

BAILDON BOUNDARY WAY 2025

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When will the next race take place?

A: On Sunday, 6 April 2025.

Q: What time will the race start?

A: At 9:30am.

Q: Is there an age limit for entering?

A: Yes, the minimum age is 17 on race day, so you need to have been born on or before 6 April 2008.

Q: When will entries open?

A: We will be opening entries at 10:00am on Tuesday, 1 October 2024 at racebest.com/races/7r5g3.

Q: When will entries close?

A: Entries close at 6:00pm [18:00] on 5 April 2025, or when 500 entries have been received, whichever is the sooner.

Q: Will I receive a confirmation of entry?

A: Yes. If you don't see it in your inbox, you'll find it in your spam or junk email folder. If it's not there, please email us at baildonboundaryway@gmail.com as you may have misquoted your email address when you entered; we can investigate and correct it if need be. You can also check your entry has registered correctly at racebest.com/races/7r5g3/entries.

Q: Do I need to let you know if any of my details change after I enter?

A: Yes, please email us with details at baildonboundaryway@gmail.com and we will update your entry. We particularly need to know if you have joined/left/changed a running club or if your emergency contact details change.

Q: Will the course be fully marked and marshalled?

A: Yes.

Q: What charities will the race support?

A: We will be supporting the MND Association and Homeless Hampers charities (Registered Charity nos 294354 and 1187729

Q: Will there be an organised recce of the course?

A: Hopefully. We will update this FAQ as soon as we can establish a date; in any event all entrants will be emailed with details.

Q: Are there mile or kilometre markers?

A: There will be markers every mile.

Q: Will there be water stations?

A: Yes, there will be three water stations on the course at approximately 5 miles, 8.7 miles and 10.5 miles. Water will also be available at the finish.

Q: Can I wear headphones?

A: Sorry but no, for your own safety you need to be aware of what and who is around you and to be able to hear instructions from the marshals.

Q: Will refreshments be available?

A: Yes, before and after the race in the clubhouse.

Q: If I miss out on an entry, do you have a reserve/waiting list I can go on to hopefully get a place?

A: Sorry, but we do not keep a reserve/waiting list, however if you email us at baildonboundaryway@gmail.com we will add you to our mailing list and let you know when entries are going on sale for the following race due to take place on 12 April 2026. We will retain your details securely. You can opt out of receiving emails from us at any time by emailing the above address with the word "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject line.

Q: Why don't you have a reserve/waiting list?

A: We accept more entries than we can cope with on the day in the expectation, based on past history, that people will withdraw or not turn up due to injuries etc. If we only accepted the number of entries we could cope with, we would have to disappoint more people.

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Q: If I turn up on the day of the race will I be able to take part?

A: Sorry but no, we do not accept any entries on race day.

Q: Is there a time limit for completing the race?

A: We will have a cut-off time of noon (2 hours 30 minutes from the start time) for you to reach the second drinks station at 8.7 miles. Anyone not reaching that point by then will be offered transport back to the Race HQ. Anyone declining the offer of transport continues at their own risk without marshals or further water stations.

Q: When will I get my race number?

A: We will issue the numbers on the day of the race. You will need to come into the clubhouse at the Race HQ to collect your number. Please allow enough time because the race start is about 1,000 metres (all flat/downhill) from the Race HQ and we cannot deal with everybody at the same time! Numbers will be available from 8:15am.

Q: Can I collect my number before race day and go straight to the start?

A: Sorry but no, for health and safety reasons we need to be certain who is taking part on the day itself.

Q: Can you give me directions to Baildon?

A: From the M606: As you approach the end of the motorway, take the middle or right hand lane signed A6177 Ring Road (East). After the traffic lights follow the road round to the right and take the first exit off the next roundabout following the brown tourist signs for Salts Mill, also signed Keighley (A650). Go straight on at the next 'Asda' roundabout. At the next roundabout, take the first exit onto the A650 still following Salts Mill signs. Continue on the A650. You will pass a retail park on your left, dominated by a Tesco superstore, and numerous car showrooms on both sides eventually passing ACW Garden Centre on your left after about 3½ miles. Continue on this road for a further mile and

Q: Why do you have a race limit of 500?

A: Unfortunately we do not have the parking and toilet facilities to cope with a higher number. We also have to restrict numbers for health and safety reasons because the course is narrow in places.

Q: What do I get when I finish?

A: All finishers will receive a memento. If you are lucky, you may get a 'spot prize'. Water and foil blankets will also be available at the finish.

Q: Are there age category prizes?

A: Yes, we give prizes to the following categories: F35, F45, F55, F65+, M35, M45, M55 and M65+. These will be given out at approximately 12:15pm in the clubhouse. We reserve the right to restrict prizes if there are insufficient entries in a particular category to make it competitive.

Q: Are there any team prizes and if so how are they calculated?

A: Yes, we give one team prize to the first affiliated running club per gender. The club scoring the least number of points by their best three finishers' positions in their gender category shall be the winner. In the event of a tie, the club whose last scoring member finishes nearest to first place shall be the winner.

Q: Will finishing positions and prizes be based on 'gun' or 'chip' time?

A: All positions and prizes will be based on chip times.

Q: Am I going to struggle to find my way round?

A: No, we will have two 'sweepers' who will run just behind the last runner. Our marshals will stay in position until the sweepers have gone past. We may have to withdraw some facilities but the race finish line will remain open and we will be there to record your time, give you a drink and your race memento.

Q: If I enter but can no longer take part, can someone else take my place?

A: Yes, but we will need to know the full

as you cross a bridge the road widens. Move to the right hand lane and you will come to a small upward incline and a set of traffic lights at a T junction. Turn right at the lights following signs to Otley (A6038). You are now in Shipley. Go straight on at four sets of traffic lights and follow signs for Baildon. After two further sets of lights at the Noble Comb pub, the road sweeps round a right hand bend at a traffic light controlled junction. Get in the left hand lane and at the next set of traffic lights (watch out for the filter light) turn left up the hill on the B6151 to Baildon.
From other directions, go to Shipley and then follow the route shown above.

Q: Where is the Race HQ?

A: Baildon Rugby & Cricket Sports Club, Heygate Lane, off Jenny Lane, Baildon BD17 6RS (what3words ///lamp.darker.roke). This is not far from the town centre. From the roundabout in the centre of the town go uphill passing The Angel and Malt Shovel pubs on the right and take the first right, after the Co op car park, into Jenny Lane. The narrow lane that leads to the Sports Club is 270 metres on the left, just as the road sweeps round to the right.

Q: Where will I be able to park?

A: Marshals will be on duty near the Race HQ and will give advice. Car parking is available (free) in the town car parks but if you can car share with a fellow competitor it would help because Baildon is not over blessed with car parking spaces.

Please use one side of the road only for street parking, be aware of yellow lines and avoid blocking driveways. There may be areas of various roads coned by the police who may enforce parking restrictions. If you park in these areas you may receive a fixed penalty notice. These parking restrictions are for everyone's safety.

Q: Are there any electric vehicle charging points near the Race HQ?

A: Yes, there are 6 charging points at the end of the narrow lane that leads to the Race HQ. However we cannot reserve one

details of the replacement runner. You will need to email the following information relating to the replacement runner to baildonboundaryway@gmail.com:

Name

Date of birth

Contact phone number

Email address

Postal address

Running club (if any)

EA number (if any)

Emergency contact name

Emergency contact phone number.

Q: Do you have a cut off date for transferring a place to another person?

A: No, we will accept transfers up to and including race day, but we ask to be advised of any transfer as soon as possible.

Q: If I enter but can no longer take part, and don't know anyone who wants my place, can I have a refund or carry my entry over to another year or can you find a replacement for me?

A: We're sorry but we cannot make a refund or carry your entry over. We do not keep a reserve list either so we cannot find a replacement for you. However, we will keep your details on file and email you with details for the following year's race.

Q: Where can people watch the race?

A: There are a number of possibilities:

Around 1.7 miles in Esholt village where the route goes adjacent to The Woolpack pub. Spectators should approach from Hollins Hill and go down Station Road.

Between about 4.5 to 8 miles the route goes along the canal towpath. Spectators can access this area by walking down Buck Lane (opposite Roundwood Road) which leads to the towpath. Alternatively there is a snicket near J T Atkinson Builders Merchant on Otley Road (almost immediately opposite Midland Road) which also leads to the canal towpath, though you pass an industrial complex first. Another access point is by going down Dockfield Road (next to the Bedsaver shop) and on towards the towpath.

for you; it will be a case of first come, first served. Do remember that local residents may also wish to use them.

Q: How do I find the race start?

A: You will be escorted the 1,000 metres (all flat/downhill) from the Race HQ to the start around 9:10am. Please arrive in good time to collect your race number and to be ready for the escort to the start!

Q: What toilet, changing and showering facilities will be available?

A: Toilets, changing and showering facilities will be available free of charge at the Race HQ. Please note there are no toilet facilities at the start, which is about 1,000 metres from the Race HQ.

Q: Do you have a secure bag store?

A: Sorry, but no. Please lock any change of clothes and valuables out of sight in your vehicle for safety. Any property left in the clubhouse or changing rooms is left at your own risk.

Q: Can I take part with my dog?

A: Sorry, but no. The route crosses private land and the landowners have refused permission; please do not jeopardise the future of the race by taking a dog with you, even on a lead.

Q: How can I find out what the course is?

A: A map and description of the course are available by clicking on the 'Route Map' and 'Route Description' buttons below. The course is the same as 2024.

Q: Why is the race longer than the half marathon distance now?

A: We had to introduce a diversion to the course in 2022 due to construction work on the canal towpath which added extra mileage. This diversion proved popular with runners as it broke up the long rather soulless stretch along the canal towpath. We therefore retained the diversion for the past two years and intend to keep it for the foreseeable future.

The towpath also runs at the back of the Ibis Hotel near the Noble Comb pub in Shipley. Spectators can also see the runners pass Salts Mill on the canal towpath in Saltaire. Either walk through from Roberts Park or from Saltaire Village on the opposite side by going down Victoria Road and over the bridge.

The next best vantage point would be on the moor at around 10 miles where the runners run parallel to the Glen Road then cross near a cattle grid as the Glen Road comes to a T junction with Bingley Road (towards Baildon) to the right and Glovershaw Lane (towards Eldwick) to the left.

Q: What do you spend my entry fee on?

A: Your fee is spent on the costs of organising the race, the provision of first aid facilities, the hire of portaloos, the race mementoes for finishers, the prizes for the category winners etc., the list is endless! After meeting all these expenses we make a substantial donation to the chosen good cause the race supports. All the people involved in organising the race are volunteers and give their time free.

Q: How do you tell us the results?

A: These will be published on the Racebest website shortly after the last runners have completed the race. We will also put a link to the results on our website as soon as possible after the race. We will also email the results to all entrants.