

MARATHON

HALF MARATHON 10K RUN



Castle Howard

Marathon, Half Marathon & 10K

Runners will complete multiple laps of a 10K circuit, 1 lap for the 10K, 2 laps for the half marathon and 4 laps for the marathon. Starting on the North Lawn, a few yards from the main entrance to the castle, competitors initially head downhill towards the Boathouse and Lake before circumnavigating the enchanting woodland garden of Ray Wood. The next 5K is on a network of estate tracks and bridle paths that wind their way in a clockwise direction, always in sight of the impressive Mausoleum, passing through the ancient Bog Hall, Spring Wood, Alamo Trekking Centre and High Gaterley Farm. At the 7K point and just after the well stocked Feed Station, competitors enter the aptly named Pretty Wood passing the Temple of the Four Faces and a couple of curious pyramids. The last 1.5K of the route builds through the formal gardens of the estate starting with New River Bridge and moving onto the South Lake, The Atlas Fountain and the South Lawn. A final, cruel, climb to the top of Ray Wood is a precursor to a view of the Finish Line from the reservoir at the top of the hill. The last 500m takes runners across the North Lawn along a spectator lined finishing straight before crossing the finish line with the world-famous castle backdrop, to receive their medal and classy finishing line banquet! Marathon and half marathon runners complete an additional 500m loop as they descend from Ray Wood to re-join the original 10K route and head out onto their 2nd, 3rd and 4th laps depending on the distance they have chosen.