



HADRIAN HUNDRED 2019 FINAL INSTRUCTIONS.

Welcome to the Hadrian Hundred.

We hope that you will enjoy your weekend. Here are a few notes to help you to make the most of it.

**In an EMERGENCY you can contact Event Control on 07379616005.
Put this number in your phone NOW.**

The Rules

Please read all of the rules for the Hadrian Hundred. You can find them [here](#). You should also read the [Route Description](#) carefully, download a copy and carry it with you. The GPX file and the paper map are only provided as a guide. In the case of any differences, the Route Description will prevail.

Parking

Parking will be at the Queen Elizabeth High School Hexham NE46 3JB. Overflow parking will be at St Joseph's Middle School which is on the other side of the B6305, Allendale Road, about 100 metres walk away.

There will be no parking for visitors on either site.

If you are being dropped off by friends or family they should do so in the bus layby on Allendale Road and proceed to the Wentworth Car Park NE46 3PD (Free Parking, a disc may be required). They can then join you at the start.

Registration

Registration will be at the Queen Elizabeth High School from 7am for those starting before 10:30 am.

Registration for later starters will open at 9am.

Baggage

A single small bag may be deposited in the area provided at Queen Elizabeth High School, and will be transported to the breakfast stop at Dufton. It will then be taken back to Queen Elizabeth High School for collection at the finish.

A numbered tag will be supplied which should be secured to the breakfast stop baggage.

Entrants **MUST** keep this bag within a maximum permitted size of 50 cm x 30 cm x 30 cm and maximum weight 6 kg (13 lb).

Bags may be weighed and measured and bags exceeding the size or weight specified above will NOT be transported. No plastic sacks or bin liners will be accepted, nor items other than those wholly contained within the bag. This includes walking poles.

One additional Bag of reasonable weight and size may also be left at the Queen Elizabeth High School for the duration of the event. A label with the entrant's number will be provided. Any excessively large and or heavy bag will not be handled.

All bags must be collected by 11:00am on Monday 27th May 2019.

The Start

The main start will be at the bandstand on The Sele, part of the grounds of the historic Hexham Abbey, at 10am. You should allow at least 15 minutes to get there from the High School

As there will be a Music Festival on the Sele for the rest of the day, later starts will be from the High School.

You may change your start time at Registration on the day.

Kit Check

You must submit a signed declaration that you will carry all of the mandatory kit before you will be registered.

The Declaration is available on the website and should be printed, signed and brought with you to Registration.

There will be at least one random kit check on the route and you may be asked to produce any of the items on the list.

Food and Drink

We will not be providing any drink containers. You must have your own mug for tea, soup etc.

- Everyone will get a snack pack at checkpoint 1 to eat between there and Haltwhistle. There will only be water at checkpoint 2.
- There is no checkpoint at Cawfield, at the end of the Hadrian's Wall section but water is available at the visitor facility.
- You will get another snack pack at Garrigill to last you until the Breakfast stop at Dufton. There will be no food or water at either Greg's Hut or the Dun Fell Road. **Make sure that you have enough fluids with you before you leave Garrigill.**
- There will only be drinks and light snacks at Birkdale and Watersmeeting. Make sure you get a good meal at Dufton and that you **have enough water with you for the 14 mile walk to Watersmeeting.**
- If you are going through Cowshill during the day, you can get ice creams etc. at Killhope Museum from 10:30am to 5pm as well as topping up your water supply.

There will be vegetarian food available at most checkpoint but this may not be vegan or gluten free and may contain nuts.

If you have a special diet, you should provide your own food, in containers clearly labelled with your name and the checkpoint they are to go to, and we will transport it for you to these checkpoints (approximately every 20 miles)

Haltwhistle
Garrigill
Dufton
Cowshill

Containers should be handed in before 10am on Saturday.

The Meal at the finish will have a vegan and gluten free base.

Toilets

There are toilets at most checkpoints other than

- 2 Sewingshields
- 6 Greg's Hut
- 6B Dun Fell
- 8 Birkdale
- 9 Watersmeeting
- 13 West Greenridge

There are toilets on or near the route at:

- Housesteads Visitor Centre (about 400 m off route)
- The Sill Visitor Centre (about 400 m off route)
- Cawfield Picnic area on route (NY 713666)

Alston Station on route

Killhope Museum on route (10:30am to 5pm only)

Route Issues

The route description and the GPX file for the route follow the Hadrian's Wall Path. Although this follows the best bits of the wall and gives you most of the views, it can get very congested during busy periods, particularly on the steep undulations between Hotbank Farm and Steel Rigg. You may want to make it easier by following the Roman Military Way path a short distance to the south of the Wall. This can be busy as well but is not usually as congested.

Retiring

Yes! we know you are going to make it all the way, even if it takes the whole 48 hours but, just in case, please remember, unless you are seriously injured, only retire at a checkpoint. We will arrange transport back to Hexham from the checkpoint but you may have a significant wait.

This route is in remote and inaccessible countryside. There are long stretches with no phone signal at all and for much of the rest, the signal is weak and intermittent. Make sure that you know how to [use 112](#) to contact the emergency services and that your phone is registered for texts.

Before you leave Garrigill ask yourself "Am I going to make it over the next 16 miles to Dufton?" **If there is any doubt, stay in Garrigill and there will be a bus to pick you up. Once on the Pennine Way, the only way out is to Walk.** If you are really exhausted, you can sleep in Greg's Hut and walk back the next day, **but you will still have to walk.**

It is the same at Birkdale. This is the highest inhabited farm in England. It is on an unmade farm road and we cannot get a minibus up there to rescue you. **Do not leave Dufton unless you are certain you are going to make it over the next 14 miles to Watersmeeting. Once on the Pennine Way, the only way out is to Walk.**

If the Marshals at any of the checkpoints feel that you are not in a fit state to reach the next checkpoint they may ask you to retire. **If you choose to continue you will be asked to sign a disclaimer that you are ignoring their advice and continuing at your own risk.**

After you Finish

There will be food, changing and showers as well as a place to sleep in the School (bring your own bedding). You must be out of the school by 1pm on Monday 27th May.

Supporters, Friends and Family

Friends and family add a lot to the atmosphere of the event and we know how much succour they give when things get tough.

We do have to balance this against the potential for disruption to isolated communities, especially during the night. This is a very busy time of year for hill farmers as well as the large shooting estates. We rely on their goodwill to allow access over the moors and fells of Northumberland and Durham and we want to continue to enjoy these peaceful and remote areas after you have all gone home.

These moors are also the nesting sites for many species of rare birds and May is the peak breeding season. English Nature have agreed not to oppose the Hadrian Hundred passing through here, thanks to the good reputation of the LDWA. Please do not do anything to jeopardise this.

As a participant in the Hadrian Hundred you will be held responsible for the behaviour of your friends and family and action may be taken against you if they are disruptive or inconsiderate.

Here is some guidance for your friends and family who come to support you

- Don't try to park at the High School. Use the Wentworth Car Park NE46 3PD. It is free but you may need a disc
- You can either watch the start or go down to the riverside at Tyne Green. Please don't try to do both. These are narrow busy streets and you will get in the way.
- There is no parking around the Checkpoint at Newbrough. If you want to watch here, go through the village and park on the other side of the stone bridge. Please do not drive up the very narrow road that leads up towards the Hadrian's Wall Path.
- There is very limited access to the Hadrian's Wall Path. You can use the County Council car parks at Brocolitia, Housesteads, Steel Rigg or The Sill, and Cawfield. Please do not attempt to drive up to the checkpoint at Sewingshields Farm. This is a private road and not in very good condition.
- The Car Park at Checkpoint 3, Haltwhistle Leisure Centre is likely to be very busy as the Leisure Centre will still be open. Best to park somewhere else.
- Vehicle access to the South Tyne Trail is again limited but there are several car parks along the way.
- Parking is not easy in Alston. Use the Station.
- Please do not try to park near the checkpoint in Garrigill. Stay on the main road, preferably in front of the church.
- We recommend that supporters do not travel over to the West side of the Pennines. The road up to Dun Fell is a private road. We only have permission to use it for the checkpoint. **Action may be taken against you if your supporters are found to be trespassing on this road.**

- No supporters' vehicles are allowed in Dufton **Action may be taken against you if your supporters are found to be causing congestion or a nuisance in the village.**
- Upper Teesdale is an important nesting site for rare birds as well as being the home of many species of rare plants. We want to keep disturbance to a minimum here. Access to Birkdale is on a private road with a locked gate. Watersmeeting is at the end of a very narrow road. If your supporters want to catch up with you after the overnight section, we recommend that you meet them on the access road to Cow Green only. There is limited parking near the end of the track to Birkdale and you may find toilets at The Cow Green Car Park. Why not call in at the Pub in Langdon Beck for coffee or even lunch while you wait.
- Walkers will be approaching and leaving the checkpoint at Cowshill on the road from Burnhope Reservoir. We recommend that supporters park in the layby on this road.
- After Cowshill the route passes close to Killhope Mine museum. There is a car park here with toilets, a shop and a cafe. Open from 10:30am to 5pm.
- The Allenheads checkpoint is in the hamlet of Dirt Pot. The streets are very narrow and there is very little parking. Walkers will be approaching from Killhope Law on the Carriers Way. Please meet up at the end of this track. There is plenty of parking here and everyone will pass this point on the way in and again after leaving the checkpoint.
- Please do not try to park outside the checkpoint in Allendale Town. There is always plenty of parking space around the Market Place.
- Lastly, please do not try to get to the checkpoint at West Greenridge. You can park at the Racecourse and meet there.
- After you finish, there is unlikely to be any space to park at the school until Monday morning, but you can park on Whetstone Bridge Road.