



68th WORCESTERSHIRE BEACON RACE 2026

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RUN
EVENTS

Saturday 10th October 2026

Start - **2.30pm** – Rosebank Gardens, Malvern

An all-terrain race over the Malvern Hills – a tough event affording spectacular views!

Not for the faint-hearted and definitely not a fun run!

Runners limited to **250** - Minimum age **16** years

PRE-ENTRY ONLY – no entries on the day - entry closes 7/10/2026

UKA Affiliate members - £16. Unattached + £2 levy - £18

Number collection, toilets, refreshments, etc. at

Race H.Q. – Lyttleton Well, 6 Church St. Malvern, WR14 2AY

Race bib numbers can be collected from 1.00pm – 2.15pm

Please check www.worcester-ac.co.uk for entry list and event updates prior to race day

Please make cheques payable to Worcester A.C. and send entry form to:

Beacon Entries, D. Waldron, 32 Russell Close, Powick, Worcester WR2 4QE - Tel. 01905 831481

On-line entry available via www.worcester-ac.co.uk Cut Here ✂

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clearly in capitals!

Please write
2026

First name: _____ Last name: _____

male/female (at birth): _____ DOB: ____/____/____ Age (race day): _____

UKA affiliated club: _____ URN No: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

E-mail: _____ Contact Tel: _____

ICE contact name: _____ ICE contact Tel: _____

DECLARATION I understand that I run in this endurance event at my own risk and that the organisers and their volunteers will in no way be held responsible for injury, illness, accident or damage sustained or occurred by me as a consequence of my participation in the above event.

I agree to abide by the rules of UK Athletics (available online) and the instructions of the race organisers and their representatives.

I understand my personal data will be passed to UKA for compiling race statistics. For the safety of runners and other users of the Malvern Hills - the use of MP3 devices/earphones at this event are not permitted.

Signature:

Parent/Guardian signature required for entrants below 18 years of age

Fee enclosed: £ _____

Event Information for the 68th running of the “BEACON RACE”

The race is approximately 7 miles and uses tracks and paths on the Malvern Hills; climbing to the highest point at 1395ft. the course provides magnificent views (weather permitting) over Worcestershire, Gloucestershire, Shropshire and Wales. The route is very demanding with some steep ascents and descents over varying, and unstable surfaces. Please ensure you are fit and able to compete in this type of event – **this is not a fun run.**

The event is run under UK Athletics rules – available online.

Race Headquarters – Lyttleton Well, 6 Church St. Malvern, WR14 2AY

Parking – There are a number of fee payable car parks close to the town centre in Priory Road, Victoria Road, Grange Road and Edith Walk. In addition, there are numerous opportunities in the same vicinity for on-street parking. **There is no parking at the start**

Getting to Malvern – Allow plenty of time when traveling from Worcester to Malvern as the road can be congested.

Directions to the Race HQ - At the crossroad traffic lights in the centre of Great Malvern go uphill; Lyttleton Well is on the left-hand side of Church St. adjacent to the entrance of the Priory (NO PARKING).

Directions to the start – Walking time from Race HQ to the Rose Bank Gardens start is approximately 5 minutes. Follow the event arrows uphill from Race HQ; fork left past the Post Office. You will meet the main road (Wells Road, A449) running through the top of the town and will see the start on the far side in Rose Bank Gardens. Take care crossing this busy main road.

Shoes - Good grip, multi-terrain footwear is normal. Surface varies between tarmac, loose gravel paths, and turf. Caution is required on all descents and in wet weather – extreme care!

Clothing - We have been blessed over the years with very good weather and most runners will be happy with normal race kit (vest and shorts), however please be prepared for inclement weather. Hill-top air temperatures will be several degrees below those in the valley (+ wind chill).

Race numbers - All race numbers must be collected from Race HQ on race day.
They must be pinned to the front of your vest and not mutilated, or folded (UKA rule of competition).

Water - We provide water in cups at West Malvern and at the finish.

Toilets – Toilets are located in Race HQ. Public Toilets are in Grange Road, The Malvern Theatres complex, and at the top of Edith Walk (close to its junction with Worcester Road) and at St. Ann's Well.

Refreshments – Home-made cakes and tea/coffee will be available at Race HQ.

Prizes – Prize-giving will commence from 4.00pm at Race HQ.

1st Overall and 1st Team Cups. First three male and female and age category prizes:

Male	M40 - 49	M50 - 59	M 60 - 69	M70+
Female	F35 - 44	F45 - 54	F 55 - 64	F 65+

MP3 players For your safety - by entering this event you agree not to use MP3 players/earphones.

Entry forms, on-line registration and latest race
at www.worcester-ac.co.uk

information can be found

Current course map and description on following page

Est: 1953 Worcestershire Beacon Race 2022



Records:

2001
A. Gardner
Stroud A.C. - 41.35
2002
Kate Goodhead
Gloucester AC - 47.37

2022

NB Section of route has been amended - to avoid a hazard on "zig-zags"

Red marked route = run once

Blue marked route = run twice (opposite directions)

Green marked route = run twice (same direction)

Pink marked route = run three times (once north, twice south)

This is a tough event, but in good weather you will be rewarded with the finest views (of any race), across four counties!

The course uses public paths and tracks on the Malvern Hills. Unless stated otherwise the tracks and paths are rough, with loose gravel and rocks - there may be concealed tree roots. **Caution** is needed on **all descents**, and in wet conditions require **extreme care**.

START to 1: Level macadam path, then grass.
1 to 3: Road crossing, then steep ascent on path - woodland.
3 to 4: Level path - woodland.
4 to 5: Pass St. Ann's and then descent on path - woodland.
5 to 6: Ascent on road.
6 to 9: Undulating on path - woodland.
9 to 4: Steep descent behind St. Ann's.
4 to 10: Level, then descending path - woodland.
10 to 13: Ascent on path - woodland.
13 to 14: Ascent on macadam track to summit - open hillside.
14 to 15: Steep descent on path and grass - open hillside.
15 to 16: Descent, then climb on track - open hillside.
16 to 17: Climb then level track - open hillside.
17 to 18: Undulating on track - open hillside.
18 to 9: Steep descent on track (loose surface).
9-4-3-2-1-Finish: Return on outbound sections of route.

