

RACE DAY INFO

FOR PARTICIPANTS

This event is similar to the Questars Adventure Races of pre-Covid times. It is therefore slightly different to last year's events which were altered to adhere to the restrictions in place at the time.

However, some things have changed as a new timing system is being used this year so...

PLEASE READ EVERYTHING CAREFULLY

And download/print a copy and bring it with you to the event for reference if needed.

Venue Location

Mapledurham Pavilion, Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham, Reading RG4 7LB

The pavilion building is located between [The Heights Primary School](#) and [Mapledurham Lawn Tennis Club](#)

Note: There is a small car park at the venue but we don't have exclusive use of it (it is open to other members of the public). There is plenty of space to park (for free) on many of the surrounding roads (residential streets). See car parking section below.

Arrival & Timings

Key timings are shown in the table below...

Trio Masters (6 hrs)	Trio Novices & Duo (5 hrs)
07:45 Event base opens	09:00 Suggested arrival time
08:30 Race pack collection opens	09:30 Race pack collection opens
09:00 Race briefing	10:00 Race briefing
09:30 Start window opens	10:30 Start window opens
10:15 Start window closes	11:15 Start window closes
15:30 First teams finish	15:30 First teams finish
16:20 Course closes	16:20 Course closes
16:50 Results & prize giving	16:50 Results & prize giving

Car Parking

If arriving after 08:30 please do not drive to the venue – the car park will be full. Please find somewhere safe to park on one of the many residential roads nearby.

Parking at the venue is within the marked bays only and this car park is open to other members of the public (i.e. we do not have exclusive use of it). It does not have that many spaces and therefore is likely to be full by 08:30 if not before.

There is plenty of parking on the residential roads close to the venue. Please do not try to park as close to the venue as possible (as this will cause congestion). No parking is allowed on [Upper Woodcote Rd](#) (the A4074). There's room to park on [St Peter's Avenue](#), [Chazey Road](#) and [Hewett Avenue](#) (amongst others), from where it's a short walk across Mapledurham playing fields to the pavilion building. Alternatively, you can park on one of the many streets on the E side of the A4074 (Upper Woodcote Rd).

Please be considerate to local residents and park sensibly. Do not park on the opposite side of the road to other parked vehicles (park on the same side of the road as everyone else). Park well away from any road junctions. Leave appropriate gaps to allow vehicles to pass each other, and don't park in these gaps.

Event Base

All the following are located/will be available at the event base...

- Race pack collection
- SI card (timing device) allocation and return
- Start / finish / transition point (run-bike)
- Toilets, changing rooms & showers
- Drinking water
- Event catering (cash only)
- Indoor space – hall (for briefing and prize giving)

Cleated cycling shoes (e.g. SPD's) must not be worn inside the hall as they may mark/damage the floor. Please remove before entering the hall or bring/wear other footwear.

Race Pack Collection

Collect your race pack from inside the hall. **Only one team member needs to be present to do this.** Race packs will be laid out on the floor of the hall in numerical order. If your pack is not there, come to the front desk to collect it e.g. if you have a t-shirt to collect or money to pay. *NB. Only cash payments can be accepted on the day.*

- **Trio Masters** race participants can collect their race packs **from 08:30 onwards**
- **Trio Novice & Duo** race participants can collect their race packs **from 09:30 onwards***
**please do not try to collect before 09:30 as this won't be allowed and could cause overcrowding*

Each race packs contains...

- 1 x Copy of the course map on waterproof paper (plus any extra copies if purchased)
- 1 x Tyvek wristband per person – write your race number on these in the spaces provided

Entry Amendments

Your team details will be printed on your race pack envelope. Check these carefully. If any of your team details have changed, please make the necessary amendments yourself (on the envelope itself) and hand this in when you collect your timing device (SI card).

SI Card Allocation (Timing Chip)

After collecting your race pack and before you start, one person from each team will need to visit the front desk in the hall to be allocated with a SI card (timing device). To be issued with a SI card, you must...

- Be wearing a Tyvek wristband (from your race pack) with your race number written on it
- Hand in your empty race pack envelope (with any entry amendments written on it)

Race Briefing

There will be a race briefing, but it won't be a full race briefing like pre-covid times. We plan to keep the briefing short – around 5 mins (and certainly no longer than 10 mins). It will focus on the key/important things that are specific to this race/event and any last minute course amendments.

Things that remain the same (and haven't changed for years e.g. solos and pairs using one kayak, and teams of 3/4 people using two kayaks etc), won't be included in the race briefing on the day. This information can be found on the Questars website in the [Race Details document](#). If this is your first Questars Adventure Race (or you haven't done one for a while), please **read it all carefully**. If you don't, you won't know what you are doing, which is not a great start to any race!

Please also read everything on the [Start List](#) page carefully (when it's published on Wednesday). There you will find further details about race numbers, kayak slot times, notes about the course, together with the course planner's guide (suggested time plan).

Race Starts

You can start whenever you like within your start time window, but remember to allow enough time to get to / back from the kayaking (see start list for your kayak slot time). The most direct route from the start/finish to the kayaking is just over 2 km on foot.

- **Trio Masters** race participants can **start anytime between 09:30 and 10:15**
- **Trio Novice & Duo** race participants can **start anytime between 10:30 and 11:15**

Make your way to the big yellow inflatable arch when you're ready to start. Your race time (5/6-hour time limit) begins when you place your electronic scorecard (SI card) on the start control.

Drinking Water

Please help us by bringing your water bottle full to the event (so you don't have to fill up before you start). Drinking water will be available at the transition points for you to top up your water bottle during/after the race if you need to. You may wish to sanitise your hands before/after using the drinking water station (i.e. touching the tap).

Event Catering

The Quest Kitchen will be attending this event, providing the usual Questars refreshments. Items include pre-race bacon butties and post-race beef/vegetarian chilli with nachos. Cash only.

Map Pens & Bike Map Boards

Permanent pens for writing on your map and bike map boards with reusable cable ties for mounting on your handlebars will be available to purchase from inside the hall. Fine tipped [map pens](#) are £2 each. A4 and A5 boards are £10 and £6 respectively. Cash only.

Toilets

Toilets will be open and available for you to use on site. Please leave windows open to provide increased ventilation and corridor doors propped open to reduce contact points.

First Aid

A professional medic will be in attendance at the event. The medic will provide first aid in serious cases which need immediate attention. All trivial medical needs should be dealt with yourself.

Do not take unnecessary risks and end up having to go to A&E. It's better to hop off and push your bike rather come a cropper and injure yourself. Protect yourself, others and the NHS!

Course Closure

The course closes at **16:20** and the furthest checkpoints will start to be removed before this (so don't think about visiting any more checkpoints on your way back if you are going to finish after 16:20).

If you aren't going to make it back to the finish before 16:20, use the **Emergency Number printed on your map** to let us know that you are safe and well and just running a bit late. It is important you do this so we don't start searching for you unnecessarily (which would delay the prize giving).

Finishing / Withdrawing from the Race

You must return your SI card (electronic timing device) to the front desk in the hall (where you collected it), as soon as possible after you finish or if you withdraw/retire from the race. It is **very important** that you do this. If you don't, we don't know that you are back safe and well.

Download

When you return your SI card, the data will be downloaded from it and you will be given a printout showing the checkpoints you visited and your total score. **CHECK THIS CAREFULLY**. If anything on your printout is incorrect then you must inform us immediately i.e. BEFORE the prize giving.

Changing Rooms / Showers

There are changing rooms and showers at this venue and we have asked for them to be made available for you to use if you wish to do so.

Results & Prize Giving

We aim to announce the winners results and award prizes at 16:50 (or as soon afterwards as possible). Do stay for this if you can – it's always a shame when someone wins and is not there to collect their prize. The results will also be published online – on both the Questars and SportIdent websites.

Departure

If you depart before 16:20 please drive extra carefully when leaving the venue/area. Be aware that other participants will be returning to the venue on bikes and finishing as you depart. And they could be in a rush!