

Winter Tanners

21st January 2018

Entrant Information



We're looking forward to seeing on the 2018 Winter Tanners. Here is the essential information you need to ensure you safely enjoy the event. It's the 40th year that it has run and we intend that this will be a great day!

Can't do the event?: If you can no longer make the event (or to come off the waiting list) then please withdraw by emailing: support@fabian4.co.uk before midnight on Tuesday 9th January and include the names and entry numbers (from the start list) of the people wishing to cancel. You will get a refund, less costs, credited back to your card, and someone else will be able to use your place.

Where is the event?: It starts and finishes at Mole Business Park, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, KT22 7BA. Grid ref: TQ160565. The event HQ is at Unit 13, MatOrtho. Most entrants will be able to park on the business park but the latest arriving may have to use the nearby town centre car parks (free on Sunday); more location/parking information will be on the route description. Car park marshals will assist entrants to find spaces.

What are the event times? : This is a complex event with common core CPs, with 3 routes (the longest twice the length of the shortest) and faster entrants could go twice the speed of the slowest! The event timings had to be planned to optimise the use of CP's. Whilst you can start anytime between 06:45 and 09:00 you must ensure you start such that you do not arrive at CP's before they open or close. All CP opening/and closing times will be enforced. Those arriving early will have to wait; those arriving late may be retired. Checkpoint opening and closing times have been calculated on the basis of an average speed range of 3mph to 6mph. Darkness, where speeds inevitably drop, has been factored into these times. The finish closes at 22:00.

Event Timings

Location	Opens	Closes	20 mile route mileage	30 mile route mileage	40 mile route mileage
Registration	6:15	8:30			
Start	6:45	9:00	0.0	0.0	0.0
CP1	8:45	11:00	8.7	8.7	8.7
CP2	10:15	13:00	-	14.5	14.5
CP3	11:30	15:00	-	-	22.4
CP4	11:00	17:00	-	18.6	28.8
CP5	11:30	20:15	16.1	25.8	36.1
Finish	12:00	22:00	20.8	30.4	40.1

The information above should enable you to calculate your own start time consistent with the CP opening times. In practice this may well mean that walkers will want to start close to 6:45, on the longer routes, and by 8:00, or earlier, for the 20 mile route. Runners who can move at 6 mph throughout would not start before 8am (9am for the 20 mile route). **Those arriving early at CP's may not be immediately checked in. Published results use elapsed times, if you start too early you may be delayed waiting for CPs to open and your result adversely affected.**

On arrival go to the registration desk to collect your recording card (on which you have a new entrant number different to your Fabian entry number), it will also give an emergency telephone number to call the organiser; when ready to start leave the HQ to follow the route description (and the yellow flashing lights) to the marshals at the start where you must ensure your card is scanned before starting the route. Have your card ready for scanning at each CP; it may also be scanned at other points around the route.

What are the route details? : It has been a tradition on the Winter Tanners to only publish the route about a week before the event (remember the routes are new each year, do not use a previous description). This year the routes will be published on **Monday 15th January**; the route descriptions and GPX files will, from that date, be downloadable from the WT website:

<https://www.ldwa.org.uk/Surrey/W/5100/winter-tanners.html>

The route descriptions are in the 'Route' section with a hyperlink to route download.

Please note that any GPX files are provided as support only. **The definitive descriptor of the routes remains the written Route Description.**

What do I need to bring/wear?

- A drinking mug to use at each CP
- Warm clothing, waterproofs and footwear suitable for a winter cross country event (*we may undertake a kit check to ensure you are adequately equipped*)
- If likely to be out after 16:30 a fluorescent garment or flashing light for road use (*on the last Surrey Tops walk an entrant was clipped by a passing vehicle which broke its wing mirror!*).
- A copy of the route description downloaded and printed from website
- Maps: Landranger 187 (all routes) or Explorer 146 (20 & 30 routes) and additionally 134 (40 route) and a compass
- A working mobile phone (*advise at registration if your number has changed since entering*)
- A torch if likely to finish after 1630

There are some slippery wet chalk descents where some may find a walking pole(s) useful

Can I wear light/running clothes?: Yes but if you do (as agreed in the T&Cs) you must not walk/run alone (*if you became incapacitated hypothermia could set in very quickly!*).

If I can't do the WT can someone else take my place?: No, the T&Cs to which you agreed have a 'no substitutions' rule (*It is fairer for withdrawn places to go to the waiting list, organisers need to pre-set the identity/details of entrants who have accepted the T&Cs through their own on-line entry*). You can withdraw your entry as previously explained.

Can I drop out/switch route?: Yes but try to do drop out at a CP or you **must** advise/phone the organiser (number on registration card). You can switch to a different route at registration or a CP by telling the recording marshal. If this is not possible phone the organiser

What catering will be provided?: There will be 2 checkpoints on the 20 mile route, 4 on the 30 mile route, 5 on the 40 route each providing drinks & biscuits/light snacks. Hot drinks should be available at CP3, CP4 and the finish. Please carry any spare food/drink you think you may need.

Bring your own cup/mug. If you have very specific dietary needs and wish to bring a labelled food pack (name/CP) to registration we will endeavour to deliver it to that checkpoint

Can I bring my dog on the WT? Dogs are welcome, but following LDWA national guidelines, must meet the T&C's (see [conditions of entry](#)), including keeping the dog under control, detailing insurance cover and registering their dog at the start and reporting any incident to the organisers.

Where can I see the results and my supporters track my progress?: Once the WT has started its progress (or that for selected participants), can be followed online and viewed at www.ldwa.org.uk/results Supporters can bookmark this location on a web device. Please would supporters respect the CP timekeepers who have a busy job and not ask them for information; the information on the results pages will be better. Most of the CPs have very limited parking space and supporters following entrants round may not be able to find parking space there. The final results will also be available on that site and, in due course, on the WT website (which will also carry an event report).

What happens if the WT can't be run? : We will make every effort to run the event; the route description includes pre-planned route diversions should there be river flooding. Any late changes will be put on the WT website (www.ldwa.org.uk/Surrey/W/5100/winter-tanners.html) and we will also try to send updates to the email address given in on-line entry. We had to cancel in 2013 (snow/ice made it impossible for marshals to reach checkpoints) but this was a very last resort.

General: If you wish to remind yourself of the T&Cs then see [conditions of entry](#) (hyperlink). You may leave spare kit/bags at the start. There will be hot drinks/biscuits at the end however there are no changing rooms/showers at HQ. All finishing one of the routes, within time, will get a certificate and a specially commissioned 40th commemorative gift. WT cloth badges will be on sale for £2 each. We reserve the right to retire entrants who are out of time or are failing to comply with WT T&Cs (this means the organisers can no longer consider them as part of the event nor have any responsibility for them).

Have a great day and enjoy your Winter Tanners.