

Weald Challenge Trail Races – Sunday 7th June 2026

Race Distance, Start Time and Time Limit:

- 9:15 am Weald Challenge Trail Half Marathon time limit 5 hours

Start / Finish, Race HQ Location: Chiddingly Primary School, Muddles Green, East Sussex, BN8 6HN

Race HQ number 07902 264717

There is limited parking at Chiddingly so if you are based at HQ can you please car share, if possible with other volunteers on the same or similar times. Thank you.

Please come to the hall at the allotted time for your briefing and to pick up high vis vest and any other items needed. Details of each role are also given below

Specific Volunteer Tasks and allocated roles

Please see separate sheet for each role and who has been allocated to each role (this is as per the google form) and will be provided shortly prior to the event.

If anyone has queries as to their role please let me know

A: Course Set up and course checking

Course set up and clearance (Undertaken by Graham over the 2 weeks prior to the event)

Course markings are provided with:

40 right arrows, 40 left arrows, 50 straight on arrows

50 arrows on short stakes

Small yellow flags

Double sided and single sided tape and scissors

Container of map pins

Red and white Tape

Shears, secateurs and gardening gloves, battery strimmer, battery hedgetrimmer

Most of the arrows can be pinned to posts. For those that need to be put into the ground stick the arrow (either with the double sided or single sided tape over the plastic arrow).

It is expected you should have more than enough arrows. If you run out of say right arrows just put left or straight on the wrong way up. Mark main post etc with arrows and the tape you can tie to trees etc in between if the route is not clear.

We are aiming to minimise plastic waste so we have a greater emphasis on use of arrows (which will be reused) and less emphasise on tape (which is not re-used and if possible not to used at all: there should be enough arrows not to require any tape: none was used in 2025). We are also using pins (which can be re-used) rather than cable ties: this reduces waste, should be quicker to put up and easier for the sweepers to take down.

We do expect parts of the route to be overgrown hence the shear and secateurs: whilst known problem areas

will be cleared in the days before set up there may be some areas which still need clearing. We want people to enjoy the race and given about half the runners are not club runners they will probably not be expecting to fight through brambles, nettles and other undergrowth so you will need to do a bit of 'gardening' on the way round.

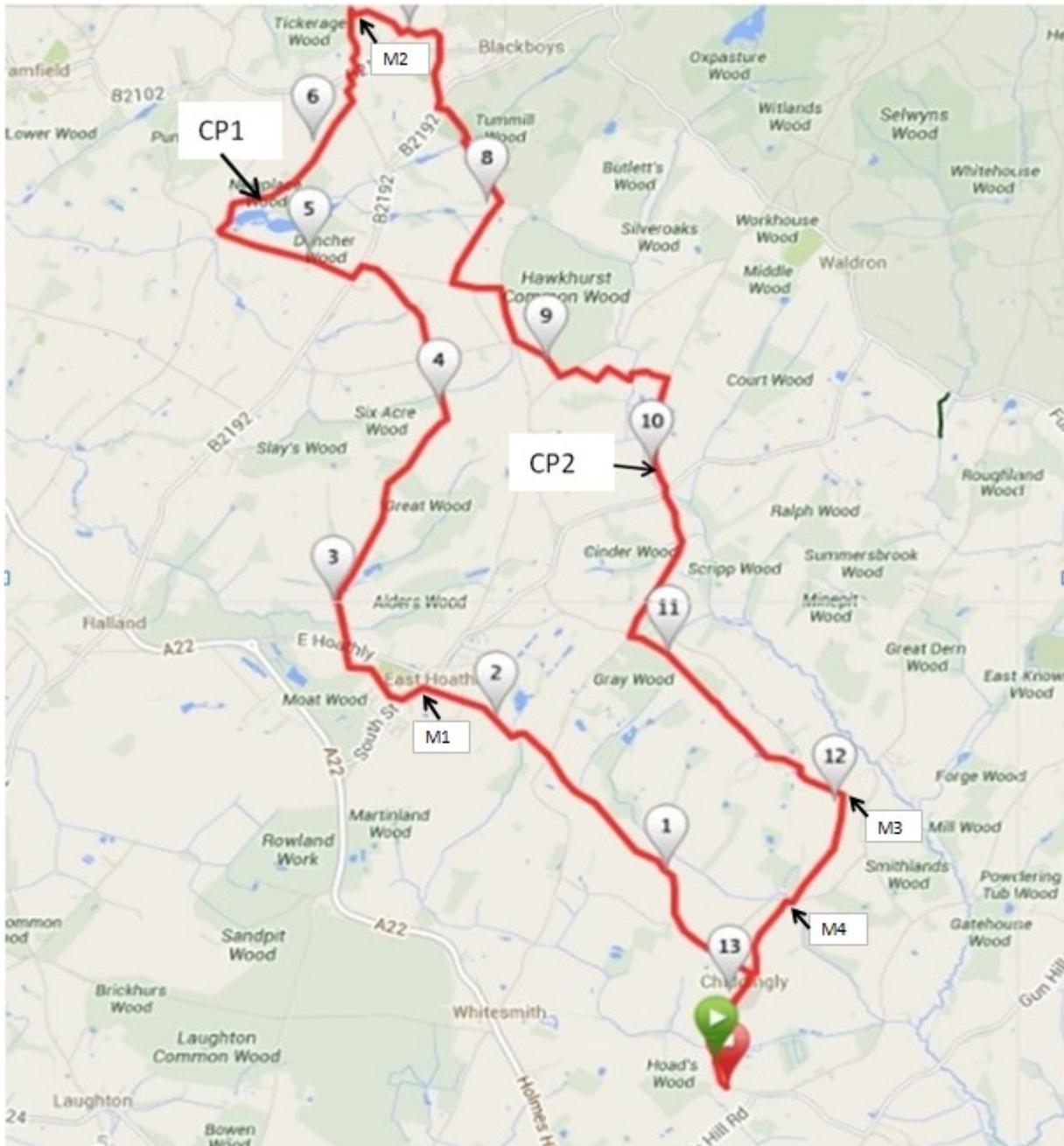
Course checking (Saturday)

The course checker should run jog or walk the full course without use of GPX file or map. If you have run the route before you need to look at this from the perspective of a runner who has not run the course before and does not know the area. The course markings should be sufficient (and will be in place prior to Saturday) to allow the course to be run without reference to GPX or a map.

Whilst we cannot sanitise the course the course should be run able. This is on public footpaths so runner must expect uneven ground, roots, styles, gates, steps, steep slopes and the normal conditions you would expect on a public footpath. Significant overgrown parts of the course will be cleared prior to Saturday although a few nettles and the odd bramble and some long grass is inevitable.

So the purpose of the Saturday check is to check the course markings are sufficient and course is run able and report back to Graham any areas which need attention.

B: Marshals and Checkpoints



Check points and marshals general

Please report to HQ at the designated time for your position where you will be provided with a Hi Vis vest. Each person at a marshal point and at least one person at each checkpoint should have a mobile phone and please take a note of the **RACE HQ Number 07902 264717**.

There will be refreshments at each of the two checkpoints: Tables, water butts, cups (paper: we are aiming to minimise plastic waste), bananas, oranges and biscuits will be dropped off in the morning. The bananas should be cut in half and oranges in quarters as required (don't cut them all prior to runners arrival as they may not all be needed) and a knife will be provided. Any surplus to be taken back to the finish: in particular from checkpoint 1 then will then be made available to runners at the end.

Marshals at each checkpoint will also be provided with a first aid kit; however, they are not required to be first aid trained, or to administer first aid.

Each checkpoint requires a car to transport the marshals to the checkpoint. If the weather is poor, then the vehicle that transports the marshals to the checkpoint ideally should remain at the checkpoint whilst the checkpoint remains open, to provide shelter for any hypothermic runners until they can be picked up by a vehicle sent out from Race HQ upon request.

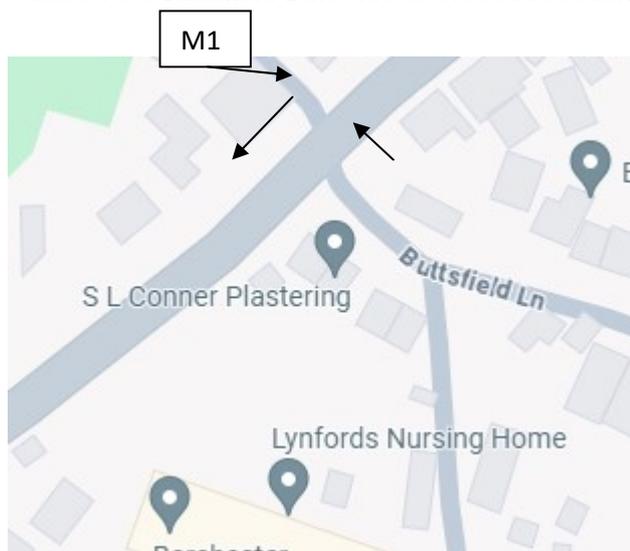
If any runners advise you that they are dropping out of the race, please record their name, race number, mobile phone number if they are carrying a phone, and how they are getting back to Race HQ: eg. being picked up by friend/partner, require an lift from race organisers, or will wait until checkpoint or marshal point until it closes for lift. If the runner would appreciate an earlier lift back to Race HQ, please call Race HQ to advise them of the need for a vehicle to be sent to the checkpoint for pick up.

If you area at a checkpoints and any runners require minor FIRST AID treatment, offer them the use of the first aid kit for them to administer. If any runners require more extensive FIRST AID treatment, **call Race HQ on 07902 264717.**

Please do not leave your post until the sweeper arrive: they will be following just behind the last runners. Once the sweeper has gone through you are free to clear up as required and leave. Note the sweepers will be picking up all the course signage and will drop this off when they get to you. NOTE WE WISH TO MINIMISE PLASTIC WASTE so will be reusing the laminated arrows do not screw these up and put then with rubbish: cherish them like a well loved photo and keep them in a neat pile and return to HQ. It also means Lorraine will not have to laminate another 130 arrows next year. Thank you.

Marshal point 1 East Hoathly (M1): 9:20 am - 10:45 am (Report Race HQ 8:30am)

Direct Runners to turn left at the end of Buttsfield Lane to go along the High Street to the church. Please note you are not expected to stop traffic. It is the responsibility of Runners of to ensure it is safe to cross. You should stand on the Buttsfield Lane side of the road so runners do not think you are stopping the traffic.



Newplace Framfield Checkpoint 1 (TN22 5EQ) (Chk1 to Chk3): 9:15 am – 11:00 am (Report Race HQ 8:30am)

Checkpoint 1 is located in Newplace Farm off from Pump Lane.

Set up the check point just after runners have turned right in front of the house. We have access to an outside tap just inside the walled garden which can be used to refill the water butts.



Marshal Point 2 Tickarage Lane Blackboys (M2) 9:45am -11:30am (Report Race HQ 8:30am)

Note Tickarage Lane is private. Please park in Blackboys and walk down

Direct the runners to turn left from Tickarage Lane onto the footpath and up the steps.



Scallow Bridge Checkpoint 2: TN21 ORT (Chk4 to chk6) 10:00 am – 1:45 pm. (Report Race HQ 9:15 am)

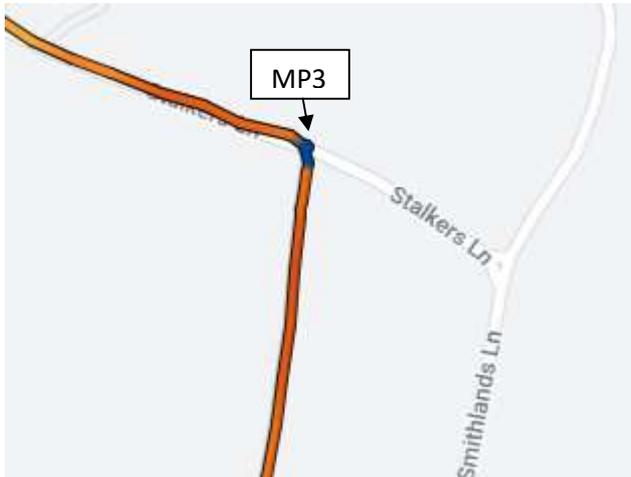
This checkpoint is on Moat Lane Foxhunt Green in a small layby area on the right hand side of the road when facing in the same direction as the runners run, approximately 400 metres before the T-junction with the C328 road. All runners will run into the checkpoint having run down Moat Lane. All runners will leave the checkpoint, continuing along the last 400 metres of Moat Lane before turning right, crossing the bridge, and then immediately turning left to run along Graywood Lane until they reach Graywood. Although the runners are running along the road, they are still following the Vanguard Way.

One of the marshals needs to record numbers as the runners come through. You will be provided with clipboard and paper.



Marshal Point 3 Stalkers Lane (M3) 10:00am - 1:45pm (Report Race HQ 9:15 am)

This is a right turn from Slalkers lane onto a footpath. It is just after a farm track on the right down a short hill as the road turns to the right. It is marked by a finger post.



Marshal Point 4 Honeywick Lane Chiddingly BN8 6HF (M4) 10:00am - 1:45pm (Report Race HQ 9:15 am)

This is to marshal a left turn onto a footpath through a kissing gate. The path is not well marked. It is at the point just before Honeywick Lane becomes Parsonage. There is a single track unnamed road opposite the path.



C: HQ positions

Registration/Late entries (HQ8)

If we do not sell out prior to the event (limit 400 runners: we did not sell out in 2025) we will be open to entries to be available on the day. We have chip timing again this year from Sports Systems. They will provide entry forms and will provide a person to run the chip timing system and they will undertake input of the entries into the chip timing laptop. However we will undertake the front office tasks of taking payment and issuing numbers: this being dealt with by the Registration person. We do not expect a large number of on the day entries, if we are open to on day entries: probably 20 at most as we have encouraged entry in advance. There is no additional charge for on the day entry which is £37 affiliated, £39 unaffiliated.

The Registration/Late entries person will also deal with any runner who has lost/forgotten their number and requires a new number.

Assistant RDs 8:30am – 2:30pm 6hours (3 persons:HQ1 to HQ3) (Report Race HQ 8:30am)

The Assistant RDs help with set up, queries from runners eg forgotten numbers, at the start when we take the runners onto the road we need one to stand before the start and one after to warn any cars (the road is not closed). A car will be following ahead of the runners until the turn off on to the footpath. Also clearing up and generally helping out as needed.

Car Park+Finish Set-up (3 persons) (HQ4-HQ7): 8:00 am – 10:00 am 2 hrs 00 mins (Report Race HQ 7:45am)

As far as possible all parking is in Jubilee Field, opposite Chiddingly Primary School. If the car park becomes full you may need to park cars on the road.

If someone is just dropping off and not parking, please ask them to keep to the left as then enter Jubilee Field, and pause traffic to let them out again.

Sports Hall Bag Storage (HQ7): 8:00 am – 1:00 pm (Report Race HQ 8:30am)

Bags will be stored in the hall

Finish Medals /Mugs (Fin1): 10:45 am – 12:45 pm (Report Race HQ 10:30am)

All runners and volunteers receive a mug. Runners had a choice of a medal or foodbank donation (Meals not medals). This will be marked on their number.

Coffee/Tea/Cake (4 persons Fin2-Fin5): 10:30 am – 2:30 pm (Report Race HQ 10:15am)

Coffee Tea and cakes are provided free to runners and volunteers and served in the hall. There is an urn and table in the hall for the cakes. Most runners will use their Weald challenge mugs but we will also have paper cups.

There will also be some bananas, oranges and biscuits. There will have vegan milk and cakes.

People will be bringing in cake in the bring when they arrive for their briefing.

D: Finish

Mugs and medal

One volunteer to hand out mugs and medals (for those that have not selected 'Meals not Medals' which will be marked on the front of their number.

Photos (Fin8)

Take photos of finishers. Note that since we are using chip timing this year the photos are not needed to validate the results but will be posted to Facebook for runners to download. A camera will be provided.

E: Photos on course (Cph1): 8:45am – 2:15pm 5 hours 30 mins (Report Race HQ 8:30am)

Photos will be taken on the course near the start after leaving the road section and before the road section on the way back. These will be available to runners for free after the event.

F: Sweepers (2 persons Sw1 and Sw2: 14 miles) (Report Race HQ 8:45am)

The sweeper start just after the last runner at the start and picks up all course markings on the way. Please see map of the route at the start of this document.

This year arrows are pinned to posts/wood or on short stakes in the ground rather than using cable ties. This should make the arrows easier to remove (you don't need cutters) and reduces plastic waste. Please note both the arrows and pins will be reused so please put them in the bag nicely. You will be provided with a rucksack and bag for life. Those arrows staked into the ground are on short stakes so should make them easier to carry but there will be more of them as we have moved more towards arrows with less red and white tape to reduce plastic waste.

Since we now have four marshals as well as the two checkpoints you will be able to drop stuff off more regularly than previous years which should make it easier.

Please take a mobile phone with you: If any runners require more extensive FIRST AID treatment, **call Race HQ on 07902 264717**. There is first aiders at Blackboys and the finish. There are first aid kits at each of the checkpoints.

Finally Thank you

Lastly, I would like to express HUGE thanks to all the volunteers for your assistance in putting on the Weald Challenge Half Marathon. I am sure that all the runners participating will very much appreciate your commitment to the race. Uckfield Runners really is a great club. On behalf of the runners and from myself as Race Director, a big THANK YOU. See you on Sunday.

Graham West – Race director: Weald Challenge Half Marathon