

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

“Fee” means an entry as stated in condition 2.1

“Partners” Caerphilly county borough council and challenge partner organisations and companies involved in the challenge

“Challenge” means the 20-22, 14-16 and 9-11 mile walk/run taking place on the challenge date and forming part of the Caerphilly Challenge Series. Exact distances will be confirmed prior to the challenge.

“Challenge date” means the scheduled date of Challenge, (usually the Saturday after the May Bank holiday.)

“we” and “us” means Caerphilly County Borough Council; and “you” and “your” means the challenge participants.

1. ENTRY

1.1 By paying a fee you enter into a contract with Caerphilly County Borough Council to participate in the Caerphilly Challenge Series on the basis set out in these conditions.

1.2 No entries will be accepted after the 30th of April. The organisers can extend the entry time should they feel this is appropriate.

1.3 Minimum entry age is 12 years. All entrants under the age of 18 must be fit enough to complete the challenge. They must be accompanied by a responsible named adult. The named adult must be competent in map reading and navigation. They must stay with this adult for the duration of the challenge. If the adult needs to drop out for any reason, then they too will need to retire from the challenge.

1.4 In the event that your address changes after you pay a fee, you agree to inform us of the change by sending an email to the following address: beggbj@caerphilly.gov.uk

Information packs (digital) will start to be issued approximately 1 week prior to the challenge date and will be issued to the email address held by us at the time. We will not re issue any information packs if notification of a change of address is received less than 1 week prior to the event date.

1.5 You will ensure that your email account is able to receive our emails. We shall have no liability to you if our emails are rejected by any firewall, anti virus spam, antivirus or other software or because your inbox is full.

1.6 Your information pack will contain a link that will bring you to a secret page on our website, where you can find your

- Your start time
- Your challenge number
- Route descriptions
- Sample maps (to cross reference with relevant OS maps),
- GPX files of the route.

If you have not received your info pack one week prior to the event you should email us at the following address; beggbj@caerphilly.gov.uk

1.8 For the 1-5 mile walk, you can enter on the day. This walk costs £2.

2. FEE

2.1 The fee can be paid online.

- 2.2 The fee for entry into the Challenge is as follows (inclusive of VAT)
- 2.2.1 20-22 mile/14-16 mile/ 9-11mile route- Early bird entry (before the 3rd of January) £10
- 2.2.2 20-22 mile/14-16 mile/ 9-11 mile route- Normal price (after the 3rd of January) £12
- 2.2.3 1-5 mile Healthy Walk- £2 (pre entry via website or entry on day)
- 2.3 If your entry is accepted the fee is non-refundable.
- 2.4 If you pay online you can amend your own booking at any time leading up to the closing date (30th of April). When you pay, you will receive a confirmation email from Fabian 4 (our online booking company), on this email will be a link which enables you to amend your original booking.
- 2.5 T-shirts paid for during your booking, will not be posted out in advance of the challenge. They can be collected from the T Zone at the end of the 'challenge'. If you pay for a Tshirt and do not turn up, we are under no obligation to post out to you. We will however post out to you, if you contact the countryside service and pay the full postage costs.

3. CHALLENGE SAFETY

- 3.1 This is a challenge event, which means you are 'challenging yourself'. It is not a race.
- 3.2 Those taking part in the challenge do so at their own risk. We can take no responsibility for any illness, injury loss or damage suffered by entrants.
- 3.3 If you have suffered health problems in the past, we advise you to seek medical advice before taking part in the challenge.
- 3.4 You should choose a route that is suitable for your own personal level of fitness.
- 3.5 You are welcome to bring dogs on the walk but you must follow the countryside code, your dog must be kept on a lead at all times and you must ensure you carry water for your dog and clean up after it.
- 3.6 For the self-led challenges (20-22 and 14-16 mile) The routes will be available to view online via a Google earth link, and printable PDF maps will be available to download and print.

These maps should only be used as a guide; the relevant OS MAP is essential (check challenge website for relevant OS Map, as it may vary depending on routes planned).

MAPS (OR PRINTOUTS OF MAPS) WILL NOT BE PROVIDED ON THE DAY

A link to a descriptive route card will be sent out (digitally) with your information pack, this route card will give grid references for key points or features, the type of terrain to be covered and an estimate of the time you should allow, based on the Naismith Formula.

Individual entrants should be competent in map reading and route finding.

Team entrants should have at least one person in their group that is competent in map reading and route finding.

For more information on how to read a map and grid references, check out the education and resource page of the ordnance survey website, www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk

3.7 For the 9-11 mile challenge.... The route will be available to view online via a Google earth link, and printable PDF maps will be available to download and print. This is a led walk; your start time will be sent out (digitally) with your information pack. **AS THIS IS A LED WALK, NO MAPS ARE NEEDED BY ENTRANTS.**

3.8 The weather in this area is changeable and the hilltops are very exposed so you will need to ensure that you have waterproofs and adequate footwear for the conditions. It is advisable to carry a spare sweater, food, drink, first aid kit, compass; torch (with spare bulb and batteries) and relevant OS map. We strongly recommend you adhere to the above. A map case/plastic bag and a mobile phone would be useful if you need to advise us that you have retired early from the event.

3.9 All entrants should assemble at the challenge venue for registration for the challenge at the following times: **These times are subject to change if necessary, exact start times will be confirmed within your information pack.**

3.10 18-22 mile: Registration from 06:45 all walkers to leave by 07:30.

3.11 14-16 mile: Registration from 08.00 all walkers to leave by 08:45.

3.12 9-11 mile led walk: Registration from 09.15, all walkers to leave by 09.45

3.13 1-5 mile walk led walk: Registration from 10.30, walk start at 1100.

3.15 We reserve the right to refuse entry to entrants who do not register at the correct time.

3.16 We will not accept responsibility for anyone taking part in the challenge, who is not an official entrant. An official entrant is someone whose application form has been accepted by us and who has been given a registration number and completed the registration procedures.

4. CHALLENGE EJECTION

4.1 We withhold the right to refuse entry to the challenge or ask you to cease participation if:-

4.1.1 You attempt to participate in the Challenge in a manner that we, acting reasonably, believe:-

(a) may cause injury to you

(b) may cause injury to another participant

(c) may damage or harm the environment

(d) is likely to cause offence or

(e) Otherwise causes a risk or potential risk to health and safety including any failure, in whole or in part to comply with the restrictions in Condition 3 above (Challenge safety)

4.1.2 You fail to arrive at the start location at the specified time.

4.1.3 You are unable to make sufficient progress in the Challenge to, in the reasonable opinion of the challenge officials, allow you to complete the challenge within the predetermined cut off time.

4.1.4 Each check point on route will have a predetermined cut off time. These will be included in your information pack.

5. CANCELLATION BY US

5.1 We may cancel the Challenge if any circumstances beyond our reasonable control arise, which, in our reasonable opinion, would cause the Challenge to be hazardous for participants or Challenge staff.

5.2 We may cancel the Challenge if two months before the Challenge date there are not, in our sole discretion, enough confirmed participants to make the challenge economically viable.

5.3 In such circumstances:-

5.3.1 We will, if practicable, give written notice of cancellation to the address we hold for you. If cancellation is too late to provide written notice we will use reasonable endeavours to give notice by other suitable means.

5.3.2 We will refund your fee

5.4 In the event of cancelling the challenge we will have no responsibility for any costs incurred in the expectation of participating in the challenge, or as a result of the cancellation including any travel or accommodation costs, including travel to the challenge location.

6. DATA PROTECTION

6.1 You agree that your personal information can be stored and used by us in connection with the organisation, staging and administration of the Challenge.

6.2 You agree that your name and contact details can be used by us for the purposes of

6.2.1 The promotion and marketing of the Challenge

6.2.2 Adding you to a mailing list to keep you informed about any future events and services that we believe you might be interested in, such as similar types of events and activities in Caerphilly County Borough.

7. ADVERTISEMENT

7.1 Photographs may be taken which capture your participation in the Challenge. You agree to the publication of photographs of your image which accurately depict your participation in the Challenge on our CCBC Flickr page and social media.

7.2 Save as provided in Condition 7.1, your photograph, image, name or voice will not be used in any advertising, promotion or other medium without your consent.

8. ENTRY FEE CANCELLATION, TRANSFERS AND REFUND POLICY

8.1 Free transfer of individual entries between events on the day- i.e. from the long walk to the shorter walk, will be permitted, ideally, well in advance of the challenge date or providing you turn up early and go to the 'any questions' desk .

8.2 Your entry and number is individual to you and is non-transferable and non-refundable. Participants using someone else's number can have serious consequences in the event of a medical emergency.

8.3 Duplicate entries made in genuine error will be refunded in full.

9. ACCOMODATION

Details of bed and breakfast accommodation in the area can be obtained from the Caerphilly Tourist Information Centre (029 2088 0011) or www.visitcaerphilly.com. Overnight camping is available at Parc Cwm Darran Campsite (01443 875557), Parc Bryn Bach campsite (01495 355920) and Cwmcarn Forest Drive Campsite (01495 272001).