

PITSFORD WATER

— TRAIL RACES —

RACE PACK

Sunday, 1st March 2026

A huge thank you to everybody who has signed up to take part in the Pitsford Water Trail Races event on Sunday, 1st March.

This race could not take place without the help and support of a huge volunteer team. Please thank them out on the course if you are able to do so.

Please read through this race pack thoroughly, and do not hesitate to [get in touch](#) if you have any further questions at all.

<https://pngtree.com/so/sold-out>

I look forward to seeing everybody on race day!

Mary Pearson

EVENT DIRECTOR

Timeline

- 7:00am – Car Parks open
- 7:00am – Registration opens
- 8:55am – Half Marathon race briefing
- 9:00am – Half Marathon race start
- 9:10am – 10k race briefing
- 9:15am – 10k race start

Car Parking

Car parking will be available at Brixworth Country Park, but please car share where possible. Car parking charges apply. Details can be found on their website here:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/brixworth-country-park/parking-brixworth-country-park>

In order to take the pressure off the car park at Brixworth Country Park, we have **50 FREE CAR PARKING SPACES** available at [Grange Lane Car Park, Grange Lane, Pitsford, NN6 9AN](#), which means you can have a nice 1.5k warm up across the dam on the way to registration and the start.

These parking spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis and **MUST BE BOOKED NO LATER THAN 6pm, Saturday 5th September**.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU INCLUDE YOUR REGISTRATION NUMBER IN THE NOTES BOX.

If you booked via Eventrac you can go back in to add the parking on to your order.

If you booked your entry via Let's Do This, then please use this link: <https://raceharborough.eventrac.co.uk/products/free-parking-at-grange-lane-cp-pitsford-3895>

SOLD OUT!



Registration

No race numbers will be posted out before the event. These should be collected from race registration on the morning of the race. Registration will open at 7am. Registration will be based under the field shelter on the green space below the car park.

Timing chips are located on the reverse of the race number. You do not need to collect a separate chip.

Please complete the Medical Information Template on the reverse of your race number. Your race number should not be folded and should be securely fastened to the front of your top and visible during the race. Safety pins will be available at registration.

If you have pre-ordered a t-shirt or hoodie for the event you will be able to collect this when collecting your race number from registration. T-shirts and hoodies will not be available for sale on race day.

Baggage

As the finish location is in the same location as the start we suggest that you leave your belongings in your car and take any valuable possessions with you on your run.

If you are unable to do this and have a small bag or extra layer which you would like to leave at the start, please attach a label with your name to your bag and this can be left at registration.

Toilets

Toilets at the start/finish are located by the ranger building above the car park. There are no official toilets for the event en route.

Headphones

No in-ear headphones will be allowed at this event. Headphones that work by conducting sound through bones and do not sit in the ears are allowed.

Mandatory Kit List

- Fully charged mobile phone (half marathon only) including the numbers for the Race Director (07810 877546) and Race Medic (07549 983442)
- Cup/water bottle (*this is a cupless event*)

Whilst the above are the only mandatory items, you may also like to consider the following depending on the weather conditions on race day.

- Waterproof jacket
- Long sleeved base layer
- Hat and gloves

Medical Cover

Please ensure that you are fit enough to take on the challenge of completing a trail race in the distance that you have entered, and that you are feeling well enough on the day to take part.

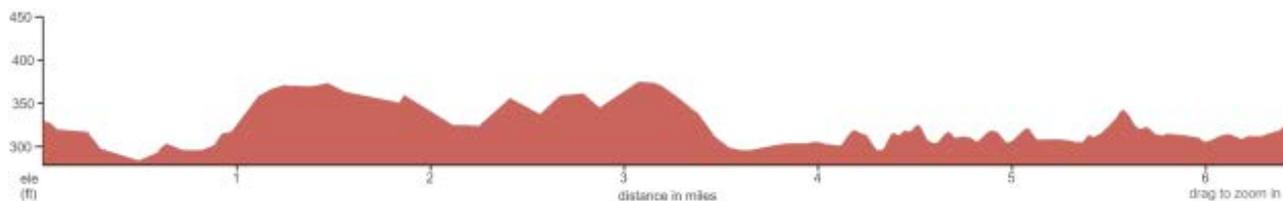
Medical cover for the event is being supplied by Genesis Event Medical Services Ltd. They will have a presence out on the course. If you have any concerns during the run about either yourself or another participant, please let the nearest marshal know, who will be able to contact the race medic.

For urgent attention for yourself or another runner, please call the Race Medic on **07549 983442** It would be helpful if you were able to install the [what3words app](#) on your phone so that the medical team are able to pinpoint you exactly should an emergency occur.

Our first aid team will have access to your medical and emergency contact details for the duration of the event only.

The Race

10K:



Half Marathon:



There has obviously been a large amount of rainfall throughout the county in recent weeks. There will be areas of the course which are now more muddy than would have been previously. I would advise wearing a pair of trail shoes or trainers with a decent amount of grip for the race. There are a number of stiles to navigate on the half marathon course.

The half marathon race will start at 9am, with runners heading down onto the dam past the Sailing Club. The 10k will begin at 9:15am.

The 10k is run entirely off-road. The majority of the half marathon is off-road, using country lanes to link together the footpaths. **Please run along the right hand side of any roads on the route, towards the oncoming traffic.** Please listen to the instructions from the marshals during your race.

The route has been well marked using black arrows on a yellow sign. As much as the course has been marked, this is an off-road route, so once the race begins there is no way for us to check that any of our signs haven't been removed by a well-meaning walker. I would suggest you have a basic understanding of where the route goes, and if you have the capability to follow the route on your device, please download and have this available as a backup.

The routes are available below:

10k - <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/44986241>

Half Marathon - <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/44986223>

The course splits just after the first water station, with 10k runners turning left upon reaching Holcot and running down onto the Causeway. Half marathon runners will turn right after the first water station, crossing the Holcot road and running down Rectory Lane as directed by a marshal. There will be clear signage indicating the split point and which direction you should run in depending on the distance you have entered.

Please be courteous to other users of the trails. You may well encounter other runners, walkers, cyclists and dogs on the route. The half marathon event also passes through a number of fields containing sheep, horses and even a field of deer at the Rutting Reds farm in Hannington. At the request of landowners, there will be marshals at either end of the deer field and also either side of one sheep field containing lambs. Please take care when passing through fields containing livestock; keep to a steady pace and walk if necessary.

Please take care when approaching any horses being ridden while out on the course – ensure you do not startle them – perhaps call out a friendly ‘Good Morning’ to the rider when passing from behind, to alert both horse and rider to your presence.

Water Stations

There are three water stations on the half marathon course, the first of which will also be accessible to those running the 10k. The water stations are located at approximately 3.2, 6.6 and 9.3 miles. There will also be water available at the finish. To reduce our environmental impact, **this is a cupless event**, and we ask that you bring along your own bottle or collapsible cup to refill at the water stations.

Drop Out Procedure

Should you need to drop out before completing the event, please do so at the next marshal point. The marshal will then be able to make contact with the sweeper vehicle and arrange getting you back to the finish.

Prize Giving

All runners will receive a bespoke medal after crossing the finish line. The first three male and first three female finishers in each distance will also be presented with a trophy.

All runners will also receive a donut and juice at the end of their race.

Results

Chip timing will be provided by [Race Timing Solutions](#). Results will be [available here](#) shortly after the event.

Photographs

Mick Hall Photos will be capturing your moments from the day, with images available free to download on his website shortly after the event.

<https://www.mickhall-photos.com/running-and-tri-photos>

Social Media

Please follow the Race Harborough accounts on social media, tag us in your posts and share your photos from the event using the hashtag **#PWTR**.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RaceHarborough>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/raceharborough>

Charity

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has made a charity donation on entry to the [Jubilee Foodbank in Market Harborough](#) and the [Weston Favell Centre Foodbank in Northampton](#). All donations will be split between the two food banks and donated at the end of 2026.

The Jubilee Foodbank, Market Harborough, are on a mission to end hunger across the Market Harborough district. Launched in 2012 when they received just a few food parcels each month, they now receive over 100 referrals from individuals and families each month.

The Weston Favell Centre Foodbank, Northampton, a collaborative project between Emmanuel Group of Churches, St Peter's Weston Favell, and Storehouse Church, also opened in 2012. They provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

Take A Look!

Joining us at the start/finish area on Sunday will be Owen, from [TrailKube](#). Owen is a local runner (based in Northampton) and has recently launched TrailKube, a simple kit organiser for trail and ultra runners, built to solve the familiar pre-race packing chaos that many of us face.



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FIND OUT MORE:
[HTTPS://TRAILKUBE.COM/](https://trailkubecom/)



WHAT IS TRAILKUBE ?

Every runner knows the chaos of race prep — the forgotten gels, the headtorch buried in the sock drawer, the endless re-packing. TrailKube was designed by runners, for runners, to end that panic.

This modular kit organiser keeps all your essentials — nutrition, hydration, plasters, tape, headtorch, tech — in one tough, portable case before your run. One glance and you know you're ready for the start line.



BATTLE OF THE BRAMPTON VALLEY WAY Sunday, 12th April

28 miles of wonderful trails in the heart of Northants

Find out more:
<https://raceharborough.co.uk/brampton/>



RUN RABBIT TRAIL FESTIVAL Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th May

Our multi-distance weekend Trail Running Festival

Find out more:
<https://thumpevents.co.uk/>



MARKET HARBOROUGH HALF MARATHON Sunday, 17th May

13.1 miles on closed roads through the stunning countryside around the town

Find out more:
<https://harborough-half.co.uk>



THREE SHIRES WAY ULTRA & MARATHON Saturday, 20th June

50 miler & Marathon through rural landscapes & ancient woodlands finishing at Grafham Water

Find out more:
<https://raceharborough.co.uk/three-shires-way-ultra-and-marathon/>