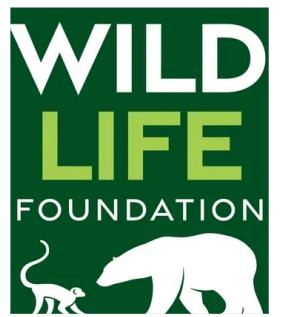


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Sunday, 4 January 2026



Run for Wildlife NIGHT 5k 2026

04.01.26



WAHOO!

We are delighted to be back for our second NIGHT 5k at the fantastic Yorkshire Wildlife Park!

It's a rather amazing 5k running safari at night, talking in all the incredible illuminations!

The team at Curly's Athletes & The Yorkshire Wildlife Park are excited to bring 1500 eager athletes to the amazing venue that is The Yorkshire Wildlife Park! As well as being a fantastically unique place to run, every entry supports The Wildlife Foundation, which is based at the park!

The Foundation have a key aim "to create a better world for wild animals" by creating dynamic communities, who promote, conserve and sustain biodiversity and improve animal welfare." If you would like to find out more, have a look at their website <https://wildlife-foundation.org.uk> or ask one of the team at the park. You can create a just giving page when you enter, or you can visit here to raise sponsorship.

At Curly's, our goal is to promote active lifestyles by providing people with inspirational, fun, great value and professionally run physical challenges. We know the benefits of this to individuals and community are huge; both in terms of physical and mental well-being.

If you would like to look for your next challenge, or find out more about Curly's Athletes, then pop along to our website: <http://www.curlysathletes.co.uk>

This years NIGHT animal theme is the Binturong (or bearcat)!

Our medals, and t- shirts will have them as centre stage!

The WildLife Foundation is an active supporter of a key projects across the globe, so we make sure each event theme helps to support this by raising awareness about our focus animals and helping support fundraising.

Famous for smelling just like fresh popcorn, these adorable creatures can be found amongst the treetops of Himalayan Pass!



Binturong are also known as Bearcats, however they are neither a bear nor a cat! Native to Southeastern Asia, Binturongs are classed as Vulnerable in the wild due to their dramatic population decrease.

They are one of very few mammals with a prehensile tail (used for grasping or holding onto branches).

And yes, binturongs are primarily nocturnal, meaning they are most active at night. They are also crepuscular, showing activity during twilight hours.

They spend their days resting high in the trees and their nights moving through the canopy in search of food (like runners... but not the resting in trees bit!)



Finding the Park

Use the postcode DN9 3HQ for sat-nav directions to the car park entrance. Once you reach the destination, please follow the signs directing you to Yorkshire Wildlife Park car parking.

Vehicle access is NOT PERMITTED via Warning Tongue Lane or Brockholes Lane.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park can be easily accessed by car from the A1 and M1 via the M18. Exit the M18 at Junction 3 and follow signs for the airport. Continue along the Great Yorkshire Way (A6182) until you reach the second roundabout. Take the 1st exit and stay on Great Yorkshire Way for approximately one mile. At the next roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Hurst Lane and continue straight. Once over the railway bridge take the left lane and first exit at the roundabout, follow signs to Yorkshire Wildlife Park car parking. Priority / accessible car parking is also available.

Registration & t-shirts 'KNOW YOUR NUMBER'

Find us in the conference centre building in the Hive - signposted from the car park. You will be able to collect your number on the Sunday (event night!). As you can imagine, with hundreds of runners, it gets incredibly busy at the registration tent, so if you are able to, please come nice and early. **Sunday 15:00 onwards**

At registration, you will be able to collect your number plus pre ordered t- shirts. If you ordered any spectator passes through the Yorkshire Wildlife Park then you can flash your electronic ticket at the gates to gain entry. You can collect pre ordered t- shirts before or after the race. We will have some very limited numbers of t-shirts for sale, priced at £11.

Number collection is in number order, which is based on your estimated finishing time. We call you forward and set you off in number order (fastest predicted fishier first). So at registration **KNOW YOUR NUMBER** to make pick up easier. You can find numbers here: <https://runforwildlife.com/run-for-wildlife-night-5k>

*You are able to collect on behalf of friends or family members, but we may ask for details i.e DOB & postcode and again **KNOW THEIR NUMBER!**

Please note that **there is no bag drop** at this event.

Curly's Shop!

OUR NEW SHOP THAT DOES 'GOOD THINGS' will also be popping up at registration or you can order online and pick up on the day :)
www.runninggifts.com

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the kit we bought to get active also helped others get active - by buying this kit, you'll help us make a start in 'moving with purpose'. When you buy lovely things from us, you're creating micro-grants that help people get active. These are focussed on the local area based on where you collect, but the item from or have the item delivered to (delivery options coming soon!)

When you buy something from us, 10% of the price you pay goes directly into our micro-grants. Which we award locally x We're starting with a specially designed hoodie, a snuggly bobble hat and our snood :)



Waves & event timings

Remember to help as many people take part as possible and join in the fun this year we have two waves taking part. You signed up for one of these waves when you joined the event, you must take part in your allotted wave. We will publish these with your race number on the website ahead of the day.

- Wave 1 17:00 - Open to everyone planning to finish in under 35 minutes. Race numbers 1-800
- Wave 2 17:45 - Open to everyone (which also includes people running under 35 minutes). Race numbers 1000-1800

15:00 onwards - Sunday event day registration

16:40 - Wave 1 - We begin calling people forward from the finish area in the hive down to the start line (around 300m into the park). You are called forward in number order to enable a smooth start (1 first, 800 last)

17:00 - Wave 1 - Your 5k Safari night adventure starts!

17:35 - Final Wave 1 finishers over the finish line

17:35 - Wave 2 called forward to the entrance gates in number order (1000 first, 1800 last)

17:45 - Wave 2 - Your 5k Safari night adventure starts!

18:45-19:00 - Final finisher over the line

19:00 - Age group and overall winners trophies in the conference centre where registration was

19:30 - All done and you can now go into the park along with anyone who has purchased a illuminations/spectators pass for the evening. Runners just need to show their number & medal.

20:00 - Final entry into the illuminations

21:00 - Illuminations close

Arrive with plenty of time and be ready to go from 16:40 wave one and 17:35 for wave 2 in the hive as we call people forward ready to walk down to the start.

What if I haven't finished in the 35 minutes for wave one ? If this happens we may pop you to the side while the other wave moves to the start to ensure everyone can pass through safely.

Things you **need** to know about the event :)

This is a super unique event, working out a 5k route and ensuring we take in as much of the illuminations as possible along with over 3000 people wanting to enter the event was a real challenge!

So we've worked super hard to allow 750 lovely athletes at a time to enjoy this rather unique opportunity... so please take some time to read this section. It is all done to make things go smoothly and make sure everyone gets a great experience. (Not just so we get to nag you ;) ... but we also do enjoy nagging athletes ... so it's a win win!)

Now this isn't a PB course, given the nature of taking in all the illuminations it's wiggly, narrow in spots, busy, and a few sharp turns... but it is super flat and it's an incredible experience!

We've attached a map of the park with key event areas highlighted. It will be manned by our support team, volunteers and well signposted and sectioned off so you shouldn't get lost (and if you do then we will come and find you in the morning ...)

IT'S BUSY - So be nice to others and as a general rule KEEP LEFT on the course. We know it's super tempting to stop and take photos... and once you're clear of the bridge (450 metres) we welcome it, but make sure you check around and behind you before any dramatic stops ... others will probably be wanting to run past :)

IT'S DARK - Well we hope so!!! The course is fully lit but may be darker in some places than others, so if you spend a long time staring at brighter illuminations may impact your low light vision, so take care and make sure you let your eyes re-adjust before you move on if you're stopping to admire / take pics. Curlys and the Wildlife Park team are adding extra lighting into areas to help and our volunteers will also be lighting the way :)

STARTING PROCESS - Right... so we've made as much room as possible for people to enjoy the event, and given the nature of the course we want a nice smooth start and room as people weave their merry way amongst the lovely illuminations.

So to help we are allocate your race numbers in order of fastest predicted times first (from 1 to 800 and then 1000 to 1800 for wave 2) NB: If you haven't filled this out then please visit etchrock.com,

go to your ticket and edit details. We will force out this question at least once before the big day as a reminder :)

We will call through runners in this order (so 1-100 first etc)

Everyone will be lined up at the start in a 'rough' number order and we set everyone off as a rolling start

....this was something we did and learnt during covid to help spread people out, created a great run, less overtaking and made for more room on the route :)

... AND DON'T PANIC, we will just tell everyone what to do on the night

RESULTS & Trophies? ... also don't worry all the age group trophies and finishing times are based on the time you cross the start matt to the time you cross the finish matt :) We will be awarding a 1,2,3 male and female in both waves and then the age group winners are based on net timing across both of the waves.

DINOSAUR LAPS - As you return and at about 3.5k you return to the start area and commence your first loop around the dinosaurs! ... and the first pass you see signs saying LAP2 directing you left and finish directing you right. The first time you see this then go left and go around the Dinosaur loop. The second time you see this then hang a right and follow the signs into the finish !

NO TORCHES - Yup it's a night run ... but **no torches, chest torches, head torches or any other kind of directional light !** We do not want any direct light been shone into animal enclosures. If we see torches we will ask them to be left behind before you start, if you go into course and shine a light into any animal enclosures then we will disqualify your time (sorry!) Glow sticks, Neon paint, Christmas type lights are all ok :) ... if in doubt ... ask :)

KEEP RUNNING UNTIL YOU GET ACROSS THE BRIDGE AFTER THE START (450 metres) - Or we release the Hyena ;) ... Ok so to help keep our flow of runners running then we ask you keep moving until you've crossed the main bridge (its just 450 metres in) ... so no pausing for photos at this bit. Sorry, but this helps us get off to a smooth start... and don't worry, you return back to the same area from 3-3.5k so you wont miss out on any of the lights if you want a selfie.

BUGGIES- Unusual for us, but were advising people not to bring buggies. It is narrow, dark and windy in places, and we have a whole lot of runners taking part. Now were not one for stopping people been able to take apart and join in, we are after all here to get everyone active. But please plan to leave the buggies out of this one :)

Athlete well-being

If you feel unwell or injured then it's your responsibility to make sure you withdraw from the event- please don't put yourself at risk. If you or any of your fellow runners get into difficulty or feel unwell during the event then please speak to any of our volunteers and they can contact our main team (we are scattered through the course) . . . even if you don't want to withdraw, just letting us know you're not feeling great allows us to keep an eye on you :)

- Medics-our expert medical team will be on hand throughout the event and based at the finish and strategically placed on the course.
- Dress for the weather-please ensure you dress appropriately for the weather conditions and always bring a change of clothes for after the event. We do not have kit storage facilities so please leave your belongings in the car or with a spectator (ideally one you know!)
- Water- There will be water at the end of the race in cups, please hang onto your cups as we will also have a re-fill station for you to top up (saves waste x)
- Rubbish-if you decide to run with a water bottle or gel please ensure you bring everything away with you that you take onto the course. We will disqualify anyone for littering, but more importantly we want to ensure no rubbish finds its way into an animal enclosure.
- Warming up-please use the paths alongside the car park road. Do not warm up on the road as this is live traffic and it's dark! **Take care when crossing the park road, as it is open to vehicles**

Spectators & runners visiting the illuminations

Spectators and runners can then access back into the park from 19:30, illuminations close at 21:00. Last entry into the park is at 20:00. This is to make sure the experience of the athletes isn't compromised. We also have some animal and illuminations work to be doing :)

Spectators can however view the runners at the finish and can attend this area free of charge (its in the HIVE... also great for coffees and shopping!) The start line is in the grounds of the park and only runners will be allowed through to the start.

Remember you are near a car park area so be aware of moving vehicles.

You can add spectators here at a discounted rate: <https://www.yorkshirewildlifepark.com/whats-on/special-events/run-for-wildlife-night-5k-spectator-tickets/> We will also have spectator entry available on the day from the Wildlife park ticket booths near our registration.

Spectators with a pass and all runners will then be able to access the park after the run from 19:30 until 21:00 to fully enjoy the illuminations (which are amazing btw!!!) Last entry is 20:00.

Presentations, Photos & Results

At the end of all the running we will be up in the warm conference centre (where registration was) around 19:00

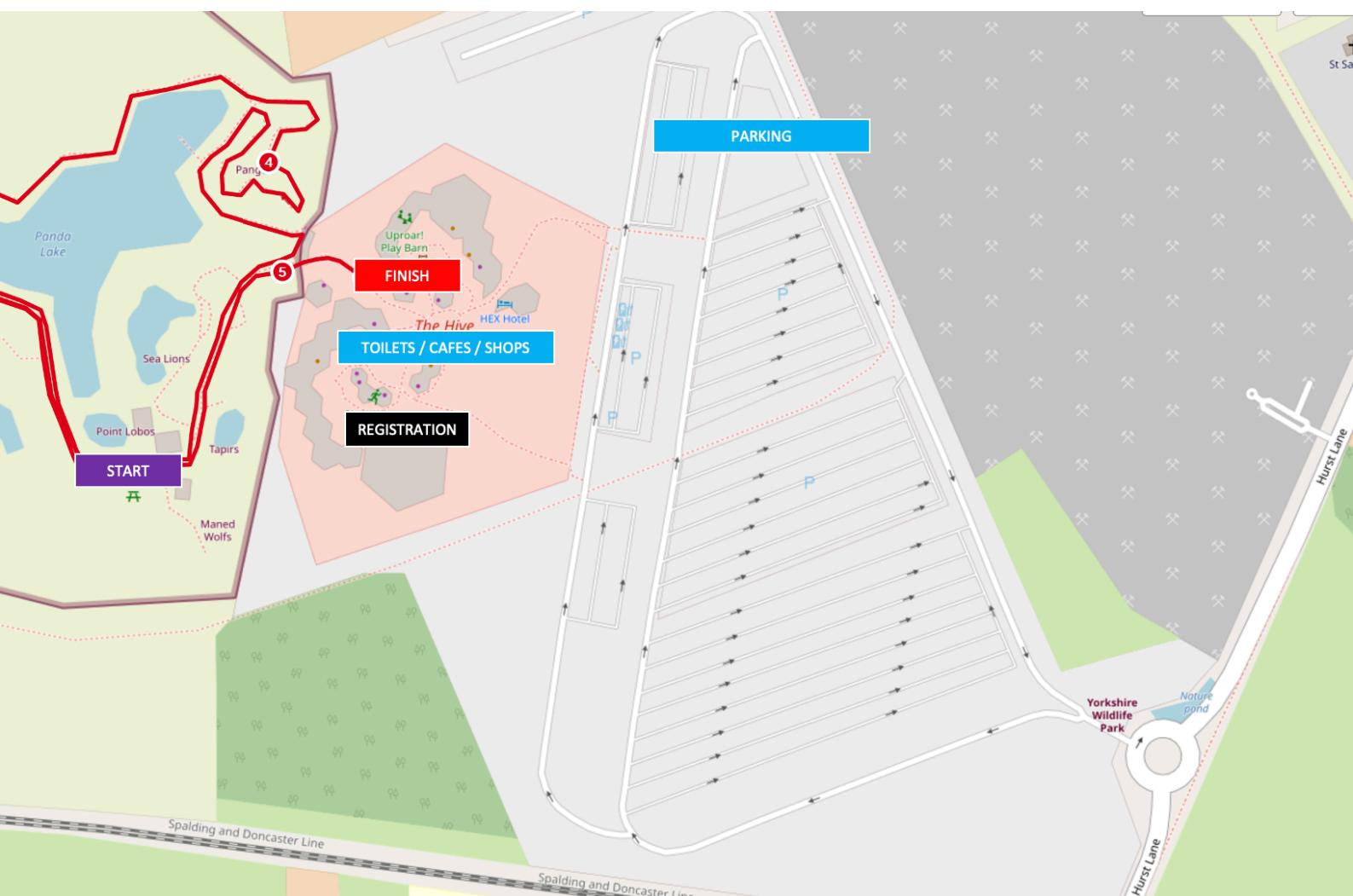
We have 1,2,3 male & female positions in each wave and then age group winners which is across both waves. We have trophies will be giving you all a shout out. Please come along, cheer on your fellow competitors and listen to any news we may have about future events and i'm sure we will have some stories to share from the night.

Photographers will be down on the day. The photos will be shared on Facebook post event and we also encourage you to share your photos throughout the day on our main Facebook page. We will probably have less photos than usual (its dark!!) so please share any self pics!

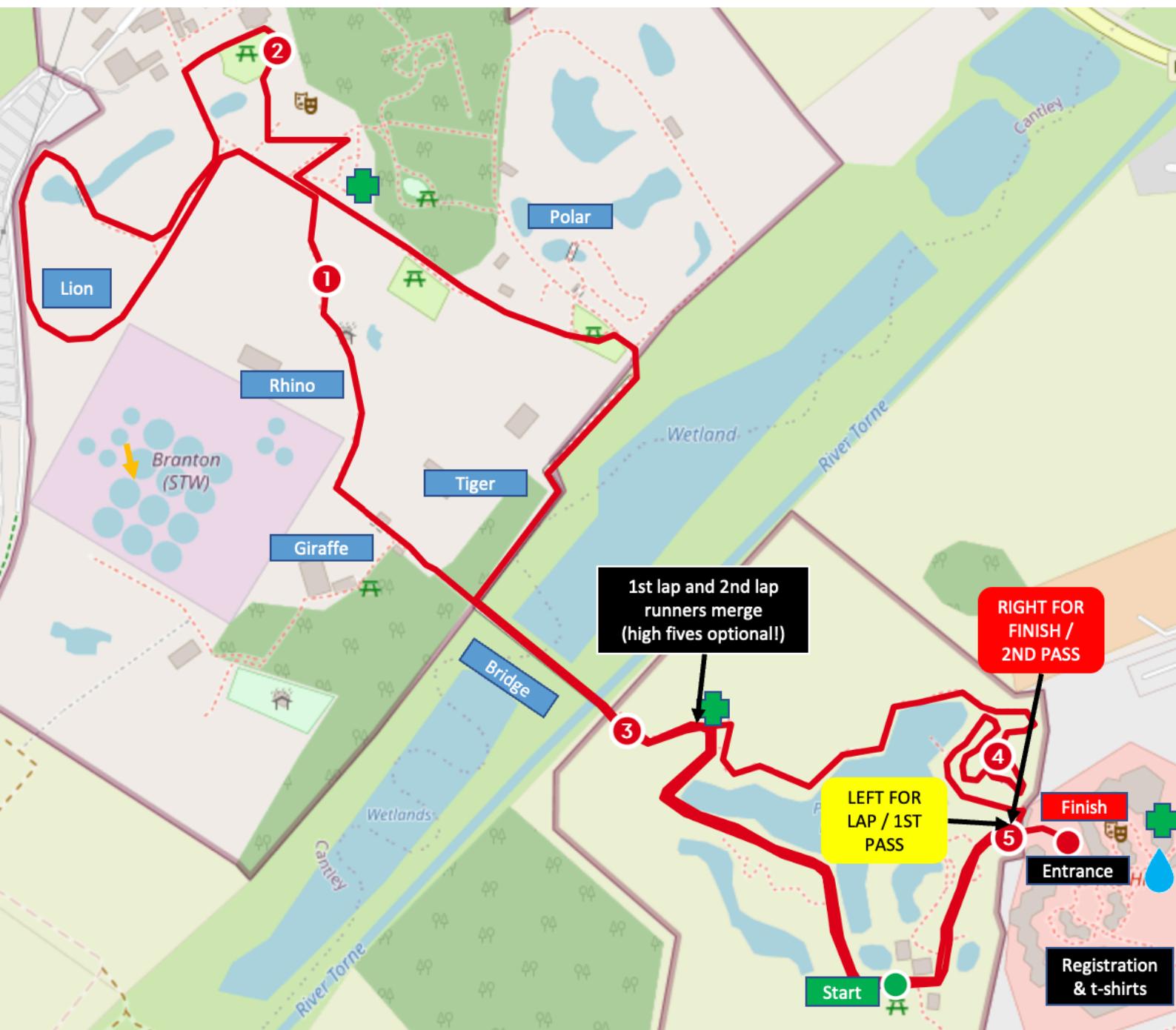
As the event is chip timed we will have the results ready straight after the event and again we will update on Curly's Athlete's Facebook page when their loaded onto our website.

The week following the event we will also e-mail out a summary including a link to the results, any photos and anything else we think you might be interested in from the day so don't worry you wont miss anything!

MAPS!



MAPS! - The 5k route



The LOOP bit detail :)



Ready for your next challenge?

Here's what we have going up next!

- 25th January - Skegness 10k
- 29th March - Normanby Adventure Race (now with a 5k option!)
- 26th April - Run for Wildlife 10k
- 17th May - Big Green Scunthorpe 10k
- 31st May - Doncaster City Half Marathon (in planning)
- 14th June - Woodhall Spa 10k
- 12th July - Normanby Hall 10k (and 3k!)
- 20th September - Woodhall Spa Sprint Triathlon
- 27th September - fitmums & friends Farmrun 10k!
- 4th October -Run for Wildlife 5k
- 11th October - Hedgehog Half Marathon
- 25th October - Brigg Poppy 10k
- 29th November - Doncaster City 10k

Find all our upcoming events here: <https://curlysathletes.co.uk/our-events>

Keep up to date post event: <https://www.facebook.com/curlysathletes/>

It real is an 'experience' 5k, it took lots of planning and work to bring something very special to runners and a massive thanks to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park team ... it may not be the fastest but it surely is one of the most unique in the UK! Look after each other, be patient, be considerate and most of all BE BRIGHT... have fun with the night theme and we will see you at the finish for high fives and cakes!

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

From all of the team at Curly's Athletes & The Yorkshire Wildlife Park we wish you the very best of luck and we will see you on the day :)



Terms & conditions

The Yorkshire Wildlife Park: Terms and Conditions

- Guest that you bring to the park will have restricted access to the park before around 10:00 and are not allowed to take part in the event.
- UK Athletics considers 5k too far for under 11s to "race". So competitors must be aged 11 or over for the main event. We do have a junior fun run event happening after the main 5k for ages 4 and over.

No pets or dogs are permitted into the Park but dogs are permitted in Safari Village, kennel facilities are not provided. Dogs cannot be left in vehicles.

The Park is a non smoking area and smoking is not permitted anywhere within the Wildlife Park. This includes all types of e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

A Smoking Area has been provided in the Safari Village.

Children under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by a adult.

Balls are not permitted in the Safari Village or Wildlife Park.

No barbecues or open fires are allowed in the Safari Village or Wildlife Park.

No bikes, scooters or skateboards are allowed in the Safari Village or Wildlife Park. Bike Racks are provided in the Disabled Car Park and the Safari Village Courtyard - Bikes are left at owners own risk. We do not provide facilities to recharge mobility scooters or electric wheelchairs.

The speed limit in the car park is 15 mph and must be kept to at all times.

Security

CCTV Cameras are in operation throughout the site for the purpose of security and the protection of visitors.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park reserves the right to ask any participant to leave the site should they behave in an inappropriate or unsafe manner.

Digital Recording and Photography

Any photographs, digital images or video recordings made during a visit to the wildlife park may only be for personal use. The sale of photographs, digital images or video recordings for profit can only be done with prior permission. Please contact info@yorkshirewildlifepark.com. The use of Aerial Drones, radio controlled helicopters and UAV devices of any design and configuration is strictly prohibited.

By accepting these terms of entry, you agree that Yorkshire Wildlife Park may use any photographs and/or video or other recordings taken at Yorkshire Wildlife Park for sales and promotional purposes without expressed permission.

Booking Online - Day Pass

Yorkshire Wildlife Park operate an online ticket system which allows you to book for a specific date prior to visiting day. Tickets are only valid on the date for which they were purchased. These tickets are non refundable. The ticketing system can be accessed directly at <https://myaccount.yorkshirewildlifepark.com>. Users of the ticketing system will need a valid email address and an active credit/debit card to make payment. Users will be asked to create an account so that details of the orders placed can be accessed at a later date. The ticketing system can be accessed from mobile devices, smart phones and tablets.

When attending Yorkshire Wildlife Park the Day Pass must be presented at the "Pre-Paid & Annual Pass" ticket Kiosk. This will be sign posted. You can either print out your email receipt or present your smart phone with a copy of the email receipt open on the screen. A member of the Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visitor Services Team will then scan your ticket to validate it.

Booking Online - Special Events

Yorkshire Wildlife Park operate an online ticket system which is used to provide tickets for special events such as (but not limited to) Summer Safari Nights. Tickets purchased for specific events are only valid for those events and will only be valid on the dates specified

on the ticket. These tickets are non refundable and subject to the terms specified for the event.

Refund Policy

Once you have booked a ticket online, you are unable to cancel your order or obtain a refund except for exceptional circumstances.

Refunds are not available for any Experiences, gifts or Annual Pass purchases.

Changes to published Information

Yorkshire Wildlife Park reserves the right to alter the itinerary on any given day due to animal welfare or health issues, but will ensure that if this is the case then the activity will be replaced with another similar task.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park reserves the right to alter dates, times and prices or facilities for any reason without any prior notice.

The management reserves the right to move animals or make alterations or improvements. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Annual Memberships Terms and Conditions

Annual Passes are valid for one full year from the date of purchase unless otherwise specified.

Unlimited use throughout the year on normal days of opening at usual entry times 10.00 - 5.15 Main season, 10.00 - 3.15 Winter season. The Park is normally closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

New Annual Passes cost £55.00 Adult, £50.00 Senior (60+) £50.00 Child (3-15).

Animal Adopters can claim a 10% discount on an Annual Pass, in exchange for the 10% voucher included in the Adoption Box.

Payment can be made by cash, credit, debit cards, online, or by YWP Gift Vouchers.

Annual Pass Gift Vouchers can be purchased, to be activated within a three month period.

Children under the age of 3 get free entry to the Park and so do not require an Annual Pass.

Renewed passes run from the expiry date on the owners' previous card.

Passes must be produced on entry at the Ticket Kiosks and Yorkshire Wildlife Park reserves the right to refuse entry.

Annual Passes cannot be used in conjunction with Education or School bookings.

Annual Passes may be used for free entry to events organised by the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, however, some events may be excluded or have an additional entrance fee applied. Check website for details.

The wildlife park reserve the right to charge for parking during events. Details when appropriate will be included in the event promotion.

Each pass requires an individual digital photograph and this will be taken at the Information Station and stored on our secure system.

Pass holders contact details including name, address, phone number(s) and email address, will be recorded on our secure database, for use only by Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

Pass holders may indicate exemption from recording email addresses, on the Annual Pass application form.

Annual Passes will be available for collection from the Information Station.

Passes are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Expired passes cannot be used for entry to the Park.

Yorkshire Wildlife Park reserves the right to change opening times, dates and facilities without prior notice.

The Park may be closed due to extreme weather conditions.

All visitors to the Park, including Annual Pass holders, are subject to Terms & Conditions as set by Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

Our Visitor Services Team can help with any enquiries. Tel: 01302 535057

Curly's Terms and Conditions of Entry

*Entry amends / cancellations If you wish to amend your entry this must be done 14 days ahead of the event. Log into etchrock.com to update any details, if you're unable to attend the race then you can transfer to another event up to 14 days before. Partial refunds are only available until 28 days before (50%), full refunds are at 90 days ahead of the event. (For those transferring from Aprils it will remain at 50% refund)

You can also buy spectators tickets on the day of the event if you didn't purchases at the time of entry. Our registration team will need to support over 2000 athletes and spectators on the day of the event in a very short timescale so please ensure you check your entry and make sure you have everything correct before the big day. We can add spectators on the day but please try to get this done at the time you enter the race as on race day it will get busy!

- As an adult participating in an Adult event, I declare that I am 18 years of age or over on the day of the event
- As a junior participant under the age of 18 taking part in an event, I declare that a responsible adult has authorised my participation in this event and has read and accepted all the terms and conditions of the race on my behalf.
- I declare that I will not compete in the race unless I am medically fit on the day of the race. If you should test positive for covid, please send details to contact@curlysathletes.co.uk. We will be able to transfer you to next years' event.
- I enter this race entirely at my own risk. The organisers will not be liable for any personal injury or death, no matter how it was caused.
- I accept that the organisers and sponsors of the race, or any of their agents, will not be liable for any loss, damage, action, claims, costs or expenses which may arise in consequence of my participation of this event.
- Any belongings deposited at a bag drop are left at the owner's risk.
- I am fully aware of all associated risks involved with participating in this event
- By entering this race, I give my permission to Curly's, its sponsors, assignees & licensees to use or authorize others to use photographs, motion pictures, recordings, data or any

other record of my participation in this event for any legitimate purpose without remuneration.

- I will listen to and respond to the advice given by race officials and marshals.
- Headphones must not be worn (unless otherwise stated.)
- Event Cancellation: If for reasons beyond the control of the Promoter, including an 'Act of God' due to unforeseen, naturally occurring events that were unavoidable, the event which applicants have entered is cancelled or postponed, the Promoters will issue a full Race Credit to the value of the original entry fee or transfer the applicant's entry to another race/events where requested. Alternatively, if an event is cancelled by the Promoter for non 'Act of God' reasons, the Promoters will offer a full refund.
- In the event of adverse weather or any other prevailing circumstances mean that the race is to be cancelled, details will be recorded on the web site and on the Facebook page.

Our refund policy is as such: We will refund entry costs to the tune of 100% 90 days prior to the event, 75% for 60 days before and 50% up until 28 days before. After this date, we are unable to process refunds.

*Refunds for those transferring is based on the original event date however we will honour the 50% in the lead up to 28 days before the event. The system is set to 50% automatically so if you have entered the event and wasn't transferred then please get in touch so we can apply the correct amount.

By entering this race, I am confirming that I have read and understood the above