

GRATER RIM
ULTRA

Valley View 6KM

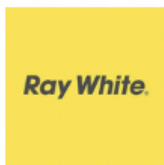
Event Handbook 2026

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Welcome to your Crater Rim Ultra – Valley View journey!

It's Crater Rim Ultra time!

You've completed the first step on your Crater Rim Ultra event journey. This handbook will provide you with the information needed to make the next step on that journey. 😊

Event Timetable

When Full OR

Friday 18 September, 6.00pm - Personalised bib entries close

Wednesday 14 October 6.00pm - Online entries close

Sunday 18 October, 7.00am - 8.30am - On the day entries available, if there is availability. Additional \$15.00 charge

Saturday 17 October

1.00pm - 5.00pm

Registration Day at Hansen Park, Christchurch - collect your bib, merchandise, final information and have your compulsory kit checked off.

17:00 - Marshal and Volunteer Briefing

Sunday 18 October

7:00am - Crater Rim Ultra 53km- Race Briefing

7:15am - Crater Rim Ultra 53km- Race Start

8:30am - Bellbird Buster 30km- Race Briefing

8:45am - Bellbird Buster 30km- Race Start

9:15am - Kiwi Challenge 22km- Race Briefing

9:30am - Kiwi Challenge 22km- Race Start

10:00am - Rapaki Rumble 12km- Race Briefing

10:15am - Rapaki Rumble 12km- Race Start

10:30am - Valley View 6km- Race Briefing

10:45am - Valley View 6km - Race Start

11.30am - Kids Dash race bibs can be collected from the Information Tent

12:45pm - Hansen Park Dash 1km/2km - Race Briefing

12:50pm - Hansen Park Dash 1km - Race Start

13:00pm - Hansen Park Dash 2km - Race Start

13:45pm - Valley View, Rapaki Rumble & Kiwi Challenge Awards & Spot Prizes (Hansen Park)

17:00pm - Bellbird Buster & Crater Rim Ultra Awards & Spot Prizes (Hansen Park)

6km Valley View Timetable

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Registration

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- Registration – we require all entrants to register on Saturday in preparation for Sunday's event
- Course Maps – Large course maps will be available to view in race village.
- Questions - The CRU team will be available to answer any final questions.
- Partners Stalls – Those last-minute crucial race items will be available from our sponsor stalls.
- Merchandise - If you ordered t-shirt, singlet, or other merchandise, pick it up here.

Things we will give you:

- Race Bib Number
- Race Briefing
- Spot Prize Ticket (Bring to prizegiving)

Virtual Race Packs will be sent prior to registration so you can take full advantage of our partners' promos and deals!

Out of Towners

If you are coming from out-of-town and unable to make registration, please contact the CRU team at:

craterrimultra@gmail.com

Race Village – Hansen Park

Parking at Hansen Park

Hansen Park / Race Village parking is very limited. Please arrange for alternative transport to the race village and finish line.

Facilities at Hansen Park

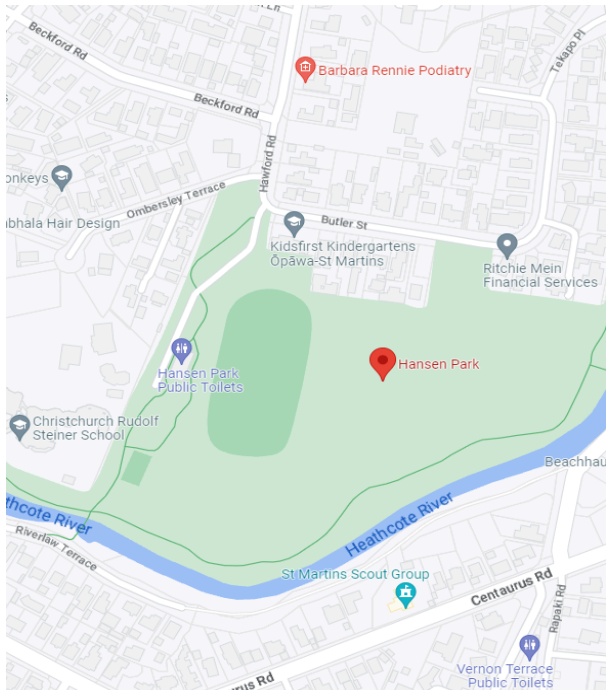
Hansen Park is used as the Race Village and finish line for all events.

Race Day Services at Hansen Park:

Toilets
First Aid
Coffee Vendor
Ice cream Vendor
Food Vendors
Partner & Supporter Stalls

Water Supplies
Recovery Station
Hansen Park Location

Address: Behind - 8 Butler Street, St Martins, Christchurch 8023



Race Day

Start Line

It's race day!!

The Valley View 6km starts from Hansen Park. Please refer to the timetable for the race brief and start times.

Race Briefing

Will be held 15 minutes prior to the race start. The briefing will provide you with any last-minute changes and safety tips for your day ahead and is compulsory.

Race Start

Please remember to start in a position to match your ability. The race is a mass start, but there is plenty of room to find your place. Start steady – finish strong & safe!

Race Bib Numbers

To assist our volunteer marshals on the day and ensure they don't need to stop you running, please wear your race bib number on your front so it can be seen as you run through a checkpoint.

We use checkpoints to mark off your race numbers to ensure no one is left on the course.

If the weather isn't favourable, a race number can be worn under a jacket, but please open up your jacket at all marshal points.

Marshals will ask you to stop and present your number if they can't easily view it. Please stop if asked to! Remember, our marshals are volunteers – we are all here for a fun day.

Advisory Gear

There is no compulsory gear required in the Valley View 6km, but we do recommend you carry the gear below to ensure you are prepared for a change in weather.

Recommended Gear List

- Waterproof jacket
- Thermal hat
- Thermal gloves
- Ziplock bag for personal rubbish

The Course

The Words

Its go time!

Under the arch and you're away.

Head out and across the park and after being guided to turn left, follow the concrete path along to the Aynsley Terrace bridge.

Cross the bridge turning right onto Aynsley Terrace and follow this footpath which leads towards Centaurus Road.

Marshals and traffic management will cross runners over Centaurus Road.

Runners will be directed towards Vernon Terrace and must stay on footpath along Vernon Terrace following the path to the Mt. Vernon car park. Use this as a warm-up!

Runners will head through the car park with the assistance of marshals and be pointed in the direction of what to some may look like a bush. I promise there is a track on the other side.

After a short scramble you'll arrive into the open valley and begin the uphill climb on the Murette Track, this is a well-formed single track skirting the west side of the valley before gently dropping down into the valley bottom.

Marshals will direct you onto the fun and technical Valley Track.

Take care as this track has numerous rocky sections and in parts you may also need to use three points of contact. It's great fun as a run or even a walk.

Nearly there, the Valley Track opens out into the Mt Vernon Valley car park. Marshals will direct runners onto Vernon Terrace. Please stick to the pavement as you head towards Centaurus Rd.

Marshals will meet runners at the bottom of the Vernon Terrace and direct them to the road crossing.

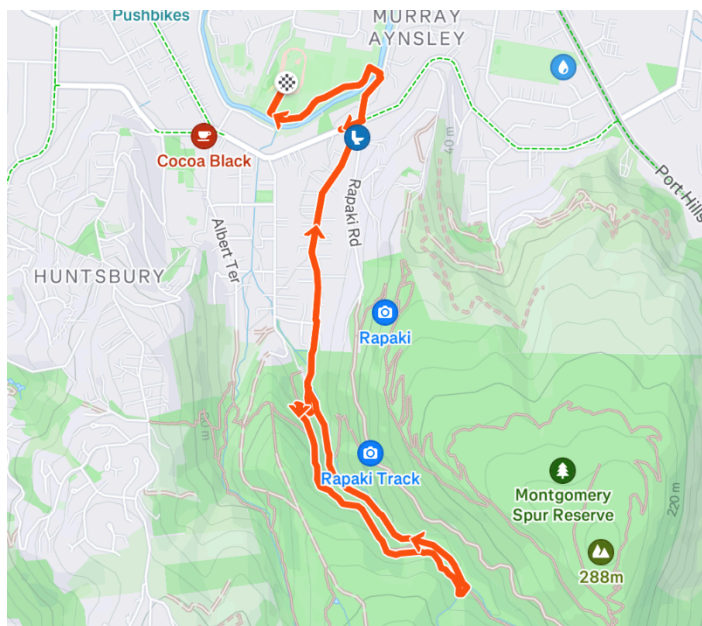
Traffic management will cross runners over Centaurus Rd.

It's time to prepare yourself for those finish line photos!

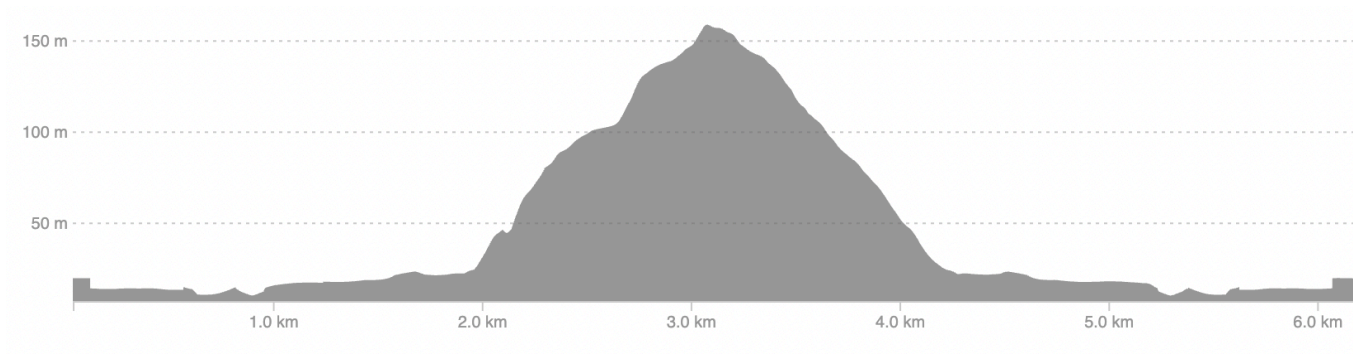
Head along the Ōpāwaho -Heathcote River on Aynsley Terrace.

Turn left over the footbridge and back into Hansen Park, following the sealed path around to the finish line, big smiles!!

The Map



The Ups & Downs



GPX and Map available: www.craterimtrailrun.com

****Courses are subject to change to meet environmental conditions****

Support crews and Viewing points

There are no practicable viewing areas on the Valley View course.

The start/ finish line in the Race Village is the best place for your family and friends to cheer you on.

Toilets

Toilets will be available at the race village in Hansen Park

Timing mats

Timing mats will be at the following locations:

- Hansen Park

Course Markings

Although the course is well marked with yellow directional signs, orange ribbons, and marshals at crucial direction points, we advise that you research the course and become familiar with it.



Road Crossings & Traffic Management

All roads on the course are open to traffic. The courses are designed to minimise the use of open roads, but at times you will be required to cross open roads.

Marshal and traffic management are located at all road crossings. You must follow their directions unless it is unsafe to do so. Be aware of traffic on the roads. Some vehicle drivers may not stop when asked, so please take care.

When the course uses the sealed road, you will be instructed which side of the road you must run on.

Public and Mountain Bikers

All trails are open to the public – you may encounter walkers, runners, and mountain bikers throughout the course.

Please respect the public using these trails and co-operate in making room when passing. Give them notice that you are passing them - call 'Runner', 'G'day', 'Morning' etc and pass with care.

Please always give way to all mountain bikers – bikers have the right of way on all the mountain bike tracks.

Bikes hurt! Stay out of their way.

Tail End Charlies

All events will have a Tail End Charlie to ensure we get everyone off the course at the end of the race.

Tail End Charlies will support you all the way however they will remove a competitor they believe is not sufficiently prepared to safely complete the course.

Retiring from the Race

If you unfortunately need to retire from the race, please ensure advise a race official or marshal. This ensures we know you have retired, and we know you are safely off the course.

If you retire our marshals can assist in contacting family and friends.

Headphones

No headphones are to be worn on the course.

You will need to hear and follow the instructions of the marshals.
Don't miss out on the birdsong and rustle of the trees in the wind!

Course Closure

The course will close at 18:15 pm

Finish line

The Valley View 6km finishes in Hansen Park – the same location as the start.

Prizegiving & Awards

Awards will be held at Hansen Park in the marquee - see *'timetable'* for details.

Spot prizes will be awarded on a ticket system – In your registration pack, we will provide a ticket with your race number on. Bring this with you to the prizegiving and place it in the designated box to be in with a chance of a spot prize.

Photos

Photographers will be roaming the courses throughout the day – if you see a camera throw it a smile!

Photos from the event will be available from: <http://www.photos4sale.co.nz/>

Contacts

Should you have any questions around the event, please contact our team: craterrimultra@gmail.com

Local Info

Course Weather

<https://www.metservice.com/towns-cities/regions/christchurch/locations/banks-peninsula>

City Weather

<https://www.metservice.com/towns-cities/locations/christchurch>

<https://www.summitroadsociety.org.nz/about-the-port-hills/port-hills-webcam/>

Things to do

<https://www.christchurchnz.com/explore/activities-attractions>

What's on

<https://ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on>

Plan your trip

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/christchurch/>

Local running clubs

<https://porthillsathletic.org.nz/>

<https://live2runtrail.com/>
