



Race letter for Hair of the Dog Trail Run, Sunday 18th April 2021

It's time for the brand new Hair of the Dog Trail Run DB Maxers. This race letter includes all the details for race day in Chippenham.

Race Venue

Race HQ will be in Charter Park (near Rowden Lane). Rather than a postcode for this, we would encourage you to use the APP What3Words. This is an excellent app at sending you straight to a specific location. The APP is available for Android and iPhone. The What3Words location is **year.audit.speeds**, please DO NOT park on Rowden Lane, this is a private road.

If you click [HERE](#) it will show you the location and give options on how to get directions to this location.

Rule of 6 and Social Distancing

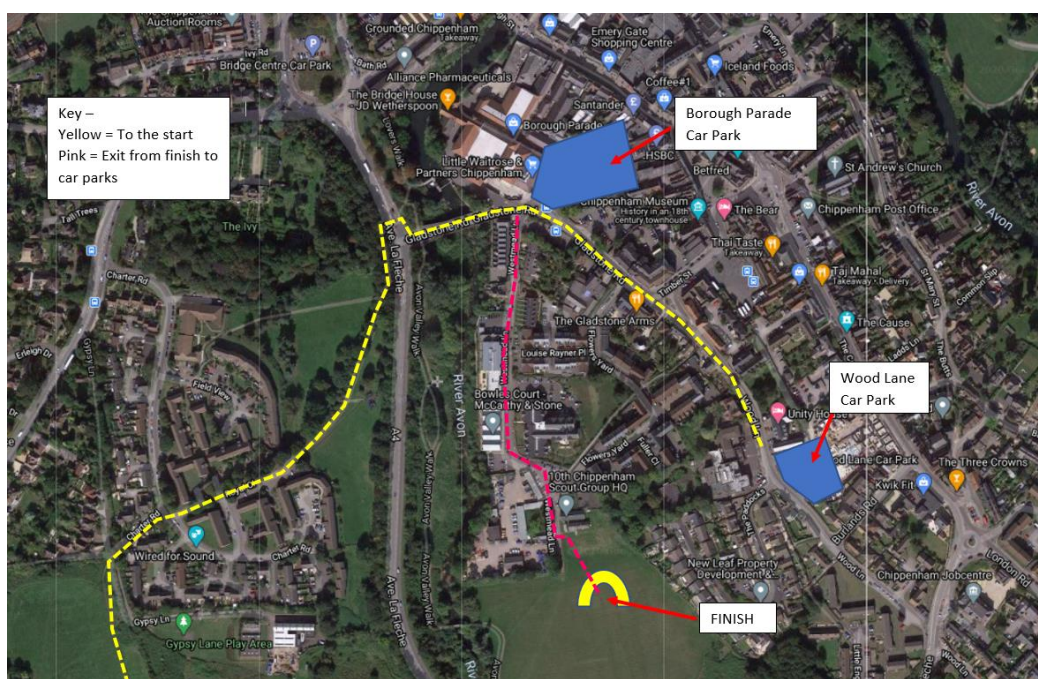
We must all follow the Government guidelines on the Rule of 6 and social distancing. This states that individuals cannot form groups of more than 6 people and everyone should remain 2 metres apart at all times. Whilst we do not like coming across as too formal, we are committed to enforcing these rules, so compliance is compulsory from the moment of arrival into the car park, through to racing and then leaving the grounds.

Social distancing must also be maintained whilst racing, so please keep a 2-metre distance between yourself and other participants. It is important that you do this, even if the person you are racing with is in your bubble – this is because members of the public will not be aware of any bubbles and can report incidents, which we are keen to avoid.

Parking

There is no onsite parking at this event. However, with the event being based in the heart of Chippenham there are plenty of car parks available just a short 10 to 12 minute walk from the start (please follow orange or pink arrows when you are close to the venue). Below are a selection of maps showing the site of the car parks and also the route to the race venue. For information, postcodes are as follows:

- Borough Parade Car Park, Gladstone Rd – SN15 3YY – What3Words - [tried.diner.oils](#)
- Wood Lane Car Park, Wood Lane, Chippenham, SN15 3DR – What3Words - [clay.armed.discouraged](#)



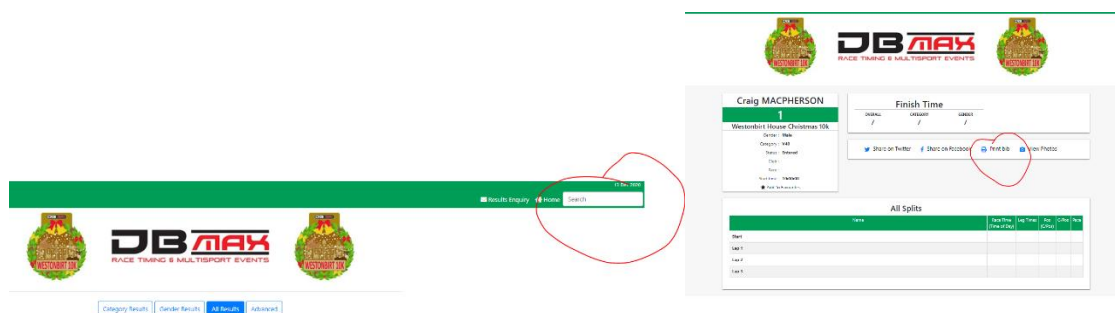


Registration

There is no registration at the event. Please print a race bib from the timing page in advance of the event (details below). You will pick up your timing chip just before the start.

To print your bib, head to [DB Max Sports Timing \(dbmaxresults.co.uk\)](http://dbmaxresults.co.uk) and find your event. Click on the event and then search your name in the box (top right). Click on your name and then click print bib. It may look slightly different on your smartphone but follow the same procedure.

You can watch our bib printing video at <https://youtu.be/DvindqWGUUE>.



About your timing chip

Any mats crossed prior to race start will be ignored but you cannot lose the chip if it is on your ankle.

The timing chips will ensure that your finish results (as well as splits and lap times) are collected by **DB Max Sports Timing**.

Remember, **no timing chip, no results**.

Please deposit your timing chip in the designated bin in the finish funnel immediately at the end of your race. **You must return your timing chip as soon as you finish** (even if you do not complete your race). Lost and unreturned timing chips will be invoiced at **£55 each** so please remember to hand it back.

Mandatory Pre-Race Briefing

The pre-race briefing will be in a video format sent to you prior to race day. Please watch carefully. Please also read this race letter thoroughly and follow marshal instructions and signage on race day.

Start Times

Wave start times have been allocated with competitors starting in groups of 6 every minute. Upon arrival at the start you will be required to queue in a socially distant manner. There will also be hand sanitiser for you to use before entering the start area; please ensure you use this. You will be called forward by the starter to begin your race. Please ensure you have your timing chip securely attached to your left ankle before getting to the start. We suggest you get to the start area approx. 30 minutes before your race start, this allows time to collect your timing chip and to get to the start line.

Face Coverings/Masks

Please note that when you arrive at the start it is compulsory for you to wear a face mask/covering. We recommend a buff which you can then place around your wrist when you are running. **Bufs must be folded so that they are at least double-layered**. Please do not remove your mask/face covering until instructed to do so by the race starter.

Run Route

The run route is one lap of just under 8 miles. The race starts in Charter Park in the heart of Chippenham. From



the start the route heads out on to the footpaths towards Lacock. Before reaching Lacock competitors will turn left over the river in the village of Reybridge. From here competitors will follow the Wiltshire and Berkshire Canal and the Avon Valley Walk back to Westmead Playing Fields and the finish.

The route is primarily on the public footpaths and trails around Chippenham and Reybridge, it covers farmland, trails and a few short sections of road. On the footpaths, please look out for walkers, dog walkers and cyclists at all times. On the short road sections, please adhere to the Highway Code at all times.

The weather has been somewhat wet recently so the route is very wet and very muddy (part of the fun). Please ensure you wear the correct footwear and also have a change of clothes and footwear available for when you finish.

A small version of the route is pictured below and can also be viewed in full by clicking on the map (whilst connected to the internet).





Finish

When you are approaching the finish of your event, please bear right in to the roped and finish under the arch. Once you cross the line, please ensure that you continue to keep a 2-metre distance from all other people at all times. You will be able to collect your medal after finishing. Please follow instructions from marshals.

When you have collected your medal you will be able to rest and recover.

From the time of finishing your run to leaving the venue should be no more than 40 minutes. Please do not congregate in groups at any time. The finish location is [HERE](#).

Please note that if the weather is very bad and the river is flooded, it may be necessary to move the finish, and this would then not be in Westmead Playing Fields, but in Westmead Open Space. If this is the case we will send details of this location the day before the event.

Spectators

We request that you do not bring spectators to the event. As it is held on public land and covers many of the local walks and routes some of you may be tempted to ignore these rules and encourage family members/friends out on the route. Whilst we are in no position to stop this, we would strongly encourage you not to do this as it could put future events in jeopardy.

Coffee/Hot Drinks

Hot drinks will be available in the race finish area, in a Covid safe manner.

iPods and MP3 Players

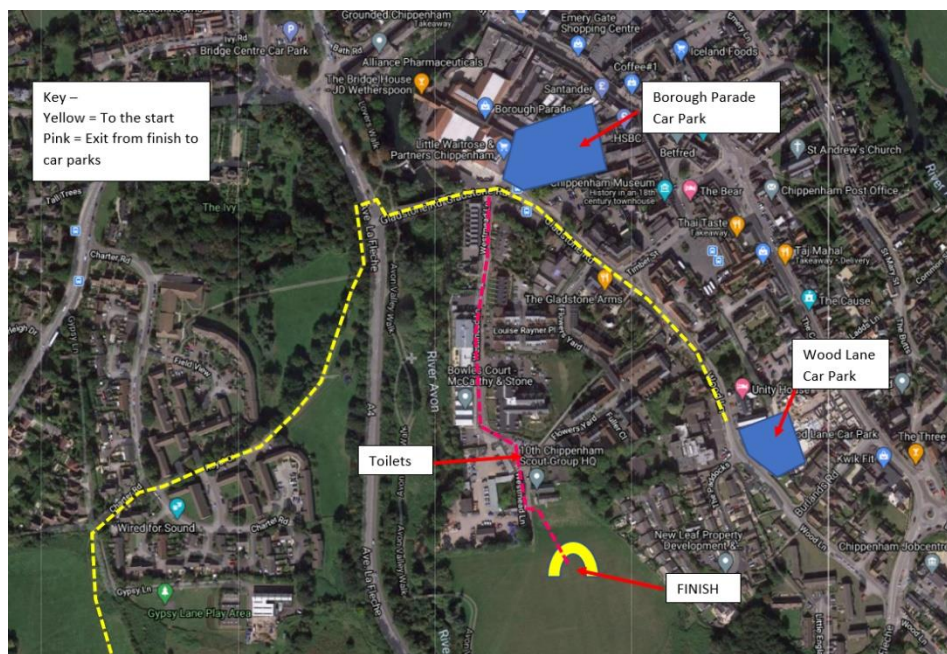
Competitors are permitted to wear iPods or MP3 players while they are racing, please ensure that volumes are kept to a level where you can hear marshals' instructions.

DB Max Sports Timing

DB Max Sports Timing will be producing the race results including splits and laps. You can follow the results live on the day at dbmaxresults.co.uk via your smart phones.

Toilets

Toilets will be available for all competitors near the finish, these are easily accessible from the car parks before heading to the start (please follow pink line on the map below). When using the toilets please use the hand sanitiser provided before entering, then wipe the toilet down after use with the disinfectant wipes and flush them away. When leaving the toilet please ensure you again sanitise your hands. No showers are available at the event.





Bag Drop

Due to the current situation with COVID-19, we are not able to offer any bag drop at this event. Please do not leave anything at the start area either as this will not be safe.

Marshals

As with all DB Max races we could not hold the event without the help of all the marshals. Please thank them where possible. Marshals receive a free entry to a future DB Max event. If you are interested in marshalling, please email james@dbmax.co.uk.

Finally, thank you for your race entry and good luck with your final race preparations. We look forward to seeing you in Chippenham on race day!
