

The Cragg Challenge 2026 Information for Participants



Please note there are changes from the last event. The road-closure start time is half an hour later and the order of events has changed. It is important we keep to schedule to fit everything in. Additional instructions for the Oliver Collinge Climb (School relay) will be issued directly to parents, relay registration opens at 8.15am.

THE VENUE

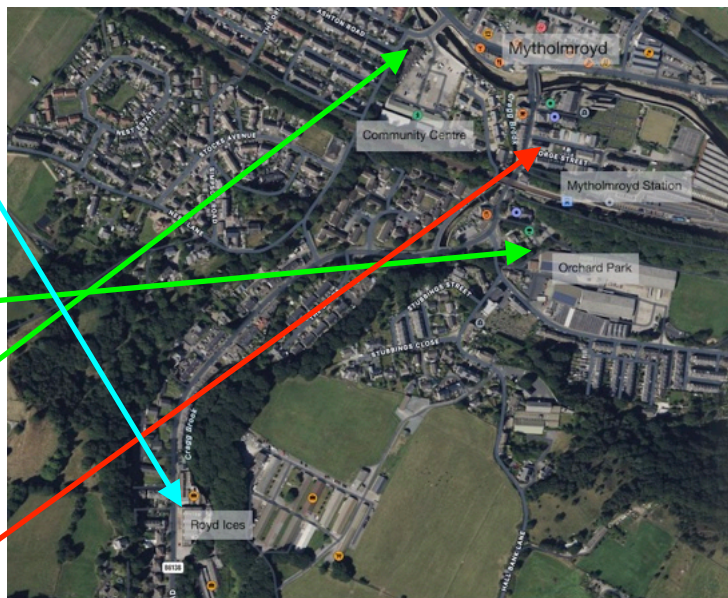
Registration, Race Control and Start/Finish is near Royd Ices on Cragg Road in Mytholmroyd, HX7 5HR (about 10 minutes walk from car parking)

CAR PARKING

There is parking at Orchard Park on Scout Road, HX7 5HZ. **This will be locked at 1.30pm**

There is additional parking (24 hour) at Mytholmroyd Community Centre. **Charges apply**

Please do not use the church car parks as they have services on Sunday morning.



ARRIVING BY RAIL

Mytholmroyd station is about 10 minutes walk from the Start/Finish area. As you come out of the station on to the road turn left and follow the road up to Royd Ices.

REGISTRATION

Please be at the Registration in good time to register before registration closes. Registration will close before your event scheduled start time. (See below). Don't forget to bring a valid ID and proof of registration.

Registration times are:

Cragg 60 Sportive - registration is from 8.15am to 8.40am

- Cragg 35 Sportive starts 8.45am

Cycling Ascent registration is from 8.30am to 9.20am.

- The Cycle Ascent starts 9.30am

Running registration is from 8.30am - *The runs start and end at the Start/Finish line.*

- 10 Mile registration ends at 9.35am, the run starts at 9.45am
- 10K registration ends at 9.50am, the run starts at 10.00am
- 5K registration ends at 10.05am, the run starts at 10.15am
- 1 Mile registration ends at 10.20am the run starts at 10.30am.

Time-Trial registration is from 10.35am to 11.20am.

- The Time-Trial event starts at 11.30am (the start time is dependent on the number of runners still on the road)

PARTICIPANT NUMBERS

Your Participant Number will be allocated on the day, please collect this when you register.

Runner numbers should be pinned to the front of your top (safety pins provided), timing tags attached to your ankle (velcro straps provided).

Cycle numbers including Cragg 60 Sportive should be attached to your handlebars (tie wraps provided), it is important that the marshals can see your number (for the Sportive this will let you through the road closure point at Blackstone Edge). Sportive riders will be issued a GPS tag so we don't lose anybody.

BAG STORAGE

There will be bag storage in a vehicle near the Start/Finish point. The vehicle will be unattended but available if you wish to leave one small, bag. Luggage tags are provided so you can mark your bag with your Participant Number.

TOILETS

There are some limited toilet facilities (including an accessible toilet) at the Start/Finish line as well as near each refreshment station on the course.

THE START

Please make sure you are at the Start/Finish area 5 mins before your scheduled start time. These are:

Sportive:	8.45 am	(assembly by 8.40, additional info for sportive issued separately)
Cycle Ascent	9.30 am	(assembly by 9.25)
10Mile:	9.45 am	(assembly by 9.40)
10Km:	10.00 am	(assembly by 9.55)
5Km:	10.15 am	(assembly by 10.10)
1Mile:	10.30 am	(assembly by 10.25)
Time-Trial:	11.30 am	(assembly by 11.25 additional info for cyclist ascent is at the end)

The runs, Cycle Ascent and Time-Trial are electronically timed using a tag. The Sportive riders are issued with a GPS tag **please ensure you hand back the tag at the end.**

CUT OFF TIME

We anticipate most runners will complete by 11.45 am, after Time-Trial cyclists will be making their ascent (and descent) of the hill, so any runners still on the road should stick to left-hand carriageway. All runners completing by 12.10 will have their time recorded and completion registered.

The Time-Trial cut-off time is 12.10. Please return to the Start/Finish at the bottom to return your timing tag. The road may be re-opened from 12.10 cyclists returning to the bottom need to realise that normal road regulations apply after this time.

THE ROUTE

Except for the Sportive, the route is confined to Cragg Hill, the longest continuous incline in England.

The road is closed for the morning (08.30-12.30) with the only vehicle movements being authorised/emergency vehicles during the events.

All competitors need to stick to the **left hand side** of the road to allow marshal vehicles access and runners coming back down the course.

During the Schools Relay (start by 9.00) there will be two buses tracking the relay dropping off and collecting runners. These buses are clearly marked and slow moving. These buses will be **returning back down** the hill from 9.45 (approx)



You are strongly advised **NOT** to use earbuds or similar which will affect your ability to hear what is going on around you or to be able to respond to instructions from marshals.

THE REFRESHMENT STATIONS

There are 3 Refreshment Stations on the route:

- One near the 2.5 Km point (the turning point for the 5 Km run)
- One near the 5 Km point (the turning point for the 10 Km run)
- One at the 5 Mile point (the turning point for the 10 Mile run at the top)

The refreshment stations will be available for runners going up and down so the 10 Km runners will see 3 Refreshment Stations, and the 10 mile runners 5 Refreshment Stations. There will be water and snacks.

If you take anything away from the refreshment stations can we ask you to carry any litter to the next marshalling point or refreshment station so that they can be immediately cleared up and we don't spoil the enjoyment of the countryside for other users and we don't create choking hazards for grazing animals.

AT THE START/FINISH

There is a performance area at the Start/Finish compered by Calder Valley Radio to play music, provide commentary and issue event related information. The stage will also host live music and prize/medal ceremonies for the schools relay and runners. There are also a number of stalls, from our sponsors and charities here.

MAMIL Cafe Bars are providing an outdoor cafe at the start/finish, serving a variety of hot and cold food and drinks, and Royd Ices will have an ice cream van on-site. We hope you will stay to watch the prize givings and have some refreshments.

When you have finished your event please make sure you have been registered as finished, **hand back your tag** and collect your Participant Medal, don't forget to collect your bag if you have left one at the bag storage. There will be a refreshment station providing water and snacks.

MEDALS AND PRIZES

Every runner will receive a medal to mark their entry into the event. There will be additional prizes allocated at the finish, prize ceremony is scheduled for about 11.15 am. Every rider will receive a memento to mark their completion of the event.

FANCY DRESS

Fancy dress is positively encouraged and there will be a number of photo opportunities for costume and all photos will be available for download in a social media friendly format after the event. (See below)

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

We are making the event photography FREE and we will email after the event with a link to be able to download photographs, these will be available as soon as we have them.

FINALLY

Take care driving home. We hope you have a wonderful day



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE CYCLE TIME-TRIAL

- The start will be individual release.
- There will still be some runners on the hill (coming down), and event vehicles including BikeMarshal motor-cycles. Please keep to the left hand lane (normal road rules) and watch out for runners and spectators.
- The Time-Trial is electronically timed using a timing tag, please return to the bottom to hand in your tag and collect your memento.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE CYCLE ASCENT

- The Cycle Ascent starts at 9.30 am. Release will be small groups of cyclists.
- The timing tag should record your time when you get to the top. In addition, there will be a second clock at the top synchronised to the start to help you record your time for the climb.
- Cyclists returning down the hill need to be aware that there will be runners coming up the hill. Please stick to the left hand side of the road (normal road rules) and watch out for runners and spectators.
- Please return to the bottom to hand in your timing tag and collect your memento.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR THE CRAGG 60 SPORTIVE

- The road is closed up to the top of the hill at the junction with the A58. However there will be event vehicles still moving on the road including BikeMarshal motor-cycles. Please keep to the left.
- The aid station at Mytholmroyd Community Centre is an opportunity to use the toilet and get water, it is self service and there is no check-in.
- You will be given a GPS tracker at registration which will be used to make sure we know where you are. Please return it when you get back to the finish and collect your memento.

Additional event specific instructions and a download link for the .gpx file of the route will be emailed to entrants separately.