

ROUNDHAY 50 FINAL DETAILS

Thank you for entering the Roundhay 50 event. Please enjoy the event – but make sure that you take care and have adequate clothing and equipment for a long event in winter.

Event Centre

The start, finish and mid-point checkpoint are at St Edmund's church hall. GR SE 320 381 Postcode LS8 1JN. Buses from Leeds city centre stop at Roundhay Park (see car park below). It is a circular route, #2 goes clockwise, #12 anticlockwise. The hall will be open from 7.30 am.

Emergency contact number

Phone number 07485004092 – for the event only.

Car park

The car park at St Edmund's church hall is fairly small and is for marshals only. There is a large car park for Roundhay Park on Princes Avenue (GR SE328380, Postcode LS8 2EP) approx. 500m away. This year parking charges have been introduced in Roundhay Park (or will have been by the time of the event – a week too early!). You need to pay between 8am and 8pm. £4 for all day. Maximum stay of 23 hours. No overnight camping. There is also a lot of on-street parking around the church. Please do not park across any drives, and be considerate to the residents.

New Road

The new road – East Leeds Orbital Road, part of the Ring Road (A6102) – opened in 2023 but is not on all satnavs. It does not affect the route at all, but you may wish to use it to get to the event. It links the M1 extension with what was the Ring Road at the edge of Roundhay Park.

Night walking

Please be especially quiet when walking at night in residential areas.

Mandatory kit

The list of kit which everyone should wear or carry at all times is full waterproofs, hat, gloves, fleece top, long trousers, map with route marked on, route description, compass, whistle, mug, emergency food, torch. You should ensure that you have adequate battery power if you are using electronic equipment. There will be a kit check at some point on the event. If you do not have all the kit or it is not deemed to be satisfactory, you will not be able to continue.

Maps

If you are using OS maps then you will need either Explorer 289 or Landranger 104 and a small section of 105.

Fallen trees

There are a couple of places where trees / bushes have fallen down over the path. You can get round them. The first is soon after you enter Temple Newsam (para 1.8). And on the road in Wike (end of para 1.22 on loop 1, 2.15 on loop 2). As this one means you need to go onto the road, we will try to clear it before the event, but please take care.

Route description / gpx files

These are available on the website: <https://ldwa.org.uk/WestYorkshire/W/8591/roundhay-50.html>

You need to print off the route description – there will not be copies at registration. Please stick to the route at all times. There are self-clips on the way round which will be on the route and obvious. There will be a map with the route marked on in the hall. You will need to navigate round the route yourself using the route description and the map. It will not be marked or flagged.

Changes to the route, GPX and route description are as follows:

- A very minor change to the route – on loop 2, at the end of the Meanwood Ridge, you take the middle path not the top path. Para 2.5 on route description. I think some people used it anyway!
- There are changes to the GPX file as the provisional version didn't quite match up to the route description in several places (at the end of each loop and in Temple Newsam going over the little bridge just after Go Ape).

Registration

Registration opens at 7.30am. You will need to collect your tally card and any last minute changes to the route. Hot & cold drinks and toast will be available.

Start times

The main starts are at 8.30am for walkers and 9.30am for runners. A small number of people have asked to start earlier. You will be able to start at 8am if you think that you need the extra time, provided that you fit in with the opening and closing times of the checkpoints below. There will be a marshal just outside the church hall door (or just inside if raining) that you will need to tell if you want to start early. If you are on the later start, please don't register before 8.30am.

Tracking your progress

We will be using PACER on this event. Your friends and family can track you throughout the event on <https://www.ldwa.org.uk/results/index.php> . We will not be scanning barcodes so there may be a short delay.

Checkpoint opening and closing times

Below are the opening and closing times of the checkpoints. NB these are slightly different from in 2023. If you arrive before the opening time, you will not be able to get into the checkpoint. Please don't ask the marshals to be let in early – they will only say no and it will detract from them setting up the checkpoint! If you arrive after the closing time you will be retired from the event and transported back to St Edmund's Church Hall.

Checkpoint	Grid reference	Leg length	Cum distance	Refreshments	Opening time	Closing time
Start: St Edmund's Church Hall	SE 320 381			Hot & cold drinks, toast	Hall opens 07:30	
Temple Newsam car park	SE 359 327	5m	5m	Cold drinks, biscuits	9:15 Sat	10:30 Sat

CP1: Garforth Methodist Church	SE 407 331	6m	11m	Hot & cold drinks, cold snacks	11:00 Sat	12:30 Sat
CP2: Bardsey Village Hall	SE 365 432	10m	21m	Hot & cold drinks, hot snacks	12:45 Sat	16:00 Sat
CP3: St Edmund's Church Hall	SE 320 381	7m	28m	Hot & cold drinks, hot meal	13:30 Sat	19:30 Sat Last time to leave for Loop 2
CP4: Alwoodley Cricket Club	SE 286 400	7m	35m	Hot & cold drinks, hot snacks,	15:00 Sat	23:00 Sat
CP5: Harewood Village Hall	SE 320 452	8m	43m	Hot & cold drinks, hot snacks	16:45 Sat	03:00 Sun
Finish: St Edmund's Church Hall	SE 320 381	7m	50m	Hot & cold drinks, hot meal	18:00 Sat	06:30 Sun

Refreshments

The checkpoints will be well stocked with hot and cold food and drinks. You will need your mugs for drinks. Savoury and sweet food will be provided. We will cater for vegetarians. If you have special dietary requirements, you should provide your own food, which can be transported to the checkpoints by prior arrangement.

There are toilets at Asda in Killingbeck, lots of shops at Halton, toilets in Temple Newsam (at main house and on path to L after Go Ape) before CP1, and between CP1 and CP2 there are small village shops at Barwick in Elmet and Thorner.

Sleeping after the event

You are welcome to sleep in the hall until 6.30am on Sunday, to allow us to clear up and vacate the hall by 7am. There is a separate area, but it won't be very sound proof. Don't drive long distances whilst tired.

Finally....

If you have any questions, please get in touch ASAP. Have a fantastic time and all the very best from the West Yorkshire LDWA Committee and friends who you will be meeting throughout the day [and night].

Madeleine Watson

On behalf of the West Yorkshire Committee.

