



BULLOCK SMITHY HIKE

PRE-EVENT

INFORMATION 2025



Thank you for entering The Bullock Smithy 2025

This is your pre-event pack to provide some final details regarding registration and some minor route amendments. Please read through carefully, and feel free to ask any questions should they arise.

1) Registration

Registration will be at 3rd Hazel Grove Scout HQ between 09:30 and 11:30 on Saturday 6th September.

Address: Adj 2 Macclesfield Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 6BD

You will be given a chip timing wristband which will be used to record entrants electronically through each checkpoint. Wristbands containing an electronic tag will be issued to each entrant prior to the start which must be scanned at each checkpoint. Please ensure that these are not damaged or lost during the event as this will incur a £5 replacement charge. In addition to the wristband all entrants will also receive a tally card which will be punched at each check by the checkpoint staff. The tally card is your personal safety check so please ensure that you keep these safe and have them ready for inspection at each checkpoint. With the electronic we will have 'almost' live checkpoint times available for friends and supporters throughout the event.

Please note - There will be NO entries on the day

2) Car Parking

Please do not park your vehicle at the scout hut, or surrounding housing estates. Please use the Stagecoach Park & Ride Facility (100 metres north down Macclesfield Rd from HQ - Grid Ref: 926 863). This is the car park that is to be used by all entrants arriving by car. The car park is covered by CCTV and is open 24/7. Please do not use the housing estates adjacent to Macclesfield Road i.e. Haddon Road & Chatsworth Road as this has caused annoyance among residents in the past. Please refer to this link if you are still unsure of the parking arrangements. <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ajBGMJ3oMr-YYposdQwXpPhJ-kY&usp=sharing>

If your vehicle exceeds 2.2m in height, please contact us. You won't be able to enter the park and ride.

3) Timings on the day

09:30 - 11:30	Arrive at 3rd Hazel Grove Scout HQ for registration and kit check
11:30	Walk to Devonshire Park (5 mins) to collect Tally Card
11:50	Pre-event briefing in Devonshire Park
12:00	Event starts
10:00 (Sunday)	Awards Ceremony
12:00 (Sunday)	Event officially finishes

4) Bag Drop, Toilets and Refreshments, Accommodation

Bag Drop will be available in the Scout Hut car park, please register first as your entry number will be used to identify your belongings.

Toilets both inside and outside the Scout hut are available throughout the event.

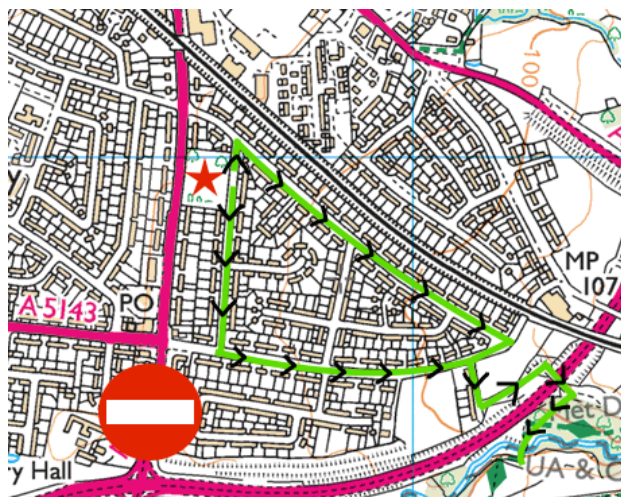
During registration tea and coffee will be provided. Small donations would be appreciated

If you are likely to finish in the early hours, and would rather get some rest before travelling we can offer free camping. At registration, please let us know you intend to camp and we will show you where to pitch your tent. Please bring small tents only.

5) Route Information / Amendments

A) Between THE START and BOWSTONES – reminder (changed in 2019)

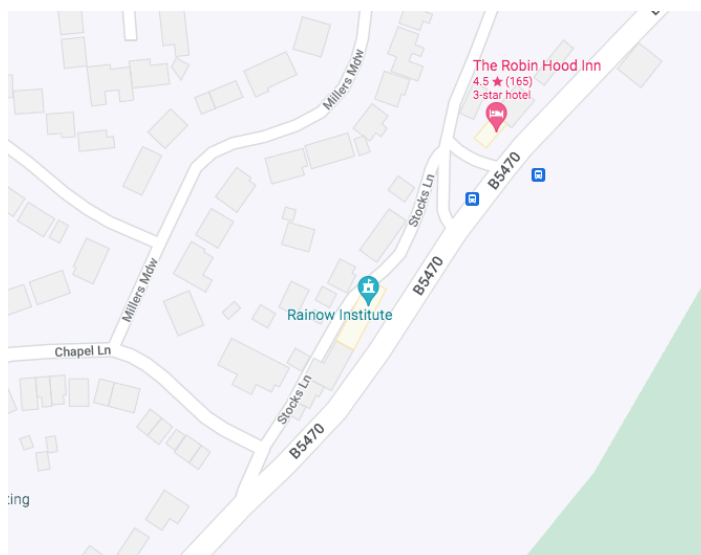
From the start, please exit Devonshire Park through either rear gate onto Devonshire Road and then use either Chatsworth Road or Mill Lane towards Old Mill Lane. Please do not exit the park via the main entrance onto Macclesfield Road as the pedestrian crossing over the A555 is unsuitable for large groups of pedestrians. Please see attached map.



B) Walker Barn (Checkpoint 12) – Reminder (changed in 2022)

Walker Barn is no longer checkpoint 12. Instead Rainbow Institute is our new checkpoint location. Suggested Route and GPX provided is up-to-date.

Below is a map of the checkpoint.



To access the checkpoint, head north-east up Stocks Lane, on the right when the building ends is a ramp and steps that lead to the access door which faces the B5470.

Rainow is in a residential area, please keep noise and conversation to an absolute minimum whilst passing through residential areas including Bollington.

C) Earl Sterndale

In 2024 we moved the location of checkpoint 9 - Earl Sterndale into the St Michaels & All Angels Church. This is also the location of Check

6) Kit Requirements

Please ensure you carry the following kit. To help with the sustainability of our event, we will not be providing plastic cups for drinks. You will be asked at registration to confirm you take liability for having these required items.

- Waterproof Jacket and Trousers
- Spare long sleeve jumper
- Spare Socks
- Maps covering the route (OL1 and OL24) or alternative reliable navigation
- Compass and Whistle
- Torch (and spare batteries, or second torch)
- Emergency rations
- Mug / cup for hot drinks / soup
- Water bottles (1L minimum)
- First Aid Kit (Blister Plasters, Bandage, Dressing tape)
- Foil Blanket / Survival Bag
- Reflective patches or high-vis jacket for night

NEW FOR 2026 - Where possible, we strongly recommend that you have OS Locate or What3Words downloaded on your phone. We have relied on this in recent years to support participants who have got lost or are unsure of their location. Please have downloaded this prior to registration.

HQ - Hazel Grove: `///emotional.transmitted.hills`

CP1 - Bowstones: `///intruders.native.formal`

CP2 - Chinley Churn: `///signal.essay.ramp`

DRINKS - Chinley Drinks Point: `///estimates.they.watches`

CP3 - Edale Cross: `///incensed.squirted.dive`

CP4 - Edale: `///unleashed.caring.stick`

CP5 - Castleton: `///recur.copies.processes`

CP6 - Peak Forest: `///stooping.forecast.flesh`

CP7 - Millers Dale: `///eyeliner.dressy.scooped`

CP8 - Chelmorton: `///firmly.irrigate.twice`

CP9 - Earl Sterndale: `///seashell.dispensed.abolish`

CP10 - Brand Top: `///dose.armrest.carefully`

CP11 - Clough House: `///towel.assures.unzipped`

CP12 - Rainow Institute: `///troll.sharper.scanner`

CP13 - Whiteley Green: `///frogs.befitting.fewer`

7) Retiring during the event

We don't wish it upon anyone, but if you make the decision to retire during the event, please follow the points below. Adhering to these rules will ensure we will not need to start searching for participants, or worse calling the Emergency Services.

- Only retire at an official checkpoint. Do not leave the route via your own transport without visiting a checkpoint
- To retire you must hand your **tally card and wristband** into a hike official at the checkpoint and request to retire from the event.
- You also need to state whether or not you require transport back from this checkpoint. Asking for transport will trigger a chain of communication to ensure a minibus can make its way to pick you up. **Regardless, if you choose to use our transport or not, you must still hand in your tally card and wristband**
- Transport is back to 3rd Hazel Grove Scout HQ only and maybe via a central collection point to ease transportation logistics. Transport can take anywhere between 30 mins to 2 hours (due to these same logistics and you may be shuttled between checkpoints first so please bear with us)
- You **cannot** retire from Edale Cross (Checkpoint 3) as this is not a roadside checkpoint.

8) Entrants under 18 years old

A reminder that any entrant who is under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian throughout the event. If the circumstance arises that the minor, or the parent or guardian, needs to retire then both minor and adult must retire. This is to ensure that the minor is also supervised whilst in the transport back to the HQ.

9) Cut-Off Times

As with previous years, cut-off times at some checkpoints have been stipulated to ensure the safety of all entrants and supporting volunteers. These are based on historical timings for a 24-hour completion if hiking the route. We also have experienced sweepers out on the route to support those individuals who will be closer to these times.

Checkpoint	Name	Cut-off Time
CP5	Castleton	20.00
CP6	Peak Forest	22.00
CP7	Millers Dale	00.00
CP9	Earl Sterndale	02.30
CP10	Brand Top	04.30
CP11	Clough House Farm	06.45
CP12	Rainow Institute	09:00
CP13	Whitely Green	10.00

Thanks for taking the time to read this information. If you have any remaining queries please contact us via bullock.smithy.hike@gmescouts.org.uk

Good Luck!

3rd Hazel Scout Group & Bullock Smithy Organising Team

Appendix 1 – Food and Nutrition at Checkpoints

At each checkpoint different food is available to support you through the event. All checkpoints as standard will have cold drinks, tea and coffee (with the exception of Edale Cross). Below is an outline of what to expect so you can be prepared for the event. There is a chance of some minor changes to this due to availability. Vegetarian options are available where meat products are listed. E-mail bullock.smithy.hike@gmescouts.org.uk with dietary requirement information.

Checkpoint Name & Number	Food and Drink provided
Bowstones (CP1)	Only cold drinks provided
Chinley Churn and Drinks Station (CP2)	Chocolate Biscuit Bars, Crisps
Edale Cross (CP3)	Jelly babies
Edale (CP4)	Rice pudding and fruit
Castleton (CP5)	Jam sandwich, variety of biscuits
Peak Forest (CP6)	Bananas, oranges, crisps
Miller's Dale (CP7)	Soup, bread
Chelmorton (CP8)	Jam doughnut, variety of biscuits
Earl Sterndale (CP9)	Jam sandwich, crisps, Chocolate Biscuits
Brand Top (CP10)	Hot dogs, biscuits, jelly babies
Clough House Farm (CP11)	Soup, cake, cola, banana
Rainow Institute (CP12)	Cheese and onion bites, Bananas, oranges, crisps, jelly babies,
Whiteley Green (CP13)	Bananas, biscuits, jelly babies
Hazel Grove / Finish (CP14)	Full English Breakfast + left overs