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Primary Schools Races

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Secondary Schools Races

 **Harbour Energy**
5K Race


Stena Drilling
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10K Race



6 Mile Trail Race

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15 Mile Trail Race



Devil of Deeside Challenge



EVENT INFORMATION

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April 2026

A Very Warm Welcome to RUN BALMORAL 2026

As Chair of Balmoral Road Races Ltd since 2006, I have seen many changes at Run Balmoral. But one thing that has not changed is the fantastic support we get from our volunteers, charities, sponsors and Balmoral Estate colleagues in putting on such an amazing event year after year.

Run Balmoral is particularly grateful for another year of support from our two longstanding main sponsors: Harbour Energy (5km) and Stena Drilling (10km). Not only does their financial assistance help us stage a wonderful event year after year, but their runners – young and old – contribute greatly to the family-friendly atmosphere we all enjoy so much.

Many of those young runners will be taking part in our Saturday schools' events: the McIntosh Plant Hire 1.5km Primary Schools Race and the RAM Tubulars 2.5km Secondary Schools' Race. They will also, I hope, find time to enjoy the new activities in our Event Village.

While every event is a challenge in its own right, Run Balmoral features two official 'in race' competitions. Last year TAQA were the victors in the Run Balmoral 5km/10km Corporate Challenge, snatching the title from sponsors Stena Drilling. We are eager to see who will take home the handmade 'stag' trophy this year.



Our other challenge, the John Clark Motor Group Devil of Deeside (requiring the completion of all the adult races), has sold out completely for the first time in the event's history. The final race of the weekend, Sunday's 15 Mile Trail Race, is a key component of 'the Devil', and we welcome Aberdeen solicitors and estate agents James & George Collie as its new sponsor.

We are committed as race organisers to finding ways of reducing the impact of our event on the environment. Last year, we donated over 5000 trees to the River Dee Trust in lieu of distributing finishers' t-shirts. This year, we have brought the event shirts back, by popular demand, but only as optional extras for those who order them. The design of our schools' races t-shirts, which features on the cover of this programme too, was created by the very talented Harry Chalmers (Ellon Academy) as part of a competition to engage youngsters – runners and non-runners alike – in our wonderful event.



This year's finisher's medal is the first in our brand-new series of five mementos celebrating the wildlife of the Balmoral Estate. Given the Estate's tremendous efforts to protect the habitat of these amazing and elusive birds, the colourful capercaillie was the natural choice to feature on our first instalment. Like our event t-shirts, our sustainable wooden medals are designed to have minimal environmental impact.



We are very proud to be able to offer a space for charities to fundraise and promote their good work. This year, we will again be joined by VSA as a gold charity partner and Kayleigh's Wee Stars as a bronze. We are also delighted to welcome Marie Curie UK as a bronze charity partner for the first time.



As always, there will be plenty of fun for all in our Event Village, with children's activities and a range of catering options. Our retail partner Run4it will also be on site, ready to offer expert advice on new kit (or help you replace something you forgot to bring for race day!) And if you see one of our many photographers and videographers, supported by our media sponsor Tidy Green Clean, over the weekend, do give them a smile or a wave.



When everyone in the family has done their races, don't forget that entry to Run Balmoral also includes access to much of the Estate, particularly the woodland walks (weather permitting), gardens, gift shop and restaurant. Sunday's runners will also have access to the Ballroom and Capercaillie Exhibitions – so do plan to spend the day on Deeside when you're here.

On behalf of my fellow board members and directors, I would like to thank you all once again for coming to Run Balmoral. I would also like to wish you the best of luck if you are competing, and hope you and your family and friends have a wonderful time on the Estate this Easter.

James Knowles,
Chairman, Balmoral Road Races Ltd.



SATURDAY,
4TH APRIL 2026



STENA DRILLING 10K

CALL UP 1:30pm RACE START 2:00pm

THE COURSE:

The measured 10km course takes you through some beautiful Highland scenery and will be clearly marked and well marshalled. The early part of the course is relatively fast on smooth tarmac. However, from approximately 3.5km the course rises quite steeply up through the woods of Garmaddie on the estate tracks for approximately 1.2km. "The Hill" is certainly a great challenge, and the views from the summit are truly spectacular. The top of "The Hill" will be clearly marked and will allow you to enjoy the descent, which continues on the estate tracks for approximately 3km. Near the bottom of "The Hill" there is a green footbridge, which needs to be negotiated with care. After this the route descends further and joins the fast, smooth tarmac for the return section back to Balmoral Castle and the final 300m to the finish gantry. We are sure you will enjoy the course, which has been voted by the readers of Runners World as the most scenic road race in the country, but please don't expect a fast time! Have a good run and study the map for further details. You are strongly advised not to wear racing shoes but use a sturdier training shoe with good cushioning instead.

On "The Hill" please keep to the left if you are walking and leave the right-hand lane free for runners.

PRIZES:

First three men and women overall. First man and woman in Vet 40, Vet 50, Vet 60 and Vet 70 categories. First man (standard kilt) and woman (lightweight kilt). See our website for a full list of prizes and conditions. Prize winners will be announced as soon as possible. If you think you may have won a prize please stay until the announcement is made.

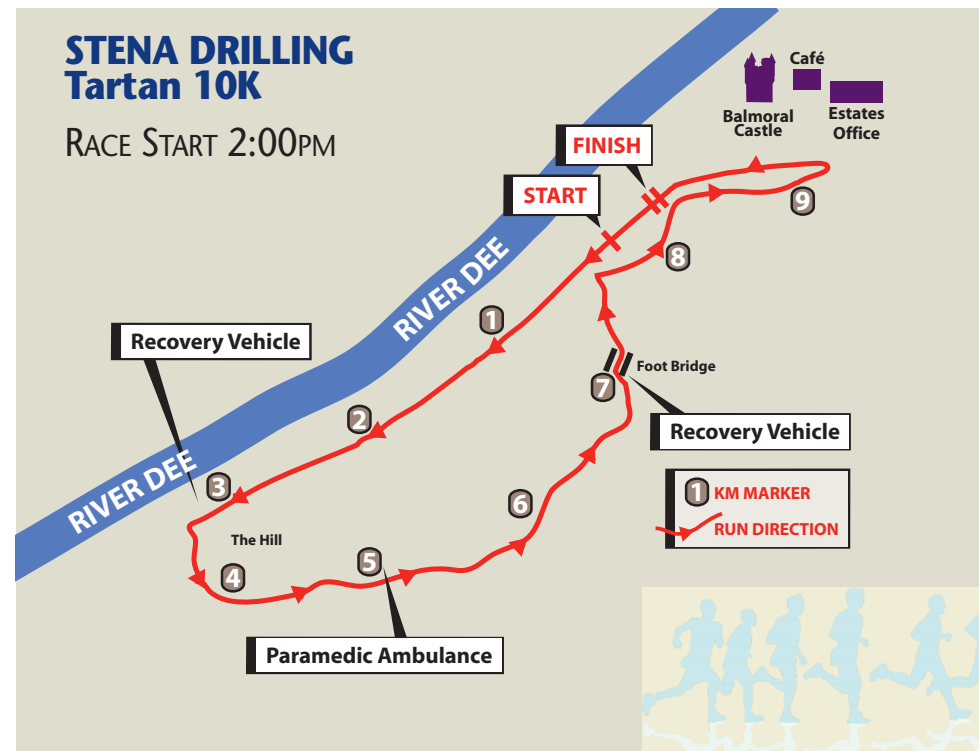
PRIZE GIVING AT 3.30PM AT THE SPONSORS MARQUEE

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RUN BALMORAL 2026

Good luck to everyone participating in the Stena Drilling 10K.





HARBOUR ENERGY 5K

CALL UP 12:00noon **WARM UP** 12:15pm

RUNNERS START 12:30pm

THE COURSE:

The route used for this race is contained within the estate grounds. The race starts adjacent to the cricket pitch and travels west on the road adjacent to the river past West Lodge, through a shared section of road, round a left hairpin, along the top road to M4, straight on to M13, hairpin left to 5 Ways junction, along the road in front of the castle and on to the finish. Lead and sweep vehicles will be in attendance.

PRIZES:

First three men and women overall. First man and woman in Vet 40, Vet 50, Vet 60 and Vet 70 categories. See our website for a full list of prizes and conditions. Prize winners will be announced as soon as possible. If you think you may have won a prize please stay until the announcement is made.

PRIZE GIVING AT 2.15PM AT THE SPONSORS MARQUEE



CELEBRATING

20



YEARS OF COMMUNITY AT RUN BALMORAL

For two decades, we've proudly sponsored the 5k at Run Balmoral. More than a race, it's a moment that brings people together. Colleagues, families, friends, first-timers and seasoned runners, all sharing the same path and the same sense of achievement.

Run Balmoral also delivers real impact, supporting environmental restoration in the Cairngorms and a wider charity programme that strengthens local communities.

At Harbour, we're proud to contribute to the world's energy needs while making a positive difference where we live and work. Our long-standing support for Run Balmoral is part of that commitment.

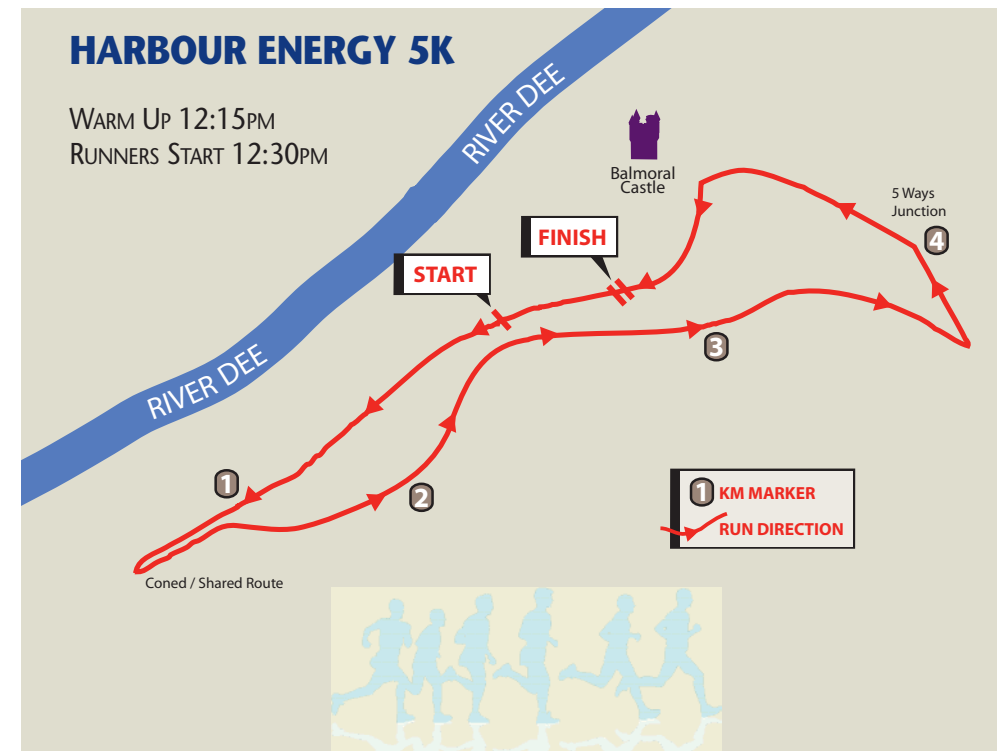
Here's to 20 years of doing good together. We hope you enjoy the event.



HARBOUR ENERGY 5K

WARM UP 12:15PM

RUNNERS START 12:30PM



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RAM TUBULARS SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2.5K

CALL UP 11:30am WARM UP 11.40am RACE START 11:50am

The start is operated by age bands: the oldest at the front, the youngest at the back. Participants will be called to the assembly area prior to the warm-up. Placards will be clearly displayed e.g., 'S1'. You should line up behind the placard indicating the school year that you are in. After the warm-up you will be taken to the actual start line. To keep warm before and after the run wear warm clothing and bring waterproof clothing. If you need an inhaler etc., make sure it is brought with you on the day.

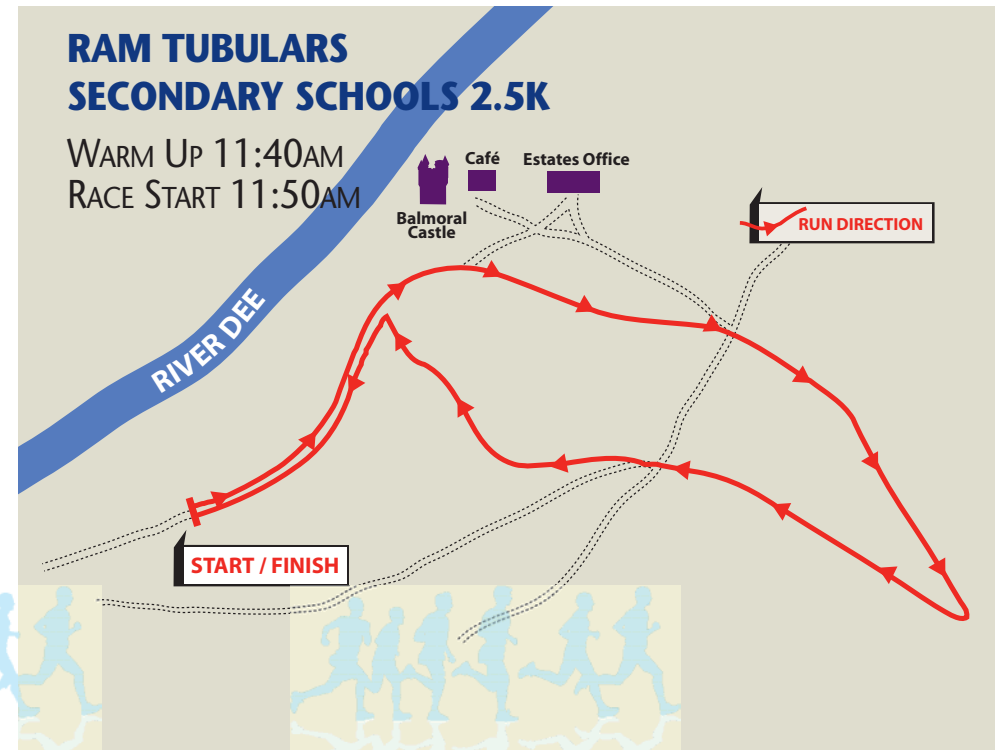
THE COURSE:

The route used for this race is contained within the estate grounds. The distance of the race is approximately 2.5km. The race will start and finish at the main start/finish gantry. Participants then run in front of Balmoral Castle, turn right towards the 5 ways junction, head straight on to East Lodge and M13 then take a right hairpin back to M4, head downhill by the gardens, turn left in front of the castle and go on to the finish. A lead cyclist and sweep runners will be in attendance.

PRIZES:

First three boys and girls. Aberdeenshire Active Schools trophy (for the Aberdeenshire secondary school with the most entrants in this race). Prize winners will be announced as soon as possible. If you think you may have won a prize please stay until the announcement is made.

PRIZE GIVING AT 1.15PM AT THE SPONSORS MARQUEE





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MPH PRIMARY SCHOOLS 1.5K

BOYS CALL UP 10:40am BOYS WARM UP 10.50am BOYS RACE START 11:00am
GIRLS CALL UP 11:05am GIRLS WARM UP 11.15am GIRLS RACE START 11:25am

The start is operated by age bands: Fastest runners on the start line, then the oldest at the front, the youngest at the back. Participants will be called to the assembly area prior to the warm-up. Placards will be clearly displayed e.g. 'Primary 4'. You should line up behind the placard indicating the school year that you are in. After the warm-up you will be taken to the actual start line. To keep warm before and after the run wear warm clothing and bring waterproof clothing. If you need an inhaler etc., make sure it is brought with you on the day.

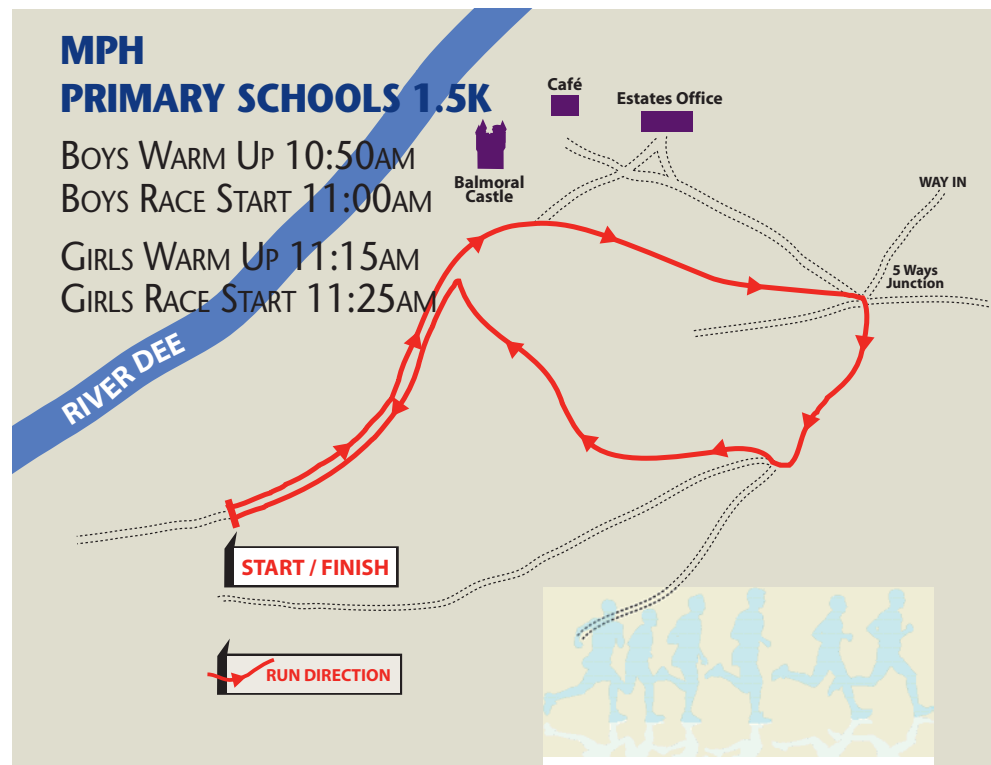
THE COURSE:

The route used for this race is contained within the estate grounds. The distance of the race is approximately 1.5km. The race will start and finish at the main start/finish gantry. Participants then run in front of Balmoral Castle, turn right towards the 5 ways junction, right up the hill to M4, right downhill by the gardens, left in front of the Castle and then go on to the finish. A lead cyclist and sweep runners will be in attendance.

PRIZES:

First three boys and girls. Aberdeenshire Active Schools trophies (for Aberdeenshire primary schools with rolls of 100 & over and less than 100 with the most entrants in this race). Prize winners will be announced as soon as possible. If you think you may have won a prize please stay until the announcement is made.

PRIZE GIVING AT 1.15PM AT THE SPONSORS MARQUEE





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JAMES & GEORGE COLLIE 15 MILE TRAIL RACE

THE START: 1:00pm

THE COURSE:

Starting and finishing on the road adjacent to the cricket pitch, the route follows the banks of the River Dee, past the Deer Park, along by the waterfalls at Garb Allt before circling Ripe Hill to Glen Gelder. Wonderful views of Lochnagar can be seen to the east and a magnificent panorama of the Cairngorms to the west. The route then meanders along open moorland before descending through a pine forest to the River Dee and the finish.

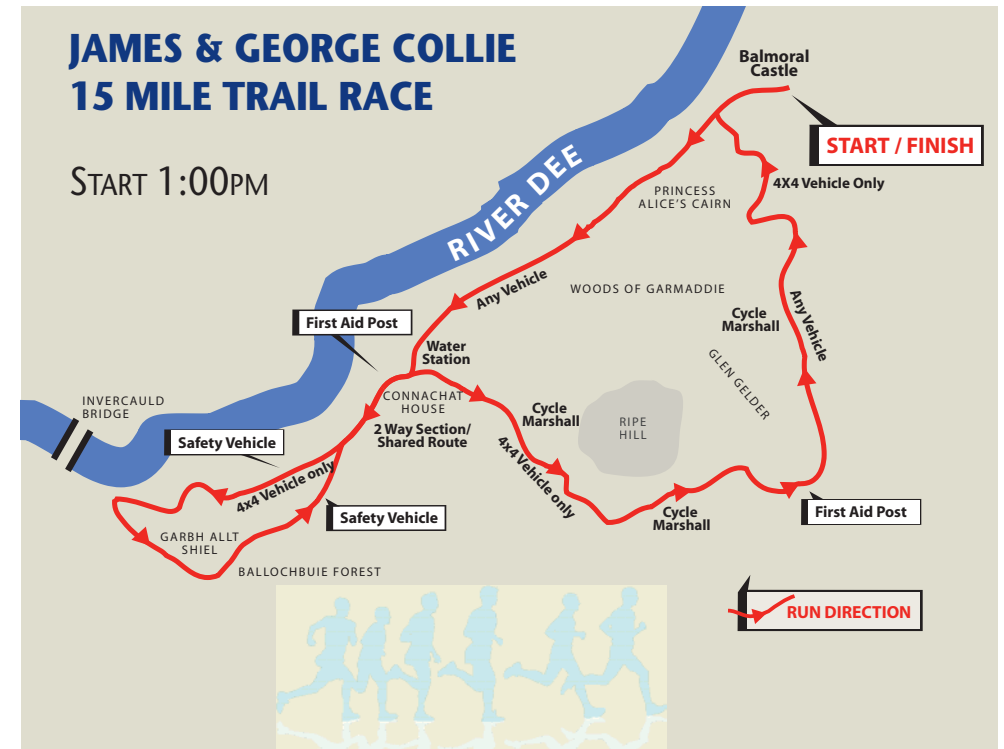
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PRIZE GIVING AT 3.30PM AT THE SPONSORS MARQUEE

JAMES & GEORGE COLLIE 15 MILE TRAIL RACE

START 1:00PM



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RUN BALMORAL 6 MILE TRAIL RACE

THE START: 10:00am

THE COURSE:

The route for this race is contained within the Estate grounds. The race starts on the gravel Target path and travels west to the edge of the main field before turning onto the track to a path which leads to the south bank of the River Dee. Runners continue to the Boat Pool before joining the Lower Estate Road. At West Lodge, runners turn left uphill to Purchase Cairn (but do not cross the green bridge) before descending to the Upper Estate Road, then turn left onto the rough track and continue along to turn right onto the Lower Estate Road. Then then carry on along to the field entrance, then turn left to go back down to the south bank of the River Dee to complete a second loop. After coming down onto the Lower Estate Road for a second time, runners head straight along towards the Castle. The finish is on the path beside the Hospitality Marquee.

PRIZES:

First three men and women overall. First man and woman in Vet 40, Vet 50, Vet 60 categories. See our website for a full list of prizes and conditions. Prize winners will be announced as soon as possible. If you think you may have won a prize, please stay until the announcement is made.

PRIZE GIVING AT 12.00 NOON AT THE SPONSORS MARQUEE





1st Insch Scout Group are happy to continue their long association with Run Balmoral stretching as far back as 2005.

The scout group and explorer unit continue to provide opportunities for youth members to participate in a wide range of activities and camps both locally and wider afield.



2026 sees the group celebrate its centenary during which we plan to hold a number of events to celebrate, culminating with a group camp for all the sections. This year we also have a number of our explorers attending the Blair Atholl International Patrol Jamboree during the summer and are supporting two explorers who have been selected to represent us at the World Scout Jamboree to be held in Poland in 2027. For information on Scouting within Scotland check out www.scouts.scot



RAF Air Cadets is a national youth organisation that was founded in 1941. Now over 85 years old, the organisation offers exceptional opportunities to young adults to participate in a wide range of activities:- flying/gliding , national and international camps, adventure training (walking, rock climbing, canoeing, mountain biking and many more.

The personal development of cadets is high on the agenda for our qualified staff. All cadets going through the organisation can

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There are over 1000 squadrons across the UK with 20 across the north of Scotland. There will be a unit close to you, so why not come along and find out what you can be!

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TIMETABLE OF EVENTS 2026

BALMORAL ROAD RACES LTD RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ALTER TIMES AS REQUIRED

SATURDAY 4th

- 9.00am Car Parks Open
- 10.50am Primary Schools Boys Warm Up
- 11.00am PRIMARY SCHOOLS BOYS START
- 11.15am Primary Schools Girls Warm Up
- 11.25am PRIMARY SCHOOLS GIRLS START
- 11.40am Secondary Schools Warm Up
- 11.50am SECONDARY SCHOOLS START
- 12.15pm 5K Runners Warm Up
- 12.30pm 5K RUNNERS START
- 1.15pm Primary/Secondary School Presentations
- 2.00pm 10K START
- 2.15pm 5K Presentation
- 3.30pm 10K Presentation

SUNDAY 5th

- 10.00am 6 MILE TRAIL RACE START
- 12.00pm 6 MILE Presentation
- 1.00pm 15 MILE TRAIL RACE START
- 3.30pm 15 MILE Presentation and Devil of Deeside presentation

Drone Coverage

Please be aware that in addition to our usual photo/video coverage, there may also be a drone camera in operation.

Devil of Deeside

Devil memento will be handed out at Registration.

EVENT FIRST AID: Paramedics from the Scottish Ambulance Service and first aiders from the Event First Aid Service will be available opposite the finish funnels. Medical personnel will also be in attendance along the route. A doctor and physiotherapists will be located in the First Aid marquee by the finish.

TOILETS: Toilets are available at various locations in the Event Village and also beside the Estate Café .

LOST PROPERTY: Enquiries regarding lost property will be handled from the Information marquee.

INFORMATION: Queries and information about the runs will be dealt with at the information marquee.

EXTREMES OF WEATHER: Please ensure you are properly hydrated and come prepared for the extremes of weather. It may be very warm and sunny, requiring sun cream or conversely very cold and wet requiring warm and dry clothing.

VOLUNTEERS: Over the weekend various local organisations provide personnel to assist with Run Balmoral. Without these volunteers the event would not go ahead. If you have the opportunity please thank them individually for their efforts.

WHAT HAVE I BEEN SENT:

ALL RACES: This pack should contain an event information sheet, 4 safety pins and a race number/timing chip.

YOUR RACE NUMBER/TIMING CHIP: This year, your timing chip is incorporated within the foam strips attached to the back of your race number. Please ensure your race number / timing chip is attached in the correct manner to the front of your outermost layer of clothing. See the back page of this information sheet for full fitting instructions.

DOCTORS ADVICE: If you have not undertaken an exercise programme before, you are strongly advised to consult your doctor for a check up. Don't have any alcohol the night before the race. Alcohol helps to cause dehydration - not good on the start line of a race.

IMPORTANT: Please write in ballpoint pen on the back of your number any medical condition that may be relevant on the day and any special treatment required to assist the medical staff should you encounter any difficulties.

MPH PRIMARY SCHOOLS RACES & RAM TUBULARS SECONDARY SCHOOLS RACE: Note for parent or guardian: As a precaution, please ensure that you put an emergency contact telephone number on the FRONT of the race number.

UPDATES: Please check our website: www.runbalmoral.com for current and updated information.

WHERE IS BALMORAL?

Balmoral Estate is approximately 50 miles West of Aberdeen, just off the A93 in scenic Royal Deeside and can be reached from the South on the A93 (Deeside Tourist Route) via Perth and Glenshee.

CAR PARKING: Car parks for competitors and spectators are located within the Estate and in Crathie adjacent to the A93. Participants and spectators will be free to come and go from the event whenever they wish. Delays may be experienced when exiting from car parks within the Castle Grounds when races are in progress. If possible, please share your transport with your fellow runners and family to reduce the number of vehicles on the day. Allow plenty of journey time, there is only one main road (A93) leading to Balmoral and delays are inevitable. Please be patient. Aim to get to the start and finish line for at least one hour before the advertised start times of your event. There will be plenty to see and do, so make a day of it and get there early. In addition to our normal parking arrangements car park 6 will be used for early leavers and castle visitors. See website for details.

DESIGNATED CAR PARKS: All public car parking for traffic approaching from both Ballater & Braemar is located at Balmoral. For early traffic arriving at the event, parking will be available within the estate grounds. Once the car parks are full within the estate itself the parking will revert to the designated parking outside the estate in the fields adjacent to the Visitor Centre near Crathie Church. Please follow the directional signage, instructions and advice given to you by police and stewards on the day. Parking

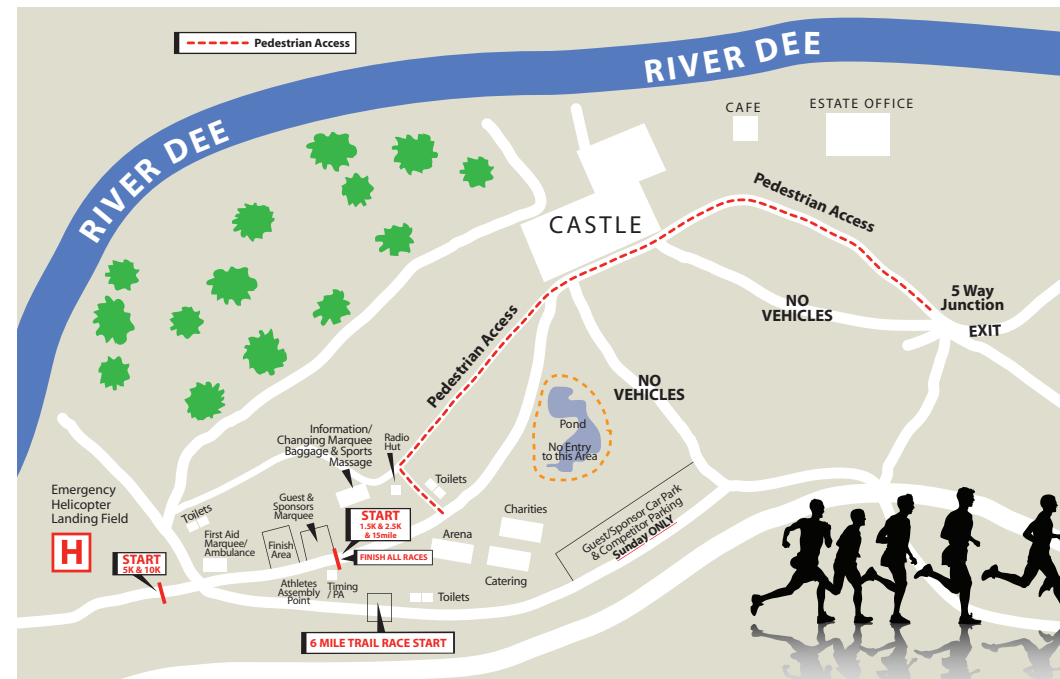
is on grass. Please only park in the designated event car parks and do not park on grass verges. Once you have parked, signs will direct you towards the start & finish areas (25 minute walk approx) or you could take one of our buses operating between the main gate and the Estate office from 9.30am - except when there are races on.

PASS HOLDERS: If you plan to arrive after 10.30am or intend to leave before the finish of the 10K, you are advised to use either car park 2 or 7 - see programme on-line. This will involve a walk to the start/finish area.

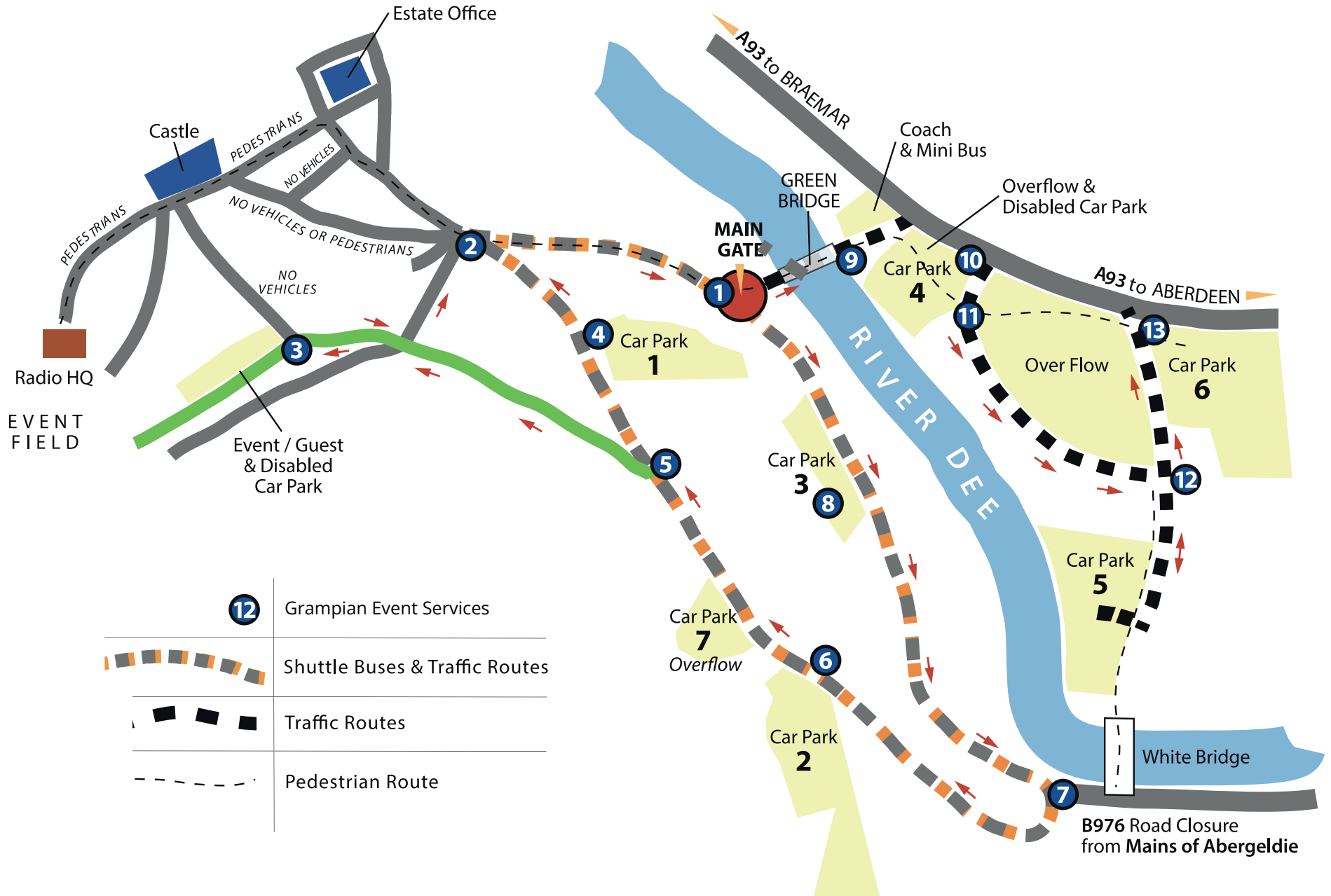
WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE FINISH: ALL RACES: After running over the mat that will activate your timing chip you will arrive in the finishing enclosure where you will receive a medal and children will also receive a goody bag. You can then exit the finish area and rejoin your family & friends.

BAGGAGE: You can leave your baggage with your parents or friends, or deposit it in the changing marquee. Make sure you clearly label your bag so we have a chance of returning it to you. The organisers accept no responsibility for any losses. On Saturday & Sunday Crathie school will operate a safe baggage store at £1 per item.

BALMORAL ESTATE: All runners and their guests receive free access to Balmoral's newly refurbished restaurant, Mews Gift Shop, Estate grounds and woodland walks (weather permitting) on the Saturday plus the Castle Ballroom and Capercaillie Exhibitions on the Sunday.



Car Parking and Traffic Map | 2026



	Grampian Event Services
	Shuttle Buses & Traffic Routes
	Traffic Routes
	Pedestrian Route



The grounds, gardens, Ballroom Exhibition, Restaurant and Mews Gift Shop are open daily from 28 March until 9 August (1000 until 1700, last recommended admission 1600).

The Ballroom hosts a photographic exhibition commemorating the centenary of Queen Elizabeth II, showcasing iconic moments from her life and reign. The centre piece of the exhibition will be the ceremonial robe of the Order of the Thistle, emerging as a commanding presence, its deep green velvet and ancient insignia embodying centuries of ceremony, continuity, and sovereign grace.

The Squirrel Trail, which includes eight interactive stations is also available for all our visitors to enjoy.

Our popular Family Days will be held on Saturday 25 July and Saturday 1 August

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CORPORATE TEAM CHALLENGE

WHO IS GOING TO WIN THE STENA DRILLING-HARBOUR ENERGY CORPORATE TEAM CHALLENGE TITLE?

In 2024 Stena Drilling broke Harbour Energy's domination of the Corporate Team Challenge by picking up the magnificent trophy, made from red deer antler and sycamore wood, for the first time in the competition's 10-year history

Harbour Harriers won in each of the previous two years and celebrated victory on five other occasions under their previous name of Cops and Joggers. The only other winner since 2013 has been Aberdeen Sports Village, who picked up the trophy in 2013 and 2016. We have now added TAQA's name to the list of new winners ... but who else might break the stranglehold Harbour Energy and Stena Drilling have had on the prize so far?

Corporate Team Challenge Previous Winners

2013 Aberdeen Sports Village	2014 Cops and Joggers	2015 Cops and Joggers
2016 Aberdeen Sports Village	2017 Cops and Joggers	2018 Cops and Joggers
2019 Cops and Joggers	2022 Harbour Harriers	2023 Harbour Harriers
2024 Stena Drilling	2025 TAQA	

Team TAQA Celebrate victory in the 2025 Corporate Team Challenge



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Founded in 2004, COTAG is the longest serving 4x4 Response team in Scotland. Established to support emergency services and local communities in times of need, COTAG 4x4 Response serves the Grampian region with a dedicated team of volunteers. Each member has undertaken intensive training in the safe use of 4x4 vehicles and associated equipment, on and off the public highway. All volunteers selflessly give their unpaid time and use their carefully prepared vehicles for the benefit of the Northeast community.

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There's something for everyone in the Run Balmoral 2026 Event Village

From Home Bakes to hog roasts, and from lobster rolls to donut holes, we've got every taste catered for by our food trucks

If the kids still have energy to burn after their races, we've got a great selection of children's activities, including a bouncy castle for the toddlers, a rock climbing wall and a 100ft-long inflatable assault course.

Aberdeenshire Council will also be managing a Family Activity Zone, packed full of family-friendly, inclusive activities designed to encourage movement. There'll be mini-games, reaction challenges, family play sessions, athletics-inspired movement stations and target-based activities like Beat the Goalie.

Ready to play? just pick up a wrist band at the VSA stand for a £5 minimum donation, and play all day

Our popular mini train will again be chugging in to the event village for the young ,and the young at heart. Board at 'Braemar Station' and enjoy the ride! All proceeds from your journey will go to support local youth groups.

All set for your race ... except for the one thing you forgot at home? Run 4 It will be on hand with every race essential, plus lots of fantastic new kit you can treat yourself with after your run.

As if that weren't enough, don't forget that all runners and their guests receive free access to Balmoral's newly refurbished restaurant, Mews Gift Shop, stunning Estate grounds and woodland walks (weather permitting) on the Saturday, plus the Castle Ballroom and Capercaillie Exhibition on the Sunday, making Run Balmoral a perfect day out for everyone this Easter.



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Since its inception 12 years ago, Kayleigh's Wee Stars has raised over a million pounds and helped almost 800 families in Scotland with grants to ease their financial burden so they can spend precious time with their child without the worry of money.

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What we do

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Today, 1 in 4 people don't get the end of life care they need.

We need to inspire people across Scotland to give their all. Thank you for being part of Run Balmoral 2026 and for helping shine a light on the vital work that supports thousands of families across the country.

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The John Clark Motor Group DEVIL OF DEESIDE CHALLENGE

The Devil of Deeside Challenge was introduced in 2017 to mark the 20th anniversary of Run Balmoral and it was an immediate success, capturing the imagination of competitors from all around the country. A growing number of runners have been inspired to take on the challenge in the years since, with the event completely selling out for the first time this year. John Clark Motor Group has, for the second year, taken on the role of title sponsor.

Participants in the Devil of Deeside Challenge have to take part in each of the four races held over the two days of Run Balmoral. They start off with the Harbour Energy 5km and the Stena Drilling 10km on the Saturday, before tackling the Run Balmoral 6 Mile Trail Race and the James & George Collie 15 Mile Trail Race on the Sunday. The winners are those who have the best combined chip times from all the races.

Everyone who enters the contest will receive a limited edition t-shirt and finishers will receive a Devil of Deeside medal in addition to the main individual race medal.



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