



ISLE OF MAN EASTER FESTIVAL OF RUNNING

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FRIDAY 3rd - SUNDAY 5th APRIL 2026

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THANK YOU FOR ENTERING THE ISLE OF MAN EASTER FESTIVAL OF RUNNING

Please read the following information carefully.

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07:00–22:30 during the Easter Festival and 09:00 to 21:00 from
Tuesday 31st March to Thursday 9th April

Any non-urgent queries can be sent to the Festival email address
contact@easterfestival.info



PEEL - SATURDAY HILL RACE

**DOUGLAS -
SUNDAY 5K RACES
SEA TERMINAL
COACH DEPARTURES - VILLA MARINA
THE OUTBACK - SUNDAY LUNCHTIME &
PRIZE PRESENTATION**

PORT ERIN - GOOD FRIDAY 10K

CASTLETOWN - AIRPORT

THREE RACES. THREE DAYS. ONE ISLAND.



WELCOME

Thank you for entering the Isle of Man Easter Festival of Running.

Once again, we have another record entry for the Festival, now its 62nd year – thank you for your support.

Please read the following information carefully to help us to help you have a great weekend.

Please remember that we are a volunteer-led event. We strive to provide a well-organised, safe, enjoyable, value-for-money event for everyone involved. Whether you are aiming to win a race, run a PB or just enjoy the atmosphere and scenery, we hope that you have a great time and create lasting memories and friendships.

In the event of a medical issue the Manx Emergency Doctor Service (MEDS) is number 01624 650355.

For those who have booked transport, please note that due to the unprecedented high entry and a local industrial dispute involving the main bus operator, arrangements are going to be slightly different to usual. Details are shown in the timings for each race. Please bear with us as we try to manage this as best as we can and some people may need to be a little flexible. Please keep an eye on our social media pages for any possible further updates.

Thank you too to all our amazing volunteers, including our colleagues from St John's Ambulance, who give up all or part of their holiday weekend to ensure the smooth running of the event.

Easter Festival of Running Organising Team



RACE REGISTRATION

THURSDAY

Numbers for local entrants can be collected on Thursday 2nd April from the Manx Harriers Clubhouse from 5.15pm – 7pm. This is only for people entered by 15th March. There will be no opportunity to enter the festival on Thursday.

FRIDAY

Race registration is at the Rushen FC Clubhouse on Droghadfayle Road, Port Erin (aka Croit Lowey). (The coaches drop off here) Race Registration will be open from 16.45 and will close at 18.15 prompt. You can collect your race number and make your team declarations (forms available at race registration) no later than 18.15. Numbers cannot be collected and teams cannot be declared after this time. Late race entries will also be taken up to 18.15. A £5 per race premium is payable for the 10k and £4 per race

SATURDAY

Race registration is at the House of Manannan in Peel and will be open from 13.00 (The coaches drop off here) There is no need to re-register if you ran on the Friday but you must remember to bring your race number from Friday night. Any replacements will be subject to availability and will cost £5. Anyone needing to collect their numbers must do so at least 30 minutes before their race starts.

SUNDAY

Race Registration is at the Sea Terminal in Douglas and will be open from 9.30am. There is no need to re-register if you ran on the Friday and/or Saturday but you must remember to bring your race number from Friday night. Any replacements will be subject to availability and will cost £5. Anyone wishing to collect their numbers from race registration must do so 30mins before the start of their race.

Anyone wishing to enter extra races must keep their original number and report to race registration to pay the appropriate fee at least 30 minutes before the race.

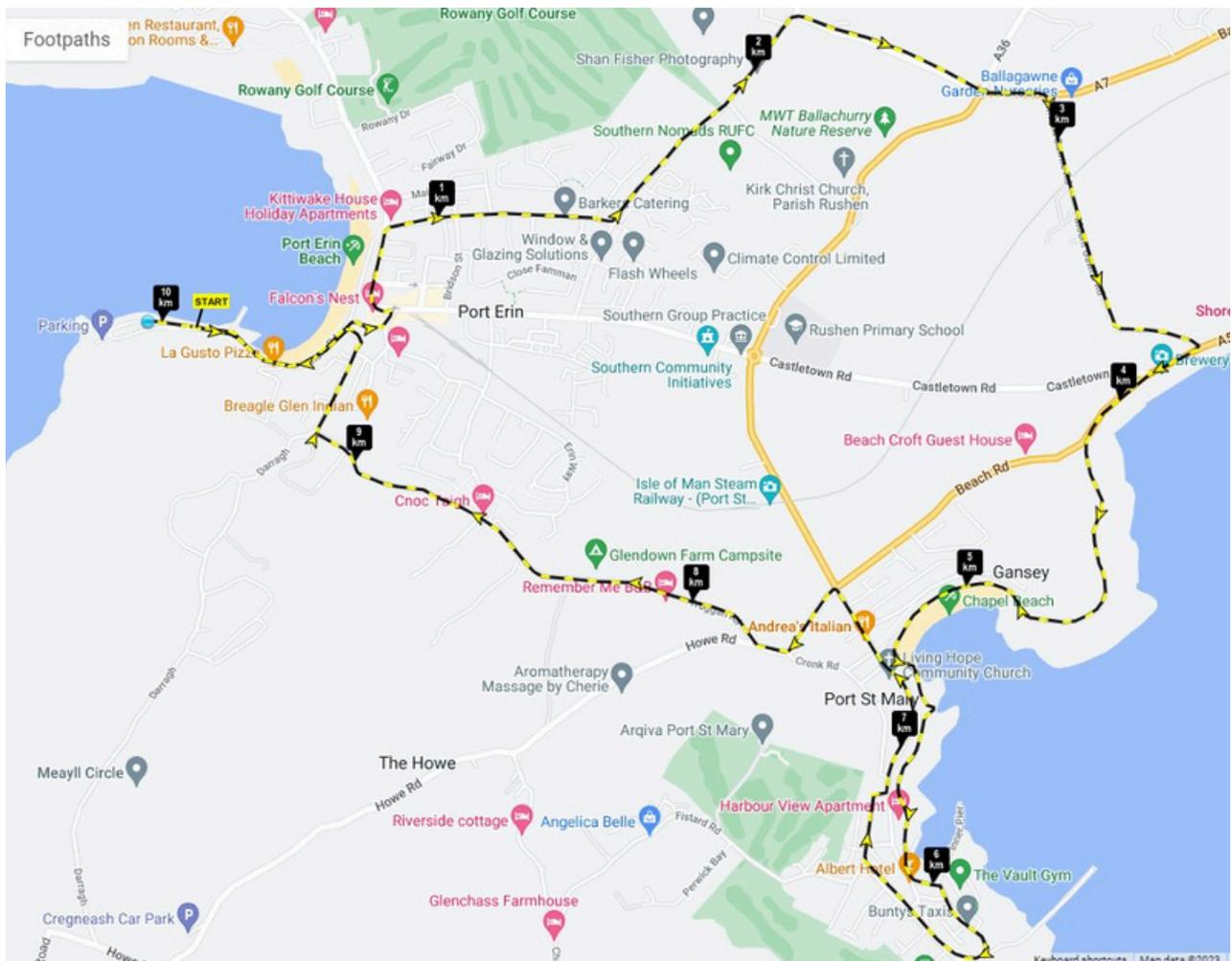
IQ-EQ 10K ROAD RACE

GOOD FRIDAY - 03 APRIL 2026

This is the first race of the Festival and is held in the south of the island at Port Erin. The race starts at 18.45 near the Lifeboat Station which is about a 10-12 min walk from race registration. Any local competitors are requested to leave their car in the upper part of the town as the lower promenade will be closed to traffic. Give yourself plenty of time to walk/jog down to the start.

Time limit – in the interests of safety a time limit has been imposed. Any competitor reaching 5K after 38 minutes has elapsed may be asked to withdraw from the race

You can view a map of the course below:





TRANSPORT

For those who have entered the full festival or paid for coach travel, there is a coach provided to Port Erin leaving Douglas from the War Memorial on Douglas Promenade (opposite the Villa Marina) at **16.30**.

Coaches will return from Port Erin from the Railway Station car park (close to the drop-off area). Two coaches will leave at **20.15**, five coaches will leave at **20.45**, with two further coaches returning for a final pick-up around **21.30**.

Public transport is also available by bus & steam train service if you wish to make your own way down to Port Erin earlier in the day. A bus & rail timetable is available here <http://www.iombusandrail.info/>

CHANGING FACILITIES

Including showers will be available before and after the 10k road race on Good Friday in Port Erin. Local football club Rushen FC are based at Croit Lowey on Droghadfayle Road, Port Erin (same location as race registration) about 1400m from the finish of the 10k. Facilities will open at 16.45, and close around 20.45 although they will be locked during the race period. There are also public toilets near to the start/finish area and at a number of other locations in Port Erin e.g. in the car park at the coach drop-off, at the railway station and near the bottom of Strand Road behind the Ice Cream shop.

REFRESHMENTS

Available at a number of outlets in Port Erin.

PARKING

As the Lower Promenade will be closed to traffic there will be no parking in this area. Cars should be parked in the public car parks in the upper part of the village and competitors should walk/jog to the start.



FULL FACTORY WINNERSWEAR PEEL HILL RACES EASTER SATURDAY - 04 APRIL 2026

The second race in the Festival is held in the west of the island at Peel approx. 11miles from Douglas. The men's race starts at 14.15 and the women's race starts at 15.15 on the road in front of the House of Manannan museum.

TRANSPORT

For those who have entered the full festival or paid for coach travel, there is a coach provided to take competitors to Peel leaving Douglas from outside the Villa Marina, Douglas Promenade. Two coaches will leave at **12 noon**, five further coaches coaches will leave at **12.45** and there will be two later coaches around **13.15**.

You can help us in a couple of ways here:

- Please fill up the early coaches so that they can drop-off in Peel and return to Douglas for the 13.15 pick-up as quickly as possible.
- We would appreciate that if necessary, priority is given to the male athletes who are planning to run in the hill race.

For the return, the coach will leave Peel from the Creek Inn (by the start/finish area) at **16.30** to return to Douglas.

CHANGING FACILITIES

Please arrive ready to run. There are no official changing facilities, although there are temporary toilets available at the start/finish area and in the House of Manannan car park for Festival runners. Please do not use the toilets in the Creek Inn or House of Manannan.



REFRESHMENTS

Will be available during the afternoon from the cafe located inside the House of Mannanan and in the Creek Inn. Also, after the women's race has concluded the Creek Inn will be providing free sandwiches to competitors and there will be a short presentation – please see below

BONUS AWARDS

Our race sponsor has generously donated additional funds for extra prizes this year. These are in addition to the usual awards and will be presented at the conclusion of racing:

1st - £250

2nd - £150

3rd - £100

RUN BACK TO DOUGLAS

Although not officially part of the Festival, many competitors run back to Douglas, taking in a number of pubs along the way.

Following feedback from the local Constabulary, if you are doing this run you are requested to:

- Use the Heritage Trail (old Railway Line) wherever possible
- Wear bright clothing
- Be back in Douglas before dark or complete your journey by public transport.

Please remember that you are ambassadors for the Festival and ensure that you respect the publicans and their pubs as well as local farmland.

Please drink responsibly



THE OUTBACK 5K RACES EASTER SUNDAY - 05 APRIL 2026

The final event of the festival are 5k road races for men and women on a flat out and back course along Douglas Promenade, starting near the Sea Terminal. The women's race starts at 10.30am & the Men's race starts at 11.20am

When running keep to the right. Be aware that the route can be uneven in a number of places and whilst there will be marshals, there are likely to be other users of the promenade.

TRANSPORT

No transport as Douglas Promenade is within easy access of all Douglas Hotels

CHANGING FACILITIES

Please arrive ready to run as there are no official changing facilities. There are toilets at the start/finish area and inside the Sea Terminal building (same area as race registration)

REFRESHMENTS

Available from the open air café serving drinks & light refreshments close to the start/finish as well as a Costa Coffee in the Sea Terminal.

At the conclusion of the races, the Outback Sports Bar will be serving free chip baps, tea and coffee to all competitors. The bar will be open as usual.



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

AGE GROUPS

For junior age groups, we are following the new England Athletics age groups which are being introduced on 1st April 2026. Minimum age is 15 on the 3rd April 2026 for all the festival events, there will be age group categories U20, U18 and U16. For veterans, age is on the first day of the Festival i.e. 3rd April 2026 (35 for both men and women).

NUMBERS

All competitors need to wear their race numbers for all three races. Timing chips are embedded into your race number. Do not lose or forget your number. Replacements will only be issued if available and in any event a £5 replacement fee will be charged.

Note – any competitors not wearing their official race number on their torso, tampering with or mutilating their number will be disqualified and any prize winnings forfeited

PRIZES

As usual we will be offering a generous prize list as well as bonuses if any course records are broken (not age group records) – please see below. The full prize list will be published on our event website prior to the event.

Course records:

10k Men - Scott Stirling 29:38, 2023

10k Women – Alice Goodall 33:05, 2023

Peel Hill Men – James Walsh 20:10, 2007

Peel Hill Women – Alice Goodall 16:33, 2023

5k Men – Jonny Mellor 14:36, 2007

5k Women – Alice Goodall 16:29, 2023

As in recent years, all prizes will be paid by bank transfer. All prize winners will be notified after the event and prize winners will need to provide their bank details. These details will be deleted once payment has been made.



MULTIPLE PRIZES

Any competitors eligible for more than one individual prize in a single race, for example, 6th overall, 1st veteran, will only be eligible for one prize. The prize awarded will be the one receiving the higher monetary value.

HEADPHONES

These are permitted in the 5K only. Other than the use of Aftershokz bone conducting headphones they must not be worn in the 10K or hill race. This is for your safety and wearing headphones in the 10k or hill race is **likely to result in disqualification.**

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please complete the relevant medical details on the back of your race number. This is for your benefit in the need of medical attention. If you have any medical issues that you wish our First Aid team to be aware of, please e-mail contact@easterfestival.info. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence and deleted after the event.



SOCIAL EVENTS

GOOD FRIDAY

There are a number of pubs, cafes and takeaways in Port Erin that will be open during the day and evening.

EASTER SATURDAY

Take a well-deserved drink in the harbour side Creek Inn Pub following your efforts in the Hill Race. Some light refreshments will be provided after the races by the Creek Inn Pub.

EASTER SUNDAY

Following your final race please visit the Australian themed sports bar 'The Outback' in Douglas 400 metres from the start and finish area of the 5K races. "Chip butties", tea and coffee will be laid on.

In the evening the Prize Presentation and Party is also at the Outback. **This is a Private Function and admission is by ticket only.**

Tickets are included for those who have paid for the Full Festival package. Due to this event being fully subscribed, unfortunately no other tickets can be made available.

Have a good time but please remember to drink responsibly.



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Thanks are also due to a number of government departments and local authorities for their support and cooperation:

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Port Erin Commissioners

Port St Mary Commissioners

Peel Town Commissioners

Douglas City Council

The Festival is also run in conjunction with a number of business partners:

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