

## SOUTH WEST COAST 50 CHALLENGE, 5TH AUGUST 2023

### EVENT OVERVIEW

Our South West Coast 50 Challenge event will be taking place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023. This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the event in its new 50K format and we are hugely excited to incorporate it into our 'Ultra Challenge Series' of events once again. The event will be following the same format as 2022.

The event will be starting from 'The Lawns' / Dunster Showground, a large private field site in Dunster, where we will set participants off gradually between 7am and 11am. Our rolling start line will help to reduce the impact on the local area by ensuring that there are no large participant groups out on the event route. Participants will walk up to 50km on Public Rights of Way before returning back at the same venue. In addition to the full 50km, there are several shorter route options available. No road closures are required.

OTPION	START DATE	START TIME	START LOCATION	FINISH LOCATION
50km Challenge	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> August	07:00 – 09:30	Dunster Showground	Dunster Showground
25km Loop Challenge	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> August	09:30 – 10:30	Dunster Showground	Dunster Showground
10km Loop Challenge	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> August	10:30 – 11:00	Dunster Showground	Dunster Showground

We anticipate between 1000 and 1500 walkers and runners taking part across the three different challenge options. We see all types of people participate from ultra runners to first time walkers with around 95% of participants being walkers. All participants share the one focus of raising much needed funds for over 400 different charities including; [Alzheimer's Society](#), [Breast Cancer Now](#), [Cancer Research UK](#), [Clic Sargent](#), [Great Ormond Street Hospital](#), [Help for Heroes](#), [Macmillan Cancer support](#), [Mind](#), [NSPCC](#) and [Parkinson's UK](#). We will also be contacting local charities within the area to encourage our participants towards supporting these local causes. For more information on our charity partners please visit - <https://www.ultrachallenge.com/the-charities/>

Action Challenge ([www.actionchallenge.com](http://www.actionchallenge.com)), experienced event organisers, are co-ordinating all logistics of the event and we would like to notify all authorities along the route to make you aware of the event and to give you the opportunity to make any suggestions or comments regarding our plotted route. The entire route has been fully researched using existing public footpaths however as we are still several months out from the event this can be adapted following suggestions. We will also conduct a full pre-event recce of the route to identify any significant risks, which we will log into a risk assessment and apply appropriate safety measures to reduce any potential hazards.

With this in mind, please find overleaf an outline of where the event will pass and a Google map for the route on the event page here: <https://www.ultrachallenge.com/sw-coast-50/>

Please also find on page 5 further route and event specific information. Notification to all local authorities, parish councils and landowners is in the process of being undertaken and we appreciate any advice/comments you may have.

Please advise if any formal permission is required along the route.

Kind regards,

[Neil Munro](#)

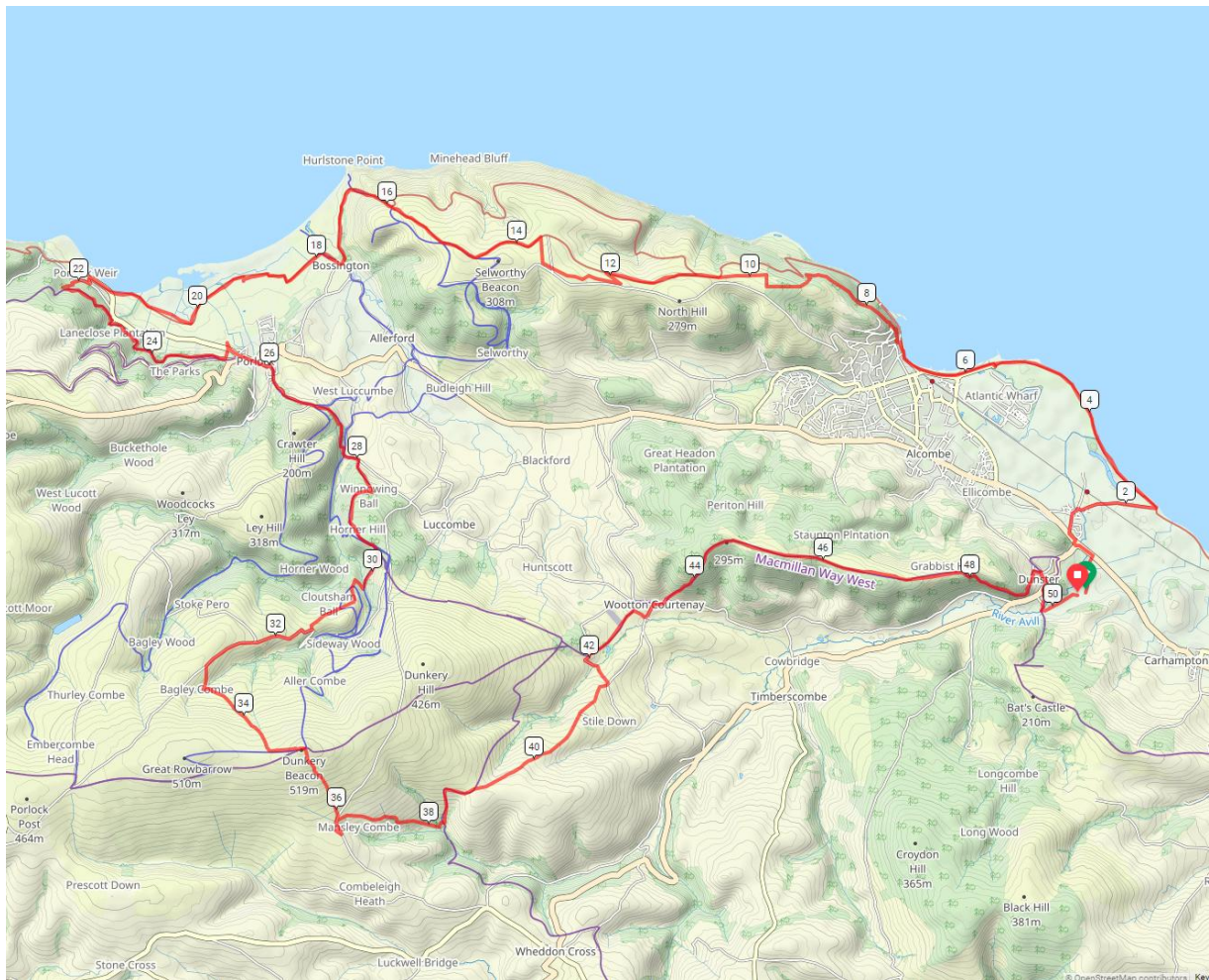
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## THE EVENT ROUTE

The event route is comprised of a 50km route with a 25km loop within it. Further to this there is a 10k loop.

Participants will begin their challenge by heading from Dunster towards and into Minehead. From Minehead the route west along the south west coastal path to Porlock. From Porlock the route heads south up to Dunkery Beacon. From Dunkery Beacon the route turns back towards Minehead and heads north east and then east into Dunster and back to the start / finish location at Dunster Showground. The 25km loop sits within this and splits off after Minehead and heads south Wootton Courtenay where it rejoins the main 50km route on the Macmillan Way West. The 10km is a separate route and follows PROWs around Bat's Castle and Dunster Deer Park.

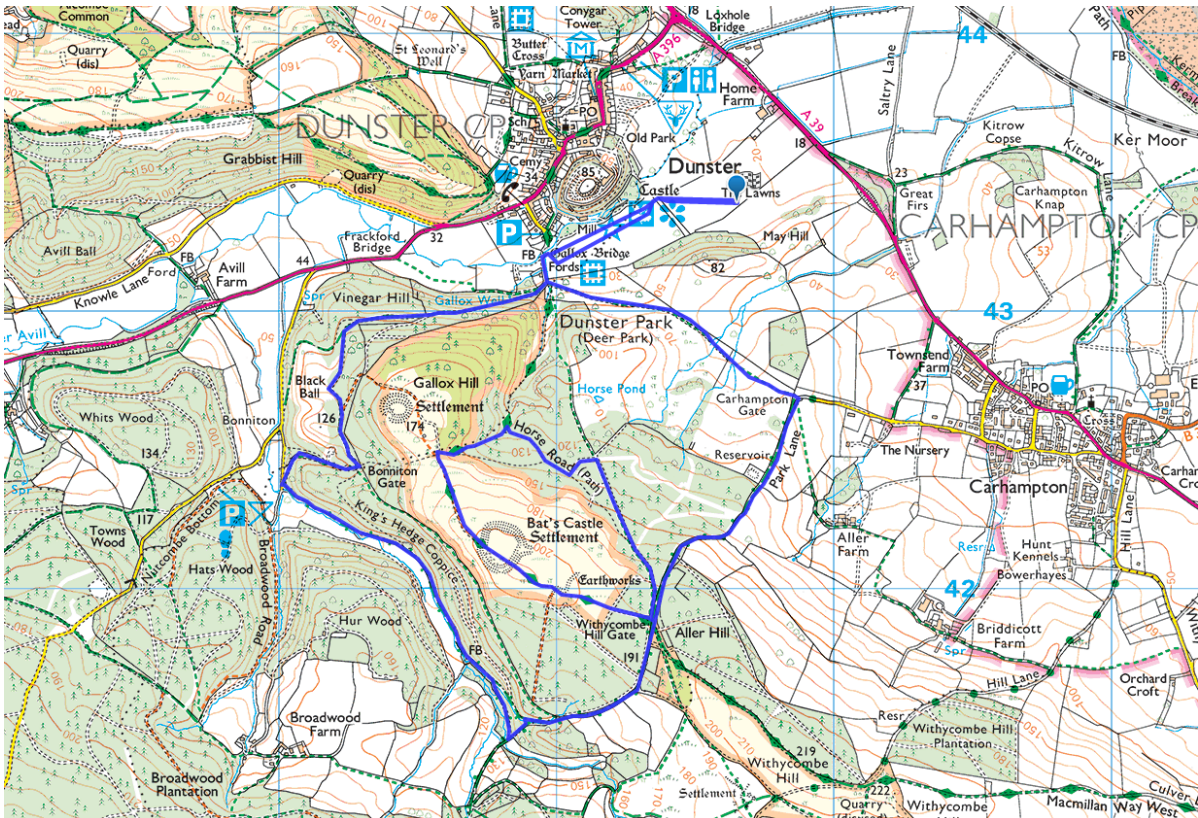
## 50KM ROUTE



25KM ROUTE



10KM ROUTE



**Please note;** the above images are only intended to provide an overview of the routes.

The route can be examined in detail via the event website (link provided on page 1) or via download of the route GPX file, which can be viewed in detail on multiple platforms.

## EVENT PLANNING INFORMATION

### ANTICIPATED PARTICIPANT TIMINGS AT ROUTE & VENUE LOCATIONS

The event commences with the first participants leaving the start at 7am on Saturday. The final participants are expected in back at the finish at approximately 10pm on Saturday having made their way along the route.

All venue locations are approximately 10.5km's apart.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August Time first runner expected*</b>	<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August Time Last Walker expected*</b>
The Lawns, Dunster	07:00	22:00
National Trust Car Park, Hill Road (East of Deans Lane)	08:00	13:00
Court Place Farm, Porlock	09:30	17:00
Dunkery Gate	11:00	20:00
The Lawns, Dunster	12:30	22:00

\*These are the estimated times of the very first runners and the slowest walkers. The majority of participants are likely to start passing through several hours after the fastest runners, and several hours before the last walkers.

### ROUTE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

- Route is fully marked with pink arrows
- Marshals, Guides and medics will patrol the route.
- Road warning signs (for both traffic and participants) where necessary.
- All signage removed after the last participants have passed through.
- All participants are requested to follow the highway and country codes, walk on the right, and stay on the designated path and not to litter.
- Event clear-up includes collection of any rubbish along route.
- Event management plan includes risk assessment and contingency plans in case of unexpected events (i.e. extreme weather conditions).
- Action Challenge public liability insurance certificate can be provided upon request.

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