon runners. Please wait patiently as 2m+ intervals at drinks stations and touch only what you plan to use.
- *All runners of all distances will always be welcome at drinks stations* as keeping runners hydrated is very important. It should be noted that for covid and environmental reasons, all events are expecting all runners to be more self sufficient, so getting yourself comfortable carrying water is a good idea.
- The course is accessible to the public. As always, our definition of a successful event is one that our runners enjoy and one that the wider community enjoys. More so than ever, it is vital you

respect the space of other users, there are far more significant matters at play here than chasing a new PB. Please give way to other users if you can not pass safely.

Important Notices

This is a Closed Roads event. As always, an event never occurs in isolation, and we must work with our hosts, residents and local businesses. A very select number of people have been given permission to cross over or into our road closure area; these include carers visiting the elderly and infirm, businesses who must receive their fresh produce for the day. All these vehicles will be travelling at no greater than 10mph, with hazard lights on and with marshal escort. Cyclists and pedestrians may use the roads, travelling in any direction, as usual.

Please respect this and be polite and considerate to everyone you come across, be they in a vehicle or on foot. The continued success of events like this is dependent on how well they are received locally, please keep this in mind.

There is ZERO parking in the side streets of Lacock itself, or in the National Trust car park. This is vital to ensure that residents and other visitors to the village can go about their days as usual.

Car Parking - Two Car Parks

Due to the growth of the event this year we have two car parks in operation and we would ask people to consider car sharing if at all possible. We ask people to direct themselves to the car park closest to their direction of travel. Families with young children, feel free to park in the Fields car park.

For both car parks, white and red Relish Running signs will direct you to the car park, then small orange/pink multi directional arrows will guide you from the car park to the Race HQ.



Car Park - Whitehall Garden Centre **From 09:45am ONLY** (SN15 2LZ)
W3W <https://what3words.com/glory.luxury.taker>

For 10km & 5km runners coming from the East - Bath, Bristol, Corsham, Box direction.

Please follow the white and red signs through the main car park into the overflow car park. There is a 15mins walk from this car park to the race HQ. It does involve crossing busy main roads so people with families are encouraged to use the fields car park. There is no charge for use of the car park.

Car Park - Fields (SN15 2LG) - £4 Cash Only.

W3W <https://what3words.com/speakers.frog.skies>

For all 1km, Half Marathon runners, as well as 5km and 10km runners coming from the North, South & West - Chippenham, Melksham Devizes

Please follow the white and red signs through Lacock village and PAST the National Trust car park. Please do not duck into this car park, even if you are an NT member as we have agreed with the National Trust to keep this car park free for their regular visitors.

The field car park is about 50m beyond the National Trust car park. This car park is £4 per car paid to the landowner of the field, please have exact change ready so we can speedily get people parked. Cash Only.

If you are running in the 1km please note it may take time for you to be able to leave the car park again as runners for the longer distances will be arriving at the same time you may look to leave. Please consider taking some time to explore this beautiful village and maybe visit the cafes and attractions while you are here.

Arriving at the race site and the road closures

The placement of the road closures will mainly affect people arriving from the West. Road closures will be complete by 08:00, you may see signs going up earlier, as not all signs can go up simultaneously. Runners attending the race will be allowed through the road closures up until 09:00. At this point we need to secure the roads and ensure all vehicles are off the route, so please make sure you have arrived in good time.

To avoid the road closures entirely, plan a journey that brings you into Lacock via the A350, avoiding approaches from Bowden Hill (in the West) and Forest Lane (to the South, via Melksham)

Cars can leave the car park from 11:00. Cars can turn left and back onto the normal highway within 50m. If you are leaving the car park and turning right, you will be rejoining the road in the direction that the runners are travelling. The road is still closed at this point so you should not meet any traffic heading in the opposite direction. Please stick to the right hand side and give the runners lots of space until you leave our road closed area. Please then don't forget to move back to the left hand side of the road!

Music / Headphones

Runners can listen to music during this race, but only with Bone Conducting headphones as per UK Athletics rules. We do have splits on the course where 5km / 10km runners go in one direction and Half Marathon runners go in another; we would hate for you to miss a marshal call because your music was too loud ;-)

The marshals will not be able to leave their post to chase after you if you miss a turn because you are listening to music so please be very mindful of this.

Refreshments

There are lots of excellent pubs and cafes within a close walk of the start/finish area, including a breakfast offering in the Village Hall which is just off the main High Street, where the runners are running out and back. The George Inn is putting on a hog roast for the runners, [pre booking is recommended](#) but not essential.

Sunday Lunch

There is a fine selection of local pubs offering Sunday lunches. Please see a list on our website [Lacock Road Races > Pubs](#). If you do make a booking please give the race a mention, and wear your medal with pride if you pop in for a post race drink!

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Toilets

The race will be providing portaloos in the Start/Finish field. Please use the toilets only, do not use the village toilets.

Registration from 08:00

Number collection is open for each wave 60mins before the start time for that wave, and closes when the wave starts.

Starting Process

Due to still being in Step 3, we are not using the Wave selected at registration, nor the predicted time supplied at registration. Instead, we are going to call forward Groups of 30 runners, based on what you feel that your predicted time is on race day. Due to the large number of waves and the limited time for the road closures, we need to start some of the slower Half Marathon and 10km runners off first so they have the same duration out on the course that they would pre covid. We ask the quicker runners to respect this and not join the first waves.

Each group will be call forwarded based on predicted time. There is overlap between the groups, so there is absolutely zero rush to join that wave. The waves are just a guide as much as anything. The

important thing is the start line is not crowded, and people do not rush to the start line. The group you start in has absolutely no bearing on your finish time, all start times are factored into finish time calculations.

As you enter the start pen, please position yourself at a cone. You will receive a race briefing and have your number checked by our timers at the same time. Once the briefing is finished you will be called to the actual start line, be given a 10 second countdown, and then set off.

Schedule

Race Wave	Race Briefing	Start Time	Predicted Time (Approx)	Colour
1km Group 1	08:55	09:00	Any	L.Blue
1km Group 2	09:00	09:05	Any	L.Blue
1km Group 3	09:05	09:10	Any	L.Blue
Half Marathon Group 1	09:25	09:30	> 2hrs 30mins	Purple
Half Marathon Group 2	09:30	09:35	> 2hrs 15mins	Purple
Half Marathon Group 3	09:35	09:40	< 1hr 45mins	Purple
Half Marathon Group 4	09:40	09:45	1hr 45mins - 1hr 50mins	Purple
Half Marathon Group 5	09:45	09:50	1hr 50mins - 2hrs 5mins	Purple
Half Marathon Group 6	09:50	09:55	2hrs - 2hrs 10mins	Purple
Half Marathon Group 7	09:55	10:00	2hrs 5mins - 2hrs 15mins	Purple
5km Group 1	10:15	10:20	< 30mins	Black
5km Group 2	10:20	10:25	25mins - 35mins	Black
5km Group 3	10:25	10:30	> 30mins	Black
10km Group 1	10:35	10:40	> 1hr 15mins	Orange
10km Group 2	10:40	10:45	> 1hr 10mins	Orange
10km Group 3	10:45	10:50	< 45mins	Orange
10km Group 4	10:50	10:55	40mins - 50mins	Orange
10km Group 5	10:55	11:00	45mins - 55mins	Orange
10km Group 6	11:00	11:05	50mins - 60mins	Orange

10km Group 7	11:05	11:10	50mins - 60mins	Orange
10km Group 8	11:10	11:15	50mins - 60mins	Orange
10km Group 9	11:15	11:20	50mins - 65mins	Orange
10km Group 10	11:20	11:25	55mins - 65mins	Orange
10km Group 11	11:25	11:30	60mins - 70mins	Orange

There are on the day places available in each distance. Please arrive ~45mins before your start time as shown above to register on the day.

1km Course Description

The 1km course is an out and back course along the main High Street in Lacock, with runners sticking to the right hand side at all times and making the U turn in an anticlockwise direction.

Route Markings

The route is marked with fluorescent signs, Relish Running Races branded red and white barrier tape hanging as streamers from the trees as well as orange temporary marking paint/ white chalk.



There will also be large arrows with next to distance names where any routes split. Marshals will try and assist you, but ultimately it is your responsibility to ensure you are on the correct route for your race.

5km & 10km Course Description

There will be KM and Mile distance markers out on the route. The KM distance markers are for the 5km/10km race, the Mile markers are for the HM race. Each lap of the course is 5km, so the 1km marker will be right next to the 6km, 2km and 7km together and so on. There is a map on the last page of this document which may be helpful to view alongside the route description.

0km – 1km

The runners will make a right hand turn out from the playing fields and on to the road. There is a pedestrian crossing point approximately 50m along this road so please keep an eye out here. This has two lovely stone bridges over the river avon as it climbs ever so slightly to Bewley Lane.

1km – 2km

Bewley Lane is quite country lane with a few houses dotted along the route and is a very flat road.

2km – 3km ** Course Split **

The third km brings runners into Reybridge. Here you will be directed onto the Right Hand Side of the road and pass the drinks station on your right hand side. This section has 2 way traffic of runners so it is important runners keep right at this point.

3km – 4km

About 30m after passing the 3km sign there is a left turn for the 5km and 10km runners and the HM runners go straight ahead. You complete a small loop before emerging onto Mons Lane, and pass the aforementioned drinks station heading in the opposite direction. This small loop is on private ground belonging to Lackham College and we ask that you do not use this road at other times. Runners will now pick up a tarmac footpath across some fields which is on a slight gradient up to the village.

4km – 5km

Once onto Nethercott Hill the road starts to descend and you will see a sign saying Wet Feet (Left Arrow) and Dry Feet (Right Arrow). Here we have a Ford ahead, is a good length at 12m-15m and about ankle height. If you branch left at this point you will be running into the Ford, if you branch right you will take the footpath around the edge. Both routes are the same distance. The ford will be slippery underfoot, please take care at this point.

You are now running through the heart of Lacock Village. Please be very aware of other visitors to the town. We are stopping short of laying barriers along the length of the route, for everyone's convenience, so please be polite and considerate to other people who are moving out and about around the town.

After the Ford runners will bear right onto Church Street, shortly followed by a left along East Street which leads runners up to the main High Street. Here runners will turn right and run an out and back length along the High Street and start heading back towards the Race Village area.

All runners will go back into the Race Village area. 5Km runners will head directly to the finish. 10Km runners will make a U turn at the white flags, pass another drinks station on their left hand side before heading out for another lap. Upon completion of the 2nd lap, the 10km runners will head straight for the finish.

Half Marathon Course Description

There will be KM and Mile distance markers out on the route. The KM distance markers are for the 5km/10km race, the Mile markers are for the HM race. Each lap is approx 4.4 miles. As this is a three lap course it is important you keep an eye on this and don't get too confused when you see the 5 Mile marker, before you see the 1 Mile marker. There is a map on the last page of this document which may be helpful to view alongside the route description.

The 1st Mile

The runners will make a right hand turn out from the playing fields and on to the road. There is a pedestrian crossing point approximately 50m along this road so please keep an eye out here. This has two lovely stone bridges over the river avon as it climbs ever so slightly to Bewley Lane. Bewley Lane is quite country lane with a few houses dotted along the route and is a very flat road.

1Mile – 2Miles ** Course Split **

The second mile brings runners into Reybridge. Here you will be directed onto the Right Hand Side of the road and pass the drinks station on your right hand side. This section has 2 way traffic of runners so it is important runners keep right at this point. About 30m after passing the 3km sign there is a left turn for the 5km and 10km runners and the HM runners go straight ahead.

2 Miles – 3 Miles

Half Marathon runners carry straight along the track for about 500m before, running a short out and back section to make the event up to distance. They then branch right to head along a farm track. Here we are running on the private roads of Lackham College so please do not run on these roads at any other times. You will skirt along the edge of the farm and it's buildings, reaching the 3 Mile mark just before the rejoining onto normal roads at Mons Lane.

3 Miles – 4 Miles

In a short while you will repossess the first drinks station. Please stick to the right hand side at this point to allow runners to keep moving in both directions. Runners will now pick up a tarmac footpath which is on a slight gradient up to the village.

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4 Miles – 4.4 Miles

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All runners will go back into the Race Village area. 5Km runners will head direct for the finish. 10Km runners will make a U turn around the white flags after 1 lap and head for the finish after 2 laps. HM runners will need to complete 3 full laps before heading to the finish on the 3rd time of returning to the Start/Finish area.

Prizes

All runners will collect a Lacock medal and be offered our usual buffet of fresh fruit and tasty treats.

As there are multiple waves for each event we will follow up with the prize winners the following week, from Weds onwards, by email. The final number of prizes awarded depends on the final number of finishers for each distance.

After the race please stay around and enjoy the beautiful setting. Lacock has many quaint and interesting shops throughout the village, after the race, please do have an explore and see everything the village has to offer.

Post Race Food

The George Inn is putting on a hog roast for the runners. Booking is recommended to guarantee a table, takeaways will also be available. Book a table [here](#). There are lots of other [pubs in the village](#) who have all been very supportive of the event, please consider supporting them with your lunch plans.

