

## Ouse Valley Way Marathon and Half-Marathon



**21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

### Race day instructions

Thank you for signing up for an Ouse Valley Way race along one of England's longest rivers, the River Ouse that starts in Yorkshire and finishes in Kings Lynn. In the old county of Huntingdonshire, the route stretches a convenient 26 miles.

The race organisers are BRJ Run and Tri in Huntingdon and the Race Director is Claire Ashton.

These are trail races where the paths are a mixture of grass, gravel, and tarmac. Whilst we try our best to clear the course, some of the paths are uneven, may have trip hazards and low branches, and competitors are responsible for their own safety. Due to the off-road route, the route may need to be changed at short notice.

Due to the dry summer, there are places along the route where the ground is very dry and cracked. These are towards the end of both routes around Holywell.

### Suitable shoes

If the weather is dry before the race, road shoes are suitable. If the weather has been wet, more grippy trail shoes with smaller lugs, are recommended, rather than those for rocky surfaces.

### Navigation

The routes are available to follow via Ordnance Survey and GPX.

### Half-marathon route

[Ordnance Survey half-marathon route](#)

[GPX half-marathon route via Garmin](#)

### Marathon route

[Ordnance Survey marathon route](#)

[GPX marathon route via Garmin](#)

Where it's not possible to run along the river, the route passes through villages and towns and includes road crossings. There are no road closures, please cross carefully.

Competitors are expected to self-navigate and there will be marshals, route markings and yellow tape at key places.



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### **Race details**

#### **Marathon**

Registration, number collection and HQ – One Leisure, St Neots, PE19 2SA

Open – 8.00 am

#### **Race start – 9.30 am**

Start – To the side of One Leisure

W3W – longingly.install.invested

Cars can be parked for free at One Leisure all day and can use the toilets.

Finish – The Crystal Ship Café and Bar, Earith PE28 3QF

W3W – confident.vineyard.lunge

Cars can be parked for free at Crystal Ship all day.

#### **Half-Marathon**

Registration, number collection and HQ – Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester PE29 2NB

Open – 9.00 am to 10.15 am

W3W – tenure.bulky.convey

Parking W3W – dunk.reds.splat

Cars can be parked for free at the car park on Post Street. There are toilet facilities.

#### **Half-marathon race start – 10.30 am**

Start – Park Lane, Godmanchester

W3W – flocking.proofread.factory

Finish – The Crystal Ship Café and Bar, Earith PE28 3QF

W3W – confident.vineyard.lunge

Cars can be parked for free at Crystal Ship all day.

### **Transport to the race starts**

Transport is available to anyone who has pre-booked a seat and takes marathon and half-marathon runners from the finish at Earith to their starts. This is so you can park your cars in Earith ready for the finish. Seats are booked in advance. If you booked via Sublime, there was the option to book a seat, so you may have booked one already.

If you booked your race via Find a Race or need to book a seat, [click here](#) to do so.

Departing from – The Crystal Ship, Earith to the race finishes

### **Marathon people**

Leaving Crystal Ship at 8.15 am to St Neots

### **Half-marathon people**

Leaving Crystal Ship at 9.30 am to Godmanchester

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### Feed stations

Feed stations are spread along the routes. Please carry your own cup or bottle to be refilled. Each station has reusable cups. Drinks and food are all vegan and gluten free.

- Water
- Electrolyte drink
- Crisps
- Sweets – wrapped and unwrapped

Marathon point - miles	Half-marathon point - miles	Landmark
4		Near Rugby Club, St Neots after Lammas Field
6.4		Paxton Pits, St Neots
9		Buckden Marina
13		Post Street car park, Godmanchester
17.4	4.4	Houghton Mill
20	7	Guided bus carpark, St Ives
23.8	10.8	Pike and Eel pub, Needingworth
26.2	13.1	Finish line

### Facilities at the starts and finish

#### One Leisure, St Neots – marathon registration, start and race headquarters

There is free car parking and cars can be left all day. Please car share and follow instructions so that cars are parked safely and considerately.

Runners can use the toilet facilities inside One Leisure.

#### The Crystal Ship Café and Bar – marathon and half finishes

The café is located on an industrial estate in Earith, please follow your satnav and look out for a sign for the race HQ and bar once you are on the estate.

There is plenty of free parking and cars can be left all day.

### At the finishes

The races finish alongside the bar, a short drop down from the river.

The bar will be open for finishers and is serving freshly made rolls and jacket potatoes as well as drinks.

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### **Queen Elizabeth School – half HQ**

The old school hall is on Post Street in Godmanchester. There is a small free car park and cars can be left all day. A bigger car park is situated further along Post Street.

We have hired the hall until 10.30 am and participants can use the toilets. There is no baggage storage.

### **Park Lane – Half start**

The half start is a 3 minute walk from the race headquarters and across the road.

### **First aid support**

The races are supported by Rutland Medical Services. There will be fixed first aid support at the finish line and a roving ambulance and team along the course.

If you need medical support, call the first aid response team on 0800 998 7202.

This number is on your race number.

### **Additional support**

Fully trained first aiders are marshalling and spread through the course, at the half-marathon start and the race finishes. All marshals have water for anyone in need.

### **Runner safety**

- Please complete the medical details section on the rear of your number.
- Each race has tail runners who will stay at the back of the race with the last participant.
- Each feed station will mark off each runner as they pass by, please make your number visible to them.
- The medical support team's telephone number is on all race numbers.

### **Trophies, medals and prizes**

#### **Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third male and female runners in the half-marathon and marathon races.

#### **Medals**

All finishers will receive a medal.

#### **Results**

Sublime Race Timing publishes the results live - [www.sublimetiming.com/results](http://www.sublimetiming.com/results)

#### **Free race photographs**

Finish line photos will be taken and available from the Sublime Timing website after the event. We will also post photos on the Ouse Valley Way Marathon Facebook page.

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### **Communication during the races**

#### **WhatsApp channel**

We have set up a WhatsApp channel for announcements on race day. We will only use it to share race information. Please join it via this link.

[https://chat.whatsapp.com/B6DJV2m2IPg12tDw0uvYnD?mode=ems\\_copy\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/B6DJV2m2IPg12tDw0uvYnD?mode=ems_copy_t)

It is difficult to track emails and messages on race day. If you need to send a message to me, please use WhatsApp on 07870 270676.

### **Licensing and insurance**

#### **Trail Running Association**

The races are licenced by The Trail Running Association

Permit number – 6737

#### **UK Athletics Insurance**

Under the race licence and affiliation to England Athletics the race is insured. [Follow this link for details.](#)

See you on Sunday and have a great run.

Claire

Race Director