

Course Descriptions

Overview

The course is based from the Event Village in Cathedral Square. All events start on the intersection of Colombo St and Gloucester St and head north to Kilmore St. All events finish on Colombo St, heading south around the back of the Cathedral to finish on the south side of Cathedral Square.

10k, Half Marathon, Marathon

The 10k, Half Marathon & Marathon have three parts as following:

Loop A - 10k: The 10k, Half Marathon & Marathon all do Loop A (red line on map), anti-clockwise from Cathedral Square, around Hagley Park north, & back to Cathedral Square. The 10k then finishes.

Loop B - 11.1k: This section (black line) heads east, out & back on both sides of Avon River, then back to Cathedral Square. Half Marathon do Loop A & Loop B & then finish. Full Marathon does Loop B twice.

Loop C - 10k: This section (purple line) is done by Full Marathon only & continues further east on Avon River. Full Marathon does Loop A, then Loop B twice. They do Loop C only once, midway through the first time around Loop B.

The Kids' Mara'Fun

The Kids' Mara'Fun will have five different age categories racing over three distances.

All Kids' Mara'Fun participants gather from 12noon beside the Community Police kiosk in Cathedral Square. 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 start line for all races is on the corner of Colombo St & Gloucester St. The finish line will be on the south side of Cathedral Square as per the main events.

The 1k race heads north on the left hand side of Colombo St to a turn-around at the intersection of Colombo St & Kilmore St. They turn here and blend in with the main races to finish heading south on Colombo St, around the back of Christchurch Cathedral to the finish line on the south side of Cathedral Square.

The 2k race heads north on the left hand side of Colombo St, turns right into Kilmore St and heads east to a turn-around at the intersection of Kilmore St & Madras St. They turn here and blend in with the main races, returning on Kilmore St, turning left back into Colombo St and heading south around the back of Christchurch Cathedral to the finish line on the south side of Cathedral Square.

The 3k race heads north on the left-hand side of Colombo St, turns right into Kilmore St and heads east to a turn-around at the corner of Kilmore St & Bangor St. They turn here and blend in with the main races, returning on Kilmore St, turning left back into Colombo St and heading south around the back of Christchurch Cathedral to the finish line on the south side of Cathedral Square.

Course Description - 10k, Half Marathon, Full Marathon

The 10k, Half Marathon & Full Marathon start together at 8:00am, on the north side of Cathedral Square, on Colombo St, and begins with Loop A.

- The route starts heading north on Colombo St, then turns right to follow Kilmore St east for 1k almost to Fitzgerald Ave.
- Just before Fitzgerald Ave, turn left onto Oxford Terrace for an anti-clockwise loop around to Barbados St.
- Turn right onto Barbados St, head north for 100m, then turn left onto Salisbury St.
- The route heads west along Salisbury St, then turns right onto Park Tce & heads north to Harper Ave.
- Turn left over the bridge & follow Harper Ave for approx. 500m. The route then veers left into Hagley Pk, and follows the cycle path anti-clockwise (passing 5k) around the outside of the park to the corner of Deans Ave & Riccarton Ave.
- Continue on the cycle path alongside Riccarton Ave for 400m to the entrance of Hagley Pk Tennis Club.
- Turn left & head north on the Tennis Club driveway for 600m into the middle of the park and around to Victoria Lake.
- With Victoria Park on your right, follow the cycle path east past the lake to exit Hagley Pk at the Armagh St Gates.
- At the Armagh St gates, the route then turns left onto Park Tce & heads north for 500m to Salisbury St.
- Turn right & follow Salisbury St to Montreal St, then veer right & follow Victoria St south, past the Casino, to the intersection with Durham St North & Kilmore St.
- Turn hard left into Durham St North & head north up to Peterborough St, then turn right & head east along Peterborough St to Manchester St.
- Turn right to follow Manchester St south to Kilmore St, where you turn right into Kilmore St & head west back to Colombo St.

- **The 10k event finishes by turning left onto Colombo St for a final 660m south, to the Finish line on the south side of Cathedral Square.**

The Half Marathon also turns left onto Colombo St, but follows it for only 250m & then turns left into Armagh St to do Loop B.

- From Armagh St the half marathon route heads east, passing the 10k mark, to Madras St.
 - The route then turns left & follows Madras St north to Kilmore St, then right into Kilmore St & heads east across Barbados St & Fitzgerald Ave into Avonside Dve.
 - Follow Avonside Dve east for 1.2k around to Retreat Rd, turning right into Retreat Rd, left into Bracken St & back to Avonside Dve, which you follow around to Robson Ave.
 - Turn right into Robson Ave, then left into Maling St, right into Galbraith Ave, left into Robson St, which you follow east to rejoin Avonside Dve.
 - Turn right & follow Avonside Dve south around to Gloucester St & turn left over Gloucester/Gayhurst Bridge & then immediately right into Locksley Ave.
 - The route follows Locksley Ave for approx. 1.5k (passing 15k mark) to McBratneys Rd (16k).
 - Turn left into McBratneys Rd & head west now for 1k, where it becomes River Rd, which you follow for another 1.6k to Glade Ave.
 - Turn right into Glade Ave, then left into Stanmore Rd to cross Stanmore Rd Bridge & turn right into Avonside Dve.
 - Follow the right-hand side of Avonside Dve west for 1.6k, crossing Fitzgerald Ave into Kilmore St.
 - Continue on Kilmore St, switching to the left-hand side of the road after Madras St, then passing the 20k mark, until you reach Colombo St.

 - **The Half Marathon event finishes by turning left onto Colombo St for a final 660m south, to the Finish line on the south side of Cathedral Square.**
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The Full Marathon has continued past 10k with the Half Marathon (on Loop B), turning left into Armagh St to head east past the 10k mark, to Madras St.

- The route then turns left & follows Madras St north to Kilmore St, then right into Kilmore St & heads east across Barbados St & Fitzgerald Ave into Avonside Dve.
- Follow Avonside Dve east for 1.2k around to Retreat Rd, turning right into Retreat Rd, left into Bracken St & back to Avonside Dve, which you follow around to Robson Ave.
- Turn right into Robson Ave, then left into Maling St, right into Galbraith Ave, left into Robson St, which you follow east to rejoin Avonside Dve.
- Turn right & follow Avonside Dve south around to Gloucester St & turn left over Gloucester/Gayhurst Bridge & then immediately right into Locksley Ave.
- The route follows Locksley Ave for approx. 1.5k (passing 15k mark) to McBratneys Rd (16k).
- **At McBratney's Rd (16k) the Full Marathon course does an added 10k lap (Loop C), continuing north on Locksley Ave for 850m to New Brighton Rd.**
- The Full Marathon route continues east on New Brighton Rd for almost 3k to Anzac Dve.
- Turn right over Anzac Dve bridge & then hard right again off the bridge into Hulverstone Dve.
- From Hulverstone Dve, turn left into Orrick Cres, right into Thorness St, left into Cowes St & then right to rejoin Orrick Cres, which you follow to Briarmont St.
- Turn right into Briarmont St, heading north, past the 20k mark, to the end of Briarmont St.
- Turn left into Hulverston Dve & head west for 100m, turn left into Chardale St, then left into Baladin Dve & head south to Waratah St.
- Turn right into Waratah St, then right into Wooley St for 400m to Avondale Rd (21.1k).
- Turn left & follow Avondale Rd south for 400m to Breezes Rd.
- Turn right into Breezes Rd, then left into Cadrona St, which you follow south for 550m.
- At the end of Cadrona St turn right onto Pembroke St to Avonside Dve.
- At Avonside Dve turn left and run 70m south to a turn-around, and run 70m back.
- Continue north on Avonside Dve for 1.1k, then turn right into Alloway St, and then left into Adrossan St, and follow around to Avondale Rd, turning left across Avondale Bridge.
- Then left to follow New Brighton Rd past the 25k mark to Locksley Ave & McBratney's Rd.
- **This is where the Full Marathon rejoins the half marathon course (Loop B), turning right into McBratney's Rd (26k).**
- Follow McBratney's Rd west for 1k into River Rd, which you follow for 1.6k to Glade Ave.
- Turn right into Glade Ave, then left across Stanmore Rd bridge, and right into Avonside Dve.
- Follow Avonside Dve and Kilmore St west for 1.6k, passing 30k mark, to Colombo St.

- **The Full Marathon event then turns left into Colombo St, & then left into Armagh St to do another lap of Loop B only.**
 - From Armagh St the route heads east to Madras St, turns left & follows Madras St north to Kilmore St, then right into Kilmore St & heads east across Barbados St (32k) & across Fitzgerald Ave into Avonside Dve.
 - Follow Avonside Dve east for 1.2k around to Retreat Rd, tuning right into Retreat Rd, left into Bracken St & back to Avonside Dve, which you follow around to Robson Ave.
 - Turn right into Robson Ave, then left into Maling St, right into Galbraith Ave, left into Robson St, which you follow past the 35k mark to rejoin Avonside Dve.
 - Turn right & follow Avonside Dve south around to Gloucester St & turn left over Gloucester/Gayhurst Bridge & then immediately right into Locksley Ave.
 - The route follows Locksley Ave for approx. 1.5k to McBratneys Rd (37k).
 - Turn left and follow McBratneys Rd for 1k west into River Rd for another 1.6k to Glade Ave.
 - Turn right into Glade Ave, left across Stanmore Rd bridge, and right into Avonside Dve (40k).
 - Follow Avonside Dve west for 1.6k, crossing Fitzgerald Ave into Kilmore St, to Colombo St.
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- **The Full Marathon event finishes by turning left onto Colombo St for a final 660m to the Finish Line on the south side of Cathedral Square.**
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Aid Stations

There will be Aid Stations every approx. 5k & will consist of Toilets, First Aid & Drink Station.

Drink Stations will provide Powerade Isotonic energy drink and water, in paper cups. There are no sponges, Coke or bottles.

Full Marathon Special Drinks will be catered for at drink stations from 10k onward. Special Drinks must be marked clearly with race number & the drink station you want them left at. They should be handed in at the Main Marquee by 7:30am on race day.

Aid Station positions are:

- 5.5k Hagley Pk, approx. halfway between Harper Ave & Riccarton Ave
 - 10.5k & 31.5k Madras St
 - 16k, 26k & 37k Corner Locklsey Ave & McBratney's Rd
 - 20.5k Waratah St (Full Marathon only).
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