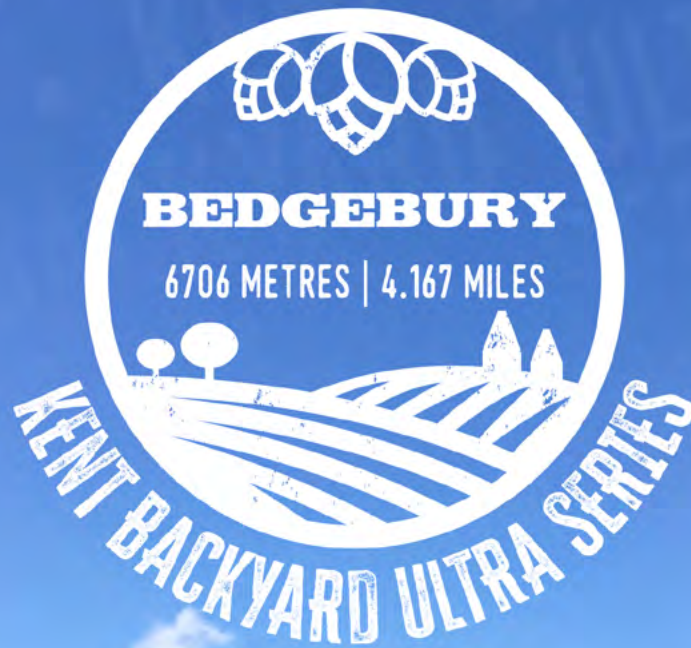


SERIES FINAL
26TH JUNE 2026



RUNNER & CREW INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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THE KENT BACKYARD ULTRA SERIES

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SERIES ONE RECAP

Series I is closing in on 10,000 miles completed. Across the first three events, the Hellfire community has completed 2,345 yards, covering a combined 9,771.6 miles. That is roughly the distance from Bedgebury National Pinetum & Forest to the South Pole.

So far, runners have recorded:
161 marathon-distance efforts
82 performances over 50 miles
52 performances over 100km
20 performances over 100 miles
16 different runners in the 100-mile club

Series I Top 10 So Far:

Pos.	Runner	Total
1	Robert Mallett	91
2	Josh Woods	71
3	Magdalena Cass	55
4	Jacques Smit	52
5	Michael Walker	44
6	Luke Carter	41
7	Ben Woodham	33
8	Elliot Jacobs	30
9	Quintin Adlam	30
10	Andy Imms	28





WELCOME TO EVENT FOUR: BEDGEBURY

The Walled Garden
Lady Oak Road
Bedgebury National Pinetum
TN17 2SJ

Google Maps pin:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/mPdJTCyWUKH3t5fa6>

Bedgebury provides a forest setting with wide, open trails through the National Pinetum.

The event starts at 21:00 on Friday 26 June 2026. This is a night start, so all runners and crew must arrive prepared for darkness from the beginning.

The route uses mixed gravel and grass trails with rolling elevation. It is runnable, sociable and well suited to the Backyard Ultra format.

Event 1.4: Bedgebury is an official Backyard Ultra event and the event follows the official Backyard Ultra rules.



EVENT FORMAT

Course

- Each yard is 4.167 miles / 6.7056 km.
- Event 1.4: Bedgebury uses an out-and-back route.
- Each yard must be completed within 60 minutes.
- If a runner returns after the hour, their event is over.
- If a runner fails to start the next yard, their event is over.

Starting Corral

- The starting corral will be measured to fit the full starting field.
- The corral will remain the same size throughout the event.
- Runners must be inside the starting corral before the bell.
- Late starts are not permitted.

Start Procedure

Each yard starts on the hour, every hour.

- 3 minutes to go: 3 whistles
- 2 minutes to go: 2 whistles
- 1 minute to go: 1 whistle
- All runners to the start corral
- Bell on the hour. All runners must start at the bell.

During Each Yard

- Runners must stay on the course during each yard, except for toilet use.
- No assistance is permitted on course.
- No pacing is permitted.
- No mule support is permitted.
- No food, drink, clothing or equipment may be received on course.
- No artificial aids are permitted, including trekking poles.
- Slower runners must allow faster runners to pass.

Crew and Conduct

- Crew support is permitted at basecamp only.
- Crew must not enter the course unless instructed by event staff.
- Non-competitors are not permitted on the course.
- Eliminated runners are not permitted on the course.
- Runners and crew are expected to respect other participants, marshals, volunteers, Forestry England staff, members of the public and the venue.



TIMING AND BIBS

Timing for Event Three will be provided by Krono Sports.

Live results available at <https://events.kronosports.uk/>.

The timing strip is attached to the reverse of your bib number. For this reason, your bib must be worn and clearly visible at all times.

The reverse of the bib also includes space for emergency medical information. Please ensure this is completed before the event starts.



RECOMMENDED KIT

Bedgebury starts at night. Runners should prepare for darkness, heat, cold, rain and changing trail conditions.

Recommended kit:

- Suitable hands-free light source from the start
- Headtorch or chest-mounted light
- Backup light or spare battery
- Fully charged mobile phone
- Battery pack
- Reusable cup or insulated mug, as this is a cupless event
- Hydration system or bottles
- Personal nutrition
- Trail shoes suitable for gravel and grass
- Weather-appropriate outer layer
- Warm layer for between yards
- Full change of dry clothing
- Hat or cap for sun protection
- Sunscreen
- Electrolytes
- Insect repellent
- Emergency blanket
- Foldable chair
- Towel
- Spare socks
- Blister kit

All crew must also have lighting.

Mobile phones are not suitable as a primary light source.

This is a self-supported, cupless event. Participants must bring their own hydration system, nutrition and reusable cup.

The Fenix HM65R-T V2.0 head torch is recommended. A demo unit will be available at base camp. Discount code HF10 at www.fenixlight.co.uk

We recommend Enduo Sports for nutrition. Discount code HELLFIRE15 at www.enduosports.com



SAFETY ON THE ROUTE

Marshals will be positioned on course throughout the event.

Bike marshals will operate during night hours.

Marshals will wear Hellfire branded high-visibility vests.

The route uses wide forest trails with mixed gravel and grass underfoot. The same route is used for day and night running.

The course remains open to the public.

You may encounter walkers, cyclists, dogs, families, Forestry England staff and other site users.

Please be courteous and give space where needed.

Stay on the marked route at all times.

Do not cut corners.

Do not leave the route unless instructed by event staff or in an emergency.

Night Running

A suitable hands-free light source is required from the start.

Headtorches are recommended. Chest-mounted lights are permitted.

A backup light is strongly advised.

If you would like a night running buddy, please let the team know.

Wildlife

Bedgebury is a forest environment and deer are present in the area.

Do not approach, feed, chase or disturb wildlife.

If animals cross the route, slow down and give them space.

Emergency Support

If assistance is required, return to basecamp or contact Race HQ.

Mobile signal may be limited within the forest.

If you are injured, unwell, lost, confused, overheating, excessively cold, or concerned about another runner, tell a marshal, bike marshal, Race HQ or another runner immediately.



ARRIVAL AND PARKING

All access is via The Walled Garden at Bedgebury National Pinetum.

The Walled Garden
Lady Oak Road
Bedgebury National Pinetum
TN17 2SJ

Google Maps pin:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/mPdJTCyWUKH3t5fa6>

- Bedgebury is located just off the A21 near Goudhurst.
- All event vehicles must park in The Walled Garden.
- Parking within The Walled Garden is included in your entry.
- The main Bedgebury car park closes at 20:00 and is chargeable.
- All vehicles are parked at your own risk.
- Campervans are permitted on a first come, first served basis.
- Access to your vehicle between yards is available.
- Please follow marshal instructions at all times.
- Do not block access routes, emergency routes, medical access, supplier access or Forestry England access.

By Train

Nearest stations:

- Etchingham
- Tunbridge Wells

The venue is approximately 15 to 25 minutes by taxi.

There is no direct public transport to the site.

Plan your journey home before the event.

Do not drive if fatigued.

VENUE AND FACILITIES

Basecamp will be located within The Walled Garden.

Runners will have access to their kit, nutrition, crew and vehicles between yards.

A communal 12m x 6m event tent will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Runners and crew who require their own shelter should bring a gazebo, tent or use their vehicle.

All tents and gazebos must be secured in line with manufacturer guidelines.

No naked flames are allowed outside of The Walled Garden.

Keep your area compact and tidy.

Take all rubbish home.

Please be considerate overnight.

Facilities Available

The following facilities will be available at basecamp:

- Cold drinking water
- Hot water
- Tea and coffee
- Oat milk and soy milk
- Microwave access
- A small selection of juices

There is a café within Bedgebury National Pinetum. It is approximately a 10-minute walk from basecamp and is not accessible during yards.

Toilets

Separate male and female toilets are available at basecamp.

Toilets are also available on route and can be accessed on both the out and back sections.

Use the toilets provided and leave them usable for others.



SCHEDULE

Friday 26th June

- 17:00 Site opens
- 18:00 Registration opens
- 20:30 Registration closes
- 20:30 Mandatory pre-race safety briefing
- 21:00 Event start

Registration and the pre-race safety briefing are mandatory.

No late arrivals will be permitted.

Please arrive with enough time to park, register, set up your basecamp area and attend the briefing.



ROUTE

The Bedgebury course is an out-and-back route through the National Pinetum.

Each yard is 4.167 miles.

Approximate ascent per yard: 90 metres.

The route uses mixed terrain, including gravel and grass.

The course uses wide, runnable forest trails.

The route is runnable and social, with the same route used for day and night running.

The course is open to the public. Please be courteous at all times.

Stay on the marked route throughout.

GPX file:

[1.4 Kent Backyard Ultra Series: Bedgebury Route Maps](#)



DAY & NIGHT ROUTE
Elevation Gain: 308 ft



RESULTS & AWARDS

Only the Last One Standing is recognised as the official finisher.

The Assist is the final runner remaining before the winner completes their final solo yard.

All other runners receive a DNF, with total yards completed recorded.

Yards completed at Bedgebury contribute to your overall Series 1 total.

Awards

Complete 1 yard: DNF Medal

24 yards completed: Bronze Buckle

Assist, 2nd overall: Silver Buckle

Last One Standing: Gold Buckle

Most yards completed across the series: Black Buckle

Silver, Gold and Black Buckles are awarded to both male and female categories.

EVENT PARTNERS



Fenix Lights UK

www.fenixlight.co.uk

Discount code: HF10

Fenix Lights UK are our official lighting partner and will be providing two high performance head torches as part of the Fenix Into the Light Award. This award will be presented to the first male and first female runner to return on the 7th yard.



Enduo Sports

www.enduosports.com

Discount code: HELLFIRE15

Enduo Sports are our official nutrition partner, producing 100 percent natural endurance nutrition. They will be providing spot prizes throughout the event.



Into Ultra

www.intoultra.org.uk

Into Ultra support people from disadvantaged backgrounds with race entries. We work with them because their mission aligns with our values of inclusion and accessibility.



SheRACES

www.sheraces.com

SheRACES work to make running events safer, fairer, and more welcoming for women. Their guidance aligns closely with our values around fairness, safety, and representation.





CONTACT INFORMATION AND SOCIAL LINKS

General Enquiries

For general enquiries, please email hello@hellfireevents.com

Stay Connected

Join The Crew List for event updates, runner information and Hellfire community news:

<https://hellfireevents.kit.com/538bfacefa>

Follow Hellfire Events on Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/hellfire.events.official/>

Join the Hellfire Events Strava group:

<https://www.strava.com/clubs/Hellfire-Events>

Follow the Hellfire Events Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Hellfireeventsuk>

Join the Hellfire Community Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hellfirecommunity>

Visit the Hellfire Events website:

www.hellfireevents.com

Thank you for choosing to run with us.

We look forward to seeing you at Event 1.4: Bedgebury.

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Earned, Not Given. You Decide Your Story.

