



RACE DAY INFORMATION

Malvern Hills Adventure Race

Venue Location

Registration and event briefings will take place from **Hanley Swan Village Hall, Welland Road, Hanley Swan, WR8 0DF.**

An overview of the event site is included below. Registration and briefings will take place from the Village Hall. There are male and female toilets in the main building. Separate male and female changing rooms and showers will be available in the hall in the afternoon only (there are no shower/changing rooms available pre-race so please come race ready).





Arrival & Timings

Key timings are shown below:

Trio Masters (6 hours)	Trio Novice & Duo (5 hours)	Run-only / Bike-only (2 hours)
08:00 Event base opens	09:00 Suggested arrival time	09:00 Suggested arrival time
08:15 Race pack collection opens	09:15 Race pack collection opens	09:15 Race pack collection opens
09:00 Race briefing	10:00 Race briefing	10:00 Race briefing
09:30 Start window opens	10:30 Start window opens	10:30 Start window opens
10:00 Race briefing (repeat)		
10:45 Start window closes	11:45 Start window closes	10:45 Start window closes
15:30 First teams finish	15:30 First teams finish	12:30 First teams finish
16:45 Course closes	16:45 Course closes	
17:00 Results & Prizegiving	17:00 Results & Prizegiving	13:00 Results & Prizegiving

Car Parking

Parking is at **Hanley Swan Village Hall, Welland Road, Hanley Swan, WR8 0DF**. Please follow signage and marshals' instructions on where to park. If you are in the Run-only or Bike-only events, please park in the main car park (we will save spaces for you) which will ensure no vehicles are moving near the start/finish during the event.

Please share transport if possible. If each team comes in one vehicle it'll be much kinder to the environment and you'll also be able to talk team tactics on the way/lament route choice on the way back!

Event Base

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

- Race pack collection
- Electronic dibber allocation & return
- Start/finish/transition (run - bike)
- Toilets
- Changing rooms and limited showers
- Drinking water
- Questars Shop
- Questars Café
- Indoor space (for briefing and awards)

Race Pack Collection

Collect your race pack from the registration desk. Each race packs contains:

- A copy of the course map on waterproof paper for each team member
- Race number and pins (for each team member)
- Bike number and zip ties (for each team member)

Entry Amendments

Your team details will be printed on the start list. Please check these carefully. If any of your team details have changed, please make the Questars' staff at registration aware.

SI Card Allocation (Timing device)

After collecting your race pack, each person from the team will need to visit the front desk in the hall to be allocated with a SI card (timing device). **All team members need to be present.**



Race Briefing

There will be a race briefing (at 09:00 and repeated at 10:00). We plan to keep the briefing short – around 10 - 15 minutes. The briefing 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 won't be included in the race briefing on the day. This information can be found in the Regular Race Information document (found [here](#)). If this is your first Questars Adventure Race (or you haven't done one for a while), please **read it all carefully**.

Please also read the [pre-event information page](#) carefully. There you will find further details about race numbers, kayak slot times, notes about the course, together with the course planner's guide (all released on the Wednesday before the race).

Race Starts

Everyone has been given a start time window. You can start whenever you like within your start time window.

- **Trio Masters** participants can start anytime between **09:30 and 10:45**
- **Trio Novice & Duo** participants can start anytime between **10:30 and 11:45**
- **Run-only & Bike-only** participants can start anytime between **10:30 and 11:00**

Please make your way to the big blue arch when you're ready to start. Your race time (2/5/6-hour time limit) begins when you place your electronic dibber (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.

Event Catering

The Questars Café will be at the event, providing the usual Questars refreshments (think basic adventure racing grub rather than gourmet cuisine!). Items include the well-renowned post-race beef/vegetarian chilli with nachos. Please bring cash in case our contactless terminals can't get signal.

Please bring your own mug and plate/cutlery for £1 off food and free hot drinks.

Map Pens & Bike Map Boards

Permanent pens for writing on your map and bike map boards with cable ties for mounting on your handlebars will be available to purchase. A4 and A5 boards are £10 and £6 respectively.

We will also have a few high-end rotating map boards to rent on a first-come-first-served basis (£15 to rent/£70 to purchase).



Toilets & Showers

Toilets will be open and available for you to use on site. There are also a limited number of showers – if you are wanting to shower, please prepare to queue and be quick when your time comes!

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 than fall off and injure yourself.

Course Closure

The course closes at 16:45 and the furthest checkpoints will start to be removed before this (so please don't visit any more checkpoints on your way back if you are going to finish after 16:45).

If you aren't going to make it back to the finish before 16:45, please 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.

Finishing / Withdrawing from the Race

You must return your SI card (electronic timing device) to the front desk in the hall, 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.

Results & Prize Giving

We aim to announce the winners results and award prizes at 17:00 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 16:45 please be extra careful when leaving the venue/area from the overflow car park as the exit will be the same as the return for race finishers on bike and foot. Be aware that other participants will be returning to the venue and finishing as you depart. And they could be in a rush!