



CRACKPOTS TRAIL RUN | RACE INFORMATION

Sunday 7 June 2026 @ 10.30am

Highside Playing Fields, Kirkby Malzeard, Ripon, HG4 3SH

Welcome Crackpots and thank you for entering the award-winning Crackpots Trail Run. Please read the information below which explains everything you need to know about race day.

Organisers

The event is organised by volunteers on behalf of the Highside Playing Field Association (HPFA) (Registered Charity No: 1098767). All monies raised are used to support local, rural sports activities within the village.

Parking

The race is part of the KM Family Festival which has lots of other things going on around the Race HQ that require access for other vehicles. It is therefore important that you park in the designated parking area in **Ivy Bank Staycation** to keep traffic moving freely. Parking will be clearly signed on your way into the village - the what3words location is **///friend.jugs.rigs**. Please don't use the above postcode as it covers half of the village!

Race registration is a short walk along a footpath and will be signed from the car park - the what3words location for registration is

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Facilities

Toilets and changing rooms are available at race registration but space is limited and so entrants are asked to arrive ready to run. If you would like to stay for a while afterwards, changing facilities will be available. **As a family event, any runner seen urinating in public near the playing fields will be disqualified.**

There is a bag store but personal belongings are left entirely at your own risk and HPFA do not accept responsibility for any loss or damage.

Race numbers and chips

Please collect your race number from the registration desk between 9-10.15am. Your details will be pre-printed on the reverse of the number but please check these are correct and add any missing information. The timing chip is attached to the race number so there is no need to fasten anything to your shoe. Please do not deface or fold your number. Safety pins will be provided.

Water

There will be water stations at Biggin Wood at approximately 6.8km and at the finish. **Please bring your own cup - we are a plastic-bottle free event.**



The water station is over 0.5 km from the highest point and after most of the climbing so if you think you will need water before then, please carry it with you.

First aid

VIE Medic Services together with qualified volunteers will provide first aid cover on the route and at Race HQ. There will be a mobile first aider at the highest point of the route on Brown Bank Road.

Prizes

There are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd male and female overall but there are no category prizes. We also have a prize for the fastest local runner (any runner with a HG4 postcode) and the fastest club (first 3 runners affiliated to the same club wearing club vests). Presentations will be made at 1245 by the main stage. The prizes are:

- 1st male/female - £50 cash
- 2nd male/female - £30 cash
- 3rd male/female - £20 cash
- Fastest local - £50 cash
- Fastest club - £50 cash

Prize draw

As well as prizes for the fastest runners, we also have some fantastic spot prizes that any runner can win. Each runner has one entry in the prize draw.

Spot prizes must be claimed in person at the prize draw at 1245.

Thank you to all of our amazing sponsors!

Refreshments

Food and coffee will be available from 9am. All runners will get a pie (meat & veggie options) and cup of tea after the run - pies are available at the finish line and a free cup of tea is available in the Pavilion when showing your race number. There will also be space for picnics and street food is available as well as ice cream and a bar, so bring some money and stay a while!

Severe weather/Cancellation

We will do everything we can to hold the race whatever the weather. However, in the event of severe weather or another situation occurring that is beyond our control we reserve the right to cancel the race. If the race is cancelled entrants will be informed as soon as possible via email and we will also update our Facebook page. Unfortunately refunds may not be possible as many of the race expenses have already been incurred.



Route

The route is a mix of quiet country lanes, footpaths, bridleways, byways and river crossings (bridges for some!). Starting at Highside Playing Fields, the route heads west along country lanes towards Kirkby Malzeard Moor for a gentle warm up before taking to the trails. Following parts of the **Crackpots Mosaic Trail** and **Ripon Rowel**, the route gradually climbs to the highest point at the 6km mark - with fantastic views across Nidderdale to the west and the North York Moors as far as Roseberry Topping to the east. It's mostly downhill from there with a few little bumps and river crossings on the way before hitting the tarmac just after 9km for a fast downhill finish back into the village.

Trail or off-road shoes are highly recommended for the course which can be muddy in places and which has one unavoidable beck crossing. You will get wet feet at the first water crossing - all other crossings have a foot bridge.

Don't forget that our **distance markers** are done in reverse as a countdown - the first is 10km to the finish, then 9km to the finish, etc. We think this is more motivating - let us know how you find it!

The full route is available here...

<https://www.plotaroute.com/route/2622455?units=km>

Runner safety

We take our duty of care to you very seriously - we want to ensure runners, marshals and other volunteers have a fun but safe event. Please also consider your responsibilities as a race participant and ensure that you are properly prepared, adequately trained and fit enough to complete the race.

Race rules

Please follow the instructions of marshals. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. Headphones or similar audio devices are not permitted.

Results

Race results will be posted on the RaceBest website after the event.

<https://racebest.com/>

Race photography

We will have a race photographer roaming the route so please smile for the camera! We'll publish the photos on our Facebook page.

KM Family Festival

The run is part of the KM Family Festival with stuff going on throughout the day. Highlights include:

- Live music inc DJ Rory Hoy
- Street food/picnic area
- Forest school



- Artisan/local stalls
- Dog show
- Games & activities

You can see the full programme here...

<https://www.kmff.co.uk/>

Accommodation

If you want to make a weekend of it, camping and glamping is available on the edge of the village at Ivy Bank Campsite.

<https://www.ivybankstaycation.com>

Feedback

We'd love to get your feedback on what you loved about it and where you think we should pull our socks up. Feel free to email hello@crackpots.run afterwards or leave a review on Racecheck...

<https://racecheck.com/races/crackpots-trail-run/review/>

Emergency contact

In case of emergency on the day, please contact the race director **Andrew Risbey** on **07974 685981**. Please only use this number for a genuine emergency as using it for anything else could put someone's life at risk.

Stay in touch

To stay in touch please 'Like' our Facebook page and we'll let you know all about Crackpots Trail Run 2027!

<https://www.facebook.com/crackpotstrailrun>

Thank you and enjoy your race!

The Crackpots Team