

Cholmondeley Castle

Marathon and Half Marathon

Runners will complete multiple laps of a 7K circuit, 3 laps for the half marathon and 6 laps for the marathon. Starting adjacent to the cricket pitch and in full view of the castle the 1st K of the course follows a well-worn track to an area of the estate called Cattle Crush. From the Cattle Crush runners cross over the ha ha ditch via a bridge and onto a tarmac road. At this point and for the next 5K runners follow the internal estate road that takes them past the estate chapel, the Old Hall and out to the Beeston Lodge Gate. A well-stocked feed station is found at the Beeston Gate Lodge before runners double back and head towards the castle itself. After passing the huge Victorian stables and supporting dove-cote, runners will head uphill to the landscaped area behind the castle before turning right and heading steeply off-road up to the top of Castle Hill which affords a view of the stunning Peckforton Hills to the north of the estate. The final 1K of the circuit is mostly downhill off road passing the castle tea rooms, over the croquet lawn and down the main lawn of the castle. With the finishing line in sight runners turn left at the fork and continue around for their next lap. With their final lap complete, runners turn right into the finishing straight and cross the finish line with the castle as a backdrop, to receive their medal and the now famous finishing line banquet!

10K

Runners will complete 2 laps of a 5K circuit. Starting adjacent to the cricket pitch and in full view of the castle the 1st K of the course follows a well-worn track to an area of the estate called Cattle Crush. From the Cattle Crush runners cross over the ha ha ditch via a bridge and onto a tarmac road. At this point and for the next 3K runners follow the internal estate road that takes them past the estate chapel and the Old Hall before they double back and head towards the castle itself. After passing the huge Victorian stables and supporting dove-cote, runners will head uphill to the landscaped area behind the castle before turning right and heading steeply off-road up to the top of Castle Hill which affords a view of the stunning Peckforton Hills to the north of the estate. The final 1K of the circuit is mostly downhill off road passing the castle tea rooms, over the croquet lawn and down the main lawn of the castle. With the finishing line in sight runners turn left at the fork and continue around for their next lap. With their second lap complete, runners turn right into the finishing straight and cross the finish line with the castle as a backdrop, to receive their medal and the now famous finishing line banquet!