



North Downs 50 Ultra Challenge **12 July 2025**

CHALLENGE

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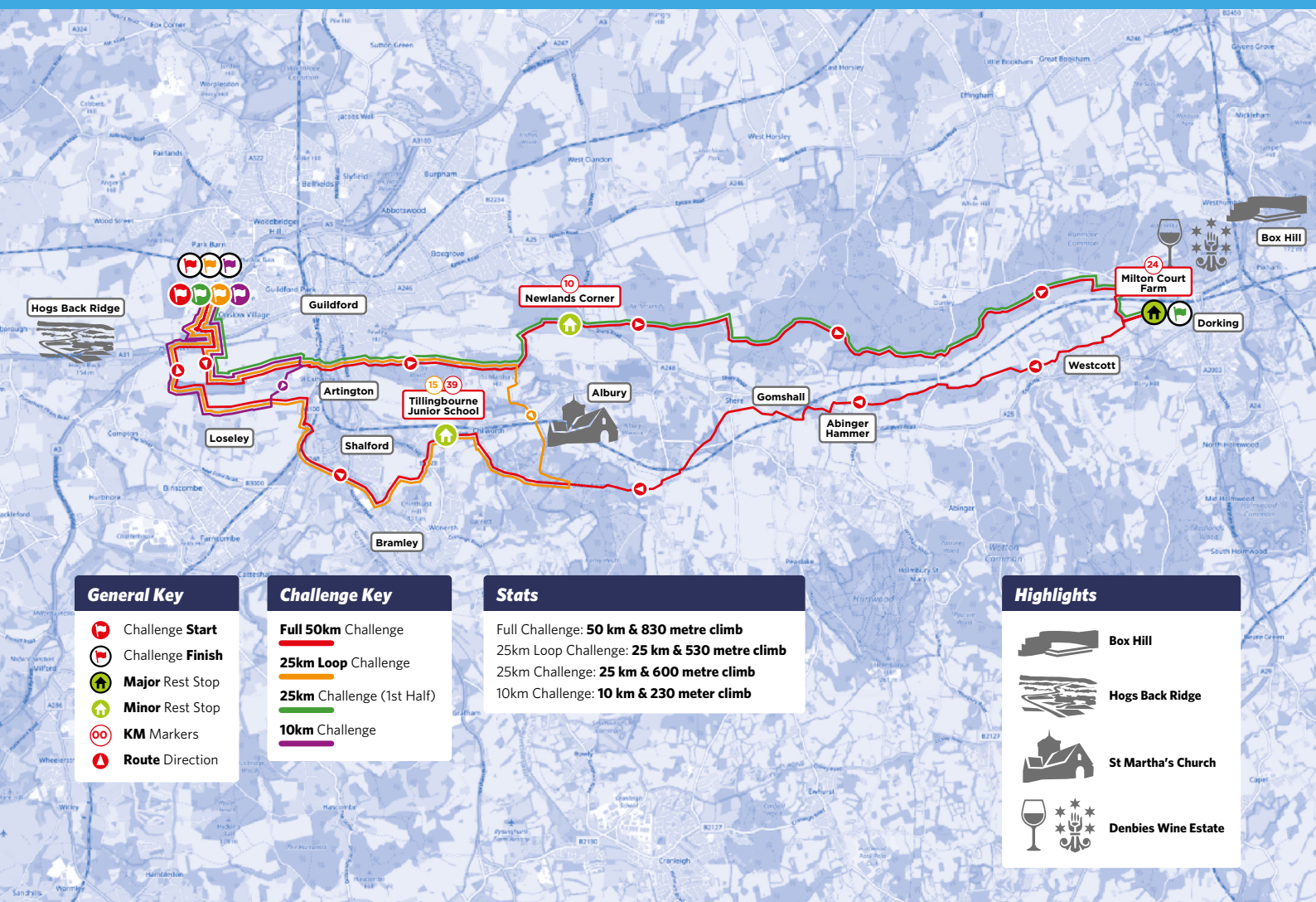


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We're back on the North Downs with a fabulous challenge setting out from our Guildford basecamp, and a looped 50 km route which takes in some of the best of the Surrey hills, the North Downs Way, and the surrounding countryside. A route with real variety, some wonderful scenery & fabulous views out to the south – and easily accessible from London! You'll get full support & hospitality, and with 25 km & 10 km options also available, and optional university style accommodation at basecamp – there's a North Downs Ultra Challenge for you in 2025!



“I cannot thank everyone from Action Challenge enough for their personal support & unlimited energy. 5★★★★★ & 10/10 in all my experiences.”

“For my first event I was amazed at how well organised it was. Particular as I was on my own. Very well signposted. Excellent medical assistance. Very friendly crew. Fab event!”

Distance options

Join us for the mid-summer North Downs 50 Challenge! Our looped route is set in an area of outstanding natural beauty of the Surrey Hills, taking in chalk ridges and ancient woodlands. Setting out from a Guilford basecamp it's through Chantry Woods overlooking Chilworth and Chinthurst Hill, with spectacular views at the top of St Martha's Hill – also home to a historic church. With some ups & downs along the way, Newlands Corner – a nature reserve – provides some of the best views over the Surrey Hills. With easy access from London and the Home Counties by car or train – 50 km, 25 km & 10 km distance options, and a Guilford basecamp with optional university style accommodation – there's a fantastic challenge along the famous North Downs waiting for you!

50 KM Challenge Guilford Loop

Saturday 12 July | 7:00-9:00am Start

DISTANCE:

50 km & 830 m

DETAILS:

- ✓ Start: Surrey Sports Ground – Guilford
- ✓ Start times: 07:00 for runners,
07:30 – 09:00 for joggers & runners
- ✓ Finish: Surrey Sports Ground – Guilford
- ▶ Snacks & drinks – every 10-15 km
- ▶ 25 km – picnic lunch & fizzy drinks
- ▶ 50 km – hot meal
- ▶ Finish – glass of fizz, medal & t-shirt

25 KM Challenge Guilford Loop

Saturday 12 July | 7:00-9:30am Start

DISTANCE:

25 km & 530 m

DETAILS:

- ✓ Start: Surrey Sports Ground – Guilford
- ✓ Start times: 07:00 for runners,
08:30 – 09:30 for joggers & walkers
- ✓ Finish: Surrey Sports Ground – Guilford
- ▶ 12 km – snacks & drinks
- ▶ 25 km – finishers meal
- ▶ Finish – glass of fizz, medal & t-shirt

1st Half Challenge - ~25 km 1st Half of 50 km Route

Saturday 12 July | 8:00-9:00am Start

DISTANCE:

24 km & ~600 metres

DETAILS:

- ✓ Start: Surrey Sports Ground – Guilford
- ✓ Start times: 8 – 9am
- ✓ Finish: Milton Court, Nr Dorking
- ▶ Snacks & drinks – every 10-15 km
- ▶ 25 km – picnic lunch & fizzy drinks
- ▶ Finish – glass of fizz, medal & t-shirt

Guildford 10k Challenge Guildford Loop - 10 KM

Saturday 12 July | 10:00-11:00am Start

DISTANCE:

10 km & 233 meters

DETAILS:

- ✓ Start: Surrey Sports Park
- ✓ Start times: 10:00 – 11:00 Runners will set off first,
then joggers & walkers
- ✓ Finish: Surrey Sports Park (10 km)
- ▶ Finish – bookable Finisher's meal, glass of fizz,
medal & t-shirt

Bookable extras

Bookable extras are designed to make the planning for your challenge as easy as possible - providing options for your arriving & leaving arrangements, and are summarised below. As some participant's travel & logistics may involve parking, transfers, and maybe accommodation, please check that the combination you book makes sense!

Accommodation Packages

Surrey Sports Park – MAIN START/FINISH VENUE (0km) – University rooms only

Single room: Accommodation ONLY is available at Surrey University 'halls of residence' on Friday &/or Saturday night – with single room options only. You must bring your own sleeping bag & towel. Accommodation parking & breakfast the following morning is included in your package.

Parking

Limited parking is available at the main venue. If you're not parking at Surrey Sports Park or staying at the accommodation – check that our optional Shuttle Services also work for you.

- ✓ Park your car all day at Surrey Sports Park:
- ✓ Saturday 6am – 10pm
- ✓ Ideal for all challengers starting/ finishing at Surrey Sports Park.

Pre Challenge Transfer

We'll have a regular shuttle service before your challenge from a nearby train station.

Guilford Train Station is the closest rail link to basecamp (it's on the South Western Railway line).

- ✓ Guilford Station > Surrey Sports Park

Post Challenge Transfer

We'll have a regular shuttle service for after your challenge to a local train station.

Ideal for anyone finishing at Surrey Sports Park

To Guilford train station – operating a regular service, although there may be a wait at quiet periods (up to an hour), during the times:

- ✓ Saturday – 12pm (midday) – last train
- ✓ Sunday – 8am (for those staying at the accommodation Saturday night).

Baggage Transfers

There'll be a baggage service to store your bags safely at Surrey Sports Park – for a change of clothes or shoes, extra layers for after your challenge, or those extra post event snacks you can't do without!

Please note the max weight limits – these are strict, and bags will be weighed. Quoted prices are per bag.

Baggage services will be paid in cash/card on the day – and you cannot pre book.

- ✓ Store your bag safely at the start/finish at Surrey Sports Park.
- ✓ For all official Runners (i.e. confirmed as a Runner on entry & dressed as such on the day) – our kit drop service will store a small (10kg max) bag for you to keep safe during your challenge:
- ✓ If you have a 'heavy' bag (or a 2nd bag) – this must be booked in and paid for via the other baggage service options.
- ✓ For 25km Challengers, have your bag transferred from your start at Surrey Sports Park to your finish line in Dorking.



Funding & Cost options

OPTION 1 Self Funding Do It For Yourself

Pay for your place in full. Look forward to a great challenge with no fundraising!

50km CHALLENGE

£139 Fee paid online as
& no fundraising commitment.

25km CHALLENGE

£89 Fee paid online
& no fundraising commitment.

10km CHALLENGE

£39 Fee paid online
& no fundraising commitment.

OPTION 2 Full Sponsorship For Charity

Pay a small Reg Fee & Fundraise for a chosen Charity (who pay for your place)

50km CHALLENGE

£40 Reg Fee & at least
£375 fundraising/sponsorship

25km CHALLENGE

£30 Reg Fee & at least
£275 fundraising/sponsorship

10km CHALLENGE

£20 Reg Fee & at least
£100 fundraising/sponsorship

OPTION 3 Mixed Funding For Charity

Pay for half your place cost & fundraise less for Charity (who pay half of your place cost)

50km CHALLENGE

£75 Reg Fee & at least
£225 fundraising/sponsorship

25km CHALLENGE

£50 Reg Fee & at least
£150 fundraising/sponsorship

10km CHALLENGE

£22.50 Reg Fee & at least
£70 fundraising/sponsorship

OPTION 4 Own Place Charity Fundraising

Pay for your place & fundraise whatever you can for a Charity (with NO cost to them)

50km CHALLENGE

£139 Fee paid online
& fundraise whatever you can

25km CHALLENGE

£89 Fee paid online
& fundraise whatever you can

10km CHALLENGE

£39 Fee paid online
& fundraise whatever you can

Fundraising Deadlines At least 50% of the Sponsorship target (for either the Sponsorship for Charity or Mixed Funding option) should be with your Charity by 3 weeks prior to the Challenge. At this time your Charity will pay a Fee for your place to the Organiser (similar to the Self Funding cost). Failure to meet the 50% target may result in cancellation by your charity. The remaining 50% should be with your Charity 4 weeks after the Challenge.