

Winter Tanners

16th January 2022

Entrant Final Information



We're looking forward to seeing you on the 43rd 2022 Winter Tanners.

Here is the essential information you need to ensure that you and other entrants can safely enjoy the event.

www.ldwa.org.uk/Surrey/W/7524/winter-tanners.htm

Event Safety

We have careful plans to conduct the event to ensure that everyone is **Covid safe**.

- All entrants must cooperate to limit the possibility of Covid transmission or cross contamination.
- You **must not attend the event if you have shown symptoms of Covid**, tested positive for Covid or been in close contact with others with Covid or its symptoms or, for those with covid, are required to remain in isolation.
- **We ask that you take a lateral flow test the day before.**
- Please advise the organiser if **you test positive for Covid within 48 hours** after the event.
- Protective masks are not generally required for outdoor activity but you should carry one so it's available if you have to go into a building (eg to use the toilet) or seek entrant transport. You may prefer to wear one for your own protection if you are confined in a crowd (eg at CPs).

Checkpoint catering and safety

- All entrants taking refreshments **must use the anti-bacterial gel provided** on arrival at each Checkpoint. Please ensure that hands are thoroughly covered.
- Please approach tables in an orderly way and **do not crowd at tables**. Safe serving is going to take longer and some patience will be required. Move away once you have your food and allow other entrants space to distance.
- For drinks **place your mug on the table** and allow the marshal to dispense the drink (and they will add add/stir milk, sugar if required); then remove mug,
- **Do not handle unwrapped food** on the table; any loose food will be handed/placed for you.
- **Please dispose your litter in the bins provided or take it home** (discarding items along the route risks the reputation of the event and landowners refusing use of their land).
- The choice of refreshments may be more limited than previously, but simple safe service is our priority. We are unable to cater for special dietary requirements (safely packed items handed in at registration and labelled with a name and checkpoint number will be taken to the CP).
- There are 2 CPs on the 20 mile and 3 on the 30 mile route with drinks & biscuits/light snacks. Hot drinks should be available at CP3, and the finish (take-away).

Location: It starts and finishes at Mole Business Park, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, KT22 7BA. Grid ref: TQ160565. On the Leatherhead one way system just after going under railway bridge. The event HQ is at Unit 13, MatOrtho. You will be able to park on the Business Park but the latest arriving may use the nearby town centre car parks (free on Sunday); car park marshals will assist entrants.

Starting and event timings? Whilst you can start anytime between 7:30 and 9:30 you must ensure you start such that you do not arrive at CP's before they open or after they close. We suggest fast walkers start after 8.00 and runners after 8.30. All CP opening/and closing times will be enforced. Those arriving early will have to wait; those arriving late may be retired.

Event Timings

Location	Opens time	Closes time	20-mile route mileage	30-mile route mileage
Registration	7.00			
Start	7:30	9:30	0	0
CP1	9.45	12.15	11.5	11.5
CP2	11:45	15.00	-	19.8
CP3	11:30	18:00	18.3	26.8
Finish	12:00	19:00	22.6	31.2

The information above should enable you to calculate your own start time consistent with the CP opening times. ***Published results use elapsed times, if you start too early you may be delayed waiting for CPs to open and your recorded time adversely affected.***

At registration you will be **asked to sign confirmation** that you have read and accepted our [conditions of entry](#), that you are the person registered ('no substitutes'), you have maps/route and mobile number is correct. You may want to bring a clean pen to sign with (otherwise use anti-bac).

After signing, proceed around the one-way system to collect your recording card which will also show the emergency telephone number for the organiser (you will have a new entrant event number different to your Fabian entry number). When ready, leave the HQ as in the route description, go to

the starting marshals where **you must ensure your card is scanned before starting the route** and leaving the business park. Have your card ready for scanning at each CP; it may be scanned at other points around the route.

When do I get the route details? It's a tradition to only publish the route just before the event (remember the **routes are new each year**); following the route is part of the challenge. From on **Tuesday 14th January**; the route descriptions and GPX files will be downloadable from the WT website: <https://ldwa.org.uk/Surrey/W/7524/winter-tanners.html> The route descriptions are in the 'Route' section with a hyperlink to download the route. Please note that any GPX files are provided as support only. **The definitive descriptor of the routes remains the written Route Description.**

What do I need to bring/wear?

- A **drinking mug** to use at each CP.
- **Warm clothing, waterproofs** and footwear suitable for a winter cross country event (*we may undertake a kit check to ensure you are adequately equipped*)
- If likely to be out after 16:30, a **torch**, a fluorescent garment or flashing light for road use (*Previously an entrant was clipped by a passing vehicle which broke its wing mirror!*).
- A copy of the **route description** downloaded and printed from website (weather protected!)
- **Maps:** The routes require Landranger 187 (Dorking, Reigate & Crawley) or Explorer 145 (Guildford & Farnham) and 146 (Dorking, Box Hill and Reigate). Plus a compass!.
- A working mobile **phone** (**tell registration if your number has changed since entering**)

Can I wear light/running clothes?: Yes but if you do (as agreed in the T&Cs) you must not walk/run alone (*if you became incapacitated hypothermia could set in very quickly!*).

If I can't do the WT can someone else take my place?: No, the T&Cs to which you agreed have a 'no substitutions' rule (*Organisers need to pre-set the identity/details of entrants who have accepted the T&Cs through their on-line entry and impersonators will not have agreed to the event T&Cs, nor be properly tracked and the organiser will not have correct emergency information*).

Can I drop out/switch route?: Yes but try to do drop out at a CP or you **must** advise/phone the organiser (number on registration card). You can switch to a different route at registration or a CP by telling the marshal, or, if this is not possible phone the organiser. There is limited capacity to transport those not continuing, this will be prioritised by need. **Before starting, if the weather may be particularly adverse and if you are not fully confident of finishing, you should consider how you can arrange your return if you (alongside many others) feel unable to finish.**

Can I bring my dog on the WT? Dogs are welcome, but following LDWA national guidelines, must meet the T&C's (see [conditions of entry](#)), including keeping the dog under control, detailing insurance cover and registering their dog at the start and reporting any incident to the organisers.

Where can I see the results and my supporters track my progress?: Once started participants progress can be followed online and viewed at www.ldwa.org.uk/results Please don't ask timekeepers for updates, the results pages will be better (and include final results). Most CPs have very limited parking space, supporters may not be able to park. There is an event report later.

What happens if the WT can't be run? : We will make every effort to run the event. Late changes will be on the website (www.ldwa.org.uk/Surrey/W/6505/winter-tanners.html), we will also try to send email updates. We cancelled in 2013 (heavy snow/ice) and aborted last year due to Covid.

What facilities are there at the start/finish? Only those arriving by public transport may leave spare baggage at the start. There are very limited toilet facilities, please go before coming and there is no facility or space for complete wash down at the end. Final refreshments will be take-away.

Can't do the event?: If you can no longer make the event, it's now too late to withdraw; there's no need to advise us, your absence from registration will be noted.

General: All finishing, within time, you will be emailed access to print a certificate. WT cloth badges can be asked for at the end. We reserve the right to retire entrants who are out of time or are failing to comply with WT T&Cs (this means the organisers can no longer consider them as part of the event nor have any responsibility for them).

Have a great day and enjoy your Winter Tanners.

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