



XMILES PRESTON
HALF MARATHON & 10K – EVENT GUIDANCE NOTES
Sunday 27th September 2026

Race Day HQ Location: Winckley Square, Preston, PR1 3JJ

Thank you for entering XMiles Preston Half Marathon & 10k 2026 - we're looking forward to seeing you on race day, please read this document in full to ensure that you have a safe and enjoyable day.

ENTRY CONFIRMATION

All entrants receive an automatic email from the entry system (Resultsbase) confirming their entry and will be included in the list of participants [HERE](#)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Terms and Conditions of entry are clearly stated on the website [HERE](#) and as part of the entry process it is mandatory for entrants to agree to abide by these Terms and Conditions.

SWAPPING OF ENTRIES

Please note that the swapping of entries between participants is strictly forbidden as it invalidates insurance undertaken by Epic Events to cover participants in the event. If you are unable to race, please follow the instructions outlined in the Terms and Conditions above.

EVENT PARKING

We advise that participants and spectators use the following car parks on the day, all car parks are a short walk from Event HQ and the Start/Finish Area;

- Fishergate Car Park, Fishergate Shopping Centre, Preston, PR1 8HJ
- Avenham Car Park, Syke St, Preston PR1 3BN
- Avenham St Car Park, 50 Avenham St, Preston PR1 3BN
- NCP Bull & Royal car Park, Boltons Ct, Preston PR1 3BU

There will be a **BAG DROP** near to the Start/Finish area, but we advise anyone with a car to leave any valuable items in their vehicle – n.b. we cannot guarantee the safety of your possessions/valuables so please ensure that they are locked away

TOILETS

Portaloos will be available within the Start/Finish area in Winckley Square.

REFRESHMENTS & FOOD ON SITE

Crazy Cow Catering will be in Winckley Square and open for Pre and Post-event food and drinks

TIMETABLE & EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday 26th September 2026

- **12:00 – 16:00 Race Pack Collection available at Winckley Square**

Sunday 27th September 2026

- **07:00 Car Parks open**
- **07:15 Registration open for Race Pack Collection**
- **08:50 Half Marathon & 10K Event Briefing in the Start Chute**
- **09:00 Half Marathon & 10K Start** n.b. both distance races will start in waves at the same time. All entrants have been allocated a race wave, please start with your wave.
- **10:00 10K Prize Winners Presentation**
- **11:00 Half Marathon Prize Winners Presentation**
- **11:00 Half Marathon Lap 2 Cut Off** – runners must have started the 2nd lap by this time.
- **13:00 Cut off Half Marathon (4 hours from the start)**

RACE PACK COLLECTION

Race Pack collection for both the **Half Marathon & 10K** will open from **07:15hrs until 08:45hrs**.

We are also offering the opportunity to collect Race Packs on Saturday 26th between 12:00 and 16:00 which will help with a more leisurely start to Sunday morning for runners.

PLEASE NOTE All entrants that entered before 9th September will receive race numbers with timing chip attached in the post. **RUNNERS THAT HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THEIR RACE NUMBER IN THE POST OR COLLECTED ON SATURDAY DO NOT NEED TO GO TO RACE PACK COLLECTION ON SUNDAY – PLEASE HEAD STRAIGHT TO THE START.**

Any Runners that have entered prior to 9th September and have not received their race number by race day – please come to Race Pack Collection and make yourself known to the team leader who will issue a replacement number n.b. **Race Pack Collection is Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning only.**

Race Pack Collection will be **extremely busy** so please allow extra time to ensure to get through the process stress free – we recommend arriving at **least 60 minutes** prior to the race briefing time. Race Pack Collection will take place within the large blue gazebo in Winckley Square and will be split into Half Marathon & 10k queues, there will be marshals to ensure runners are in the correct queue.

Participants are required to show PHOTO ID to collect race numbers – no ID will mean no Race Number can be collected and no Race.



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A promotional graphic for the XMiles app. On the left, the XMiles logo is shown in white on a dark blue background. Below it, the text 'The XMiles App is here' is followed by 'Download today & fuel your next race with confidence'. A horizontal line separates this text from the image of a smartphone on the right. The smartphone screen shows the time 9:41, the XMiles app icon, a calendar icon showing 'MON 6', and a mail icon.

EVENT T-SHIRTS

If runners have pre-ordered Event T-shirts they will have already been posted out direct from our event partners at Scimitar but there is still an opportunity to order one of our Epic Half Marathon or 10k custom Event T shirts for delivery after the event by [CLICKING HERE](#) – n.b. T shirts can be ordered up to 4th October 2026.



NUMBER AND TIMING CHIP COLLECTION

Collect your event number, pin it to the front of your running top and ensure it is **always visible**. **DO NOT MANIPULATE YOUR NUMBER IN ANY WAY.**

Your timing chip will be attached to the back of your bib number. You do not need to give this back to us at the end of the event.

EVENT BRIEFING

The Event Briefing for both the Half Marathon & 10k Races will take place at 08:50hrs at the Start. The briefings are compulsory – if any final changes to the route or event are necessary, they will be announced at the briefing meaning all runners must ensure to be present at the appropriate time n.b. the briefing will take place in the Start/Finish Chute

START

The XMiles Preston Half Marathon & 10k will start at 09:00hrs - the start location will be under the Start arch on Winckley Square

FINISH

The Finish for XMiles Preston Half Marathon & 10k will be at the Finish Arch in Winckley Square where runners will be presented with a custom Preston HM or 10k Finisher's medal and a drink.

ROUTE

The routes will be marked by yellow 'run route' arrows.



There will be marshals at key points on the route. Please respect the surroundings and residents and do not drop litter. The routes can be found at the end of this document. Please be aware that the pavements and pathways in and around the route will be used by members of the public during the event. All road

sections are run on closed roads.

The route is 2 laps for the Half Marathon and 1 lap for the 10k, there is a slightly longer out and back section on the Old Tram Rd on Lap 2 for the Half Marathon, there will be marshals and signage in place to direct Half Marathon runners at this section on Lap 2.

We have two lead bikes – 1 x lead bike will be with the front runner and the other slightly further back in the lead pack. We also have 6 pacers on the course who will be introduced to you at the briefing – their t-shirts have the pace times for both the Half Marathon and the 10k printed on the back that they are pacing to.

CLOSED ROADS

The race will be run on closed roads – however we may need to allow residential vehicles and emergency vehicles access at any point on the course. Runners will still need to be aware of this possibility whilst running.

PLACES FOR PEOPLE AID STATION

There will be an Aid Station staffed by the awesome team from [PLACES FOR PEOPLE](#) at the junction with Factory Lane approximately 3.9 miles into Lap 1.

10k participants will pass the Aid Station once and Half Marathon runners will pass through twice. There will be water and energy drink available and Event Toilets. There will be an additional Aid Station as Half Marathon runners pass through the start/finish area to start their second lap.



Places for People

ROUTES

The route has been **officially measured** and certified by a licensed UKA course measurer.

To view the routes and/or download a gpx/tcx file of the routes, select the relevant link below:

XMiles Preston Half Marathon route

Route: <https://www.strava.com/routes/3481324854306647004>

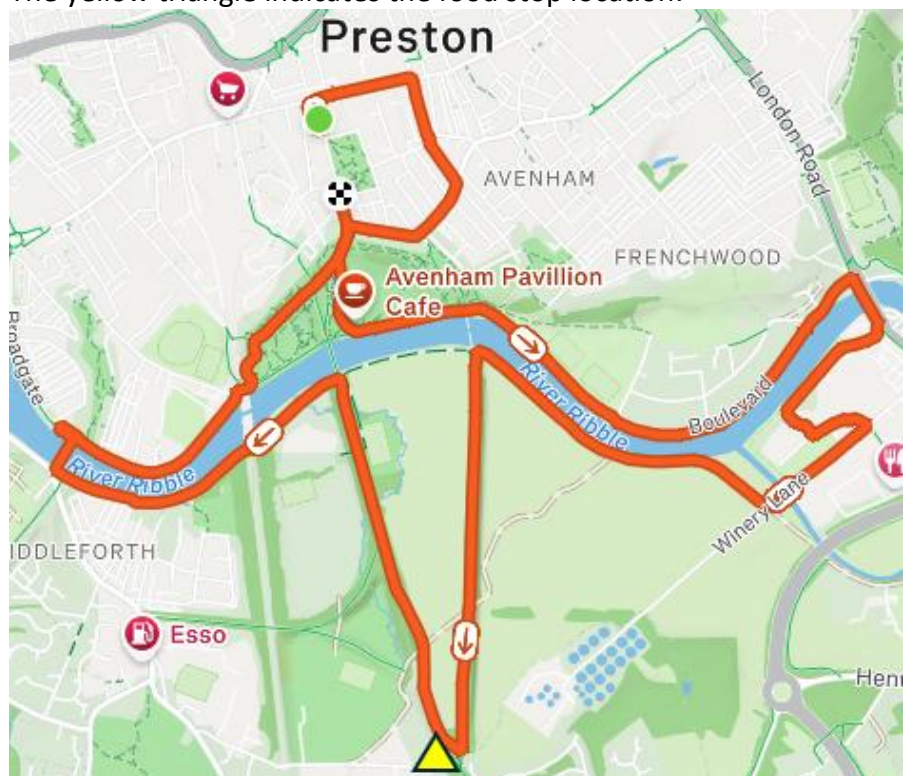
The yellow triangle indicates the food stop locations for the Half Marathon runners.



XMiles Preston 10k route

Route: <https://www.strava.com/routes/3481305550870436828>

The yellow triangle indicates the food stop location.





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RESULTS

All results and times will be available immediately on crossing the Finish line on the Epic Events website [HERE](#) and will remain provisional for 24 hours.

Any queries relating to provisional results should be submitted via e-mail to info@epicevents.co.uk by Monday following the event, after which time all results will be deemed as final.

PRIZE PRESENTATION

The 10k Prize Presentation will take place at 10:00hrs.

The Half Marathon Prize Presentation will take place at 11:00hrs.

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd male and female runners overall together with 1st M/F V40/50/60+ categories. If you win an open prize, you will not be eligible for the Vets prizes.

You must be in attendance at the presentation to collect your prize – prizes will not be posted out.

MEDICAL ADVICE

If any runners have diagnosed medical conditions (such as diabetes, asthma, allergy to penicillin, etc.) please ensure to inform Epic Events prior to the race on the entry information.

Following Race Pack Collection please transcribe all medical details that maybe pertinent in case of an emergency including any medication taken on the back of the race number as well as next of kin & emergency contact details. This is not just an administrative request; it could be a matter of life and death in an emergency, this information will only be used if required.

Please note participants should not take part if feeling unwell on race day.

In case of injury or emergency please notify the nearest marshal or ask another participant to do so, the marshal will notify the Event Medical Team who will be able to assist.

EMERGENCIES

During the race, please support any participants who appear to need assistance by informing the nearest marshal and/or please call the **Emergency Event Phone Number 07494 029628** (please note this number is for Emergency Use only, please do not use this for any other reason to ensure the line is kept clear for emergencies). There will also be medical cover on the course and at Event HQ.

FINALLY

Thank you for entering the XMiles Preston Half Marathon & 10k event. We hope you enjoy your day and the course we have prepared for you. We wish you the best of luck!!

Regards

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