

Course Descriptions 2021

Overview

The event is based at the Christchurch Town Hall on Kilmore Street. All activities - registration, start, finish and prize giving - are all based here.

Start / Finish

- > The 10k, Half Marathon & Full Marathon starts outside the Christchurch Town Hall.
- > The Kids' Mara'Fun starts on the north-east corner of Kilmore St and Durham St.
- > All events finish outside the Town Hall, heading west on Kilmore Street.

The Kids' Mara'Fun

The Kids' Mara'Fun has five age categories racing three distances. Participants gather on the north-east corner of Kilmore St and Durham St. See info page for start times.

- > Boys & Girls 5-6yrs run 1k
- > Boys & Girls 7-8yrs run 2k
- > Boys & Girls 9-10yrs run 2k
- > Boys & Girls 11-12yrs run 3k
- > Boys & Girls 13-15yrs run 3k.

The 1k race heads north on Durham St Nth to Peterborough St. Turn right and follow Peterborough St east to Manchester St. Turn right and follow Manchester St south to Kilmore St. Turn right into Kilmore St and follow it west to the finish line outside the Christchurch Town Hall.

The 2k race heads north on Durham St Nth to Peterborough St. Turn right and follow Peterborough St east to Barbados St. Turn right and follow the footpaths south down Barbados St & the western end of Oxford Tce to Kilmore St. Turn right into Kilmore St and follow it west to the finish line outside the Christchurch Town Hall.

The 3k race heads north on Durham St Nth to Peterborough St. Turn right and follow Peterborough St east to Barbados St. Cross Barbados St into Oxford Tce and continue east around to Kilmore St. Turn right into Kilmore St and follow it west to the finish line outside the Christchurch Town Hall.

10k, Half Marathon, Full Marathon

The 10k, Half Marathon & Full Marathon start together outside the Christchurch Town Hall on Kilmore St, lined up facing West and follow the same route as following...

- The course starts heading west on Kilmore St for 550m to Park Tce.
- Turn right and follow Park Tce north for 650m (past 1k mark) and turn left into Harper Ave.
- Follow Harper Ave west for approx. 800m (the 2k mark) where the route veers left into Hagley Park and follows the cycle path anti-clockwise around to the Riccarton Ave corner.
- Staying inside Hagley Pk on the cycle path, turn hard left and heads east through the heart of the park (passing 3k) to the Armagh St Gates (4k).
- At the Armagh St Gates, turn left into Park Terrace and head north for 250m, then turn right and follow Kilmore St for 400m to Durham St, where you veer left diagonally across to Durham St Nth and head north up to Peterborough St (5k).
- Follow Peterborough St east for 1k to Barbados St, turn right and cross Barbados St diagonally down to Oxford Tce and continue east around Oxford Tce to Kilmore St.
- Turn left into Kilmore St and follow it east across Fitzgerald Ave, where Kilmore becomes Avonside Dve, which you follow to Stanmore Rd.

The 10k Event Turns Off Here, turning right from Kilmore St into Stanmore Rd.

- The 10k follows Stanmore Rd south for 350m to Armagh St.
- Turn right into Armagh St and follow it west for 900m, passing the 8k mark and crossing Fitzgerald Ave, to Barbados St.
- Turn right into Barbados St and head north for 200m, then turn right into Chester St East, then left into Dawson St and continue north to Kilmore St.
- At Kilmore St turn left and head west (moving to their left-hand side of the road) for a final 1k to the finish line outside the Christchurch Town Hall.

The Half Marathon and Full Marathon turn left at Stanmore Road.

- Turning left at Stanmore Rd, cross Stanmore Bridge, then right into Glade Ave.
- Follow Glade Ave east for 270m to River Rd and turn left into River Road. You will now have the Avon River on your righthand side until the 20k mark.
- Follow River Rd (passing 8k) east for 1.5k to Dallington Tce.
- Turn right and follow Dallington Tce across Gayhurst Rd into Locksley Ave.
- Follow Locksley Ave east for 2k, then turn right and follow New Brighton Rd for another 1k (passing 13k mark) around to Avondale Rd.
- Turn right over Avondale Rd Bridge and then turn right again into Avonside Dve.
- Follow Avonside Dve south for 2k, where you turn right out onto Wainoni Rd for only 200m before turning right back into Avonside Dve (16k).
- Follow Avonside Dve west now, across Gayhurst Rd into Retreat Rd, where you turn right to stay on Avonside Dve for another 400m to Morris St.
- Turn left and follow Morris St for 470m and turn left back into Avonside Dve.
- Follow Avonside Dve for 3k (moving to left hand side of road) heading west across Stanmore St and Fitzgerald Ave into Kilmore St for the final 1k to the finish line.

The Half Marathon finishes on the left side of the road outside Christchurch Town Hall.

Aid Stations

There will be Aid Stations every 4-5k with toilets, first aid and drink stations supplying water and PURE Nutrition isotonic energy drink in paper cups (no sponges, Coke or bottles).

Full Marathon Special Drinks will be catered for at drink stations from 25k onward. Special Drinks must be supplied by the participant ready-made in plastic bottles and marked clearly with participant race number & the drink station. They should be handed in at our Info Desk inside the Christchurch Town Hall 30min prior to the Full Marathon Start.

Drink Station Lay Out

Drink Stations will be set up with Special Drinks first, then Energy Drink, then Water. There will be space between each table. Marshals will hand out drinks as much as possible, but it gets busy so be prepared to grab a cup from a table. Marshals will also try to hand out Specials Drinks, so call your number but be prepared to stop for your drink if it is busy.

Aid Station positions are positioned at approx:

- **4.2k, 25.3k:** Park Tce (just after you leave Hagley Pk).
- **7.5k, 28.6k:** Glade Ave.
- **11.5k, 32.6k:** Locksley Ave.

The Full Marathon passes through the finish area to start a second lap.

- Full Marathoners move to the righthand side of Kilmore St into a special chute past the finish area to continue west for their second lap of the entire course as above.
- **NB:** Early on the second lap, in Kilmore St (between Durham St & Park Tce), there will be Full Marathon runners going both ways for approx. 400m (approx. 21.5 and 25.5k marks). The east-bound runners (25.5k) will have to cross the road in front of the west-bound runners (21.5k) to head up Durham St Nth. This will be handled by marshals and there is 400m of visibility in both directions, but be prepared.

The Full Marathon finishes as per other races, heading west on the left-hand side of Kilmore St to finish outside the Christchurch Town Hall.

NB: Due to traffic management restrictions the entire event has a six-hour time limit. Anyone on pace for slower than a six-hours (half or full marathon) will be warned of this at drink stations. Full Marathoners slower than six-hour pace at halfway will have the option of finishing as a half marathoner (rather than risking missing the six-hour limit). After six-hours there will be no traffic controls or marshals and anyone continuing does so at their own risk and cannot receive an official finish time.

- **16k, 37.1k:** Avonside Dve (just after Wainoni Rd).
- **20.1k, 41.2k:** Kilmore St.