GREAT BENTLEY XC RACE – HILLYFIELDS, COLCHESTER – 15 November 2026

Venue, timings and distances

The venue is Hilly Fields, Sussex Road, Colchester, CO3 3QJ.

Entrance to the start/finish is via the footpath from Popes Lane if parked at the multi-storey, or via Sussex Road if using roadside parking. **SEE PARKING INFORMATION BELOW.**

The juniors will race at 10am followed by the seniors racing at 10.45am.

The courses start and finish on the field beside Sussex Road with the race taking you through woods and on tracks and fields around the country park at Hilly Fields. The junior race is a single lap of 1.25 miles; the senior rate comprises two laps of approx. 2.5 miles. A map is attached below.

Please note that Hilly Fields is it is a country park and runners may encounter members of the public who are also using the park. Please be respectful to anyone on the course.

Parking

Please can we ask that as many as possible car share as this will help to ease congestion in the area and ensures that everyone gets parked up conveniently

MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK

The most reliable option to ensure a car-parking space is **St Marys multi storey car park. CO3 3AA .**
This is about half a mile from the race start. Parking is £5 for three hours and payment is by way of card or MiPERMIT App. To get to Hilly Fields walk along the front of the building to Popes Lane and along to the public footpath (next to Top Field)

The MiPermit location number is 737834.

PARKING FROM SUSSEX ROAD (ACCESSED FROM LEXDEN ROAD)

There is also roadside parking available off Lexden Road. Depending where you park this will mean a 10 to 15 minute walk to the start field. Hilly Fields can be accessed from Sussex Road. Do not try to park on Sussex Road: we need this space to accommodate medical vehicles in case of emergency at the race.

If using roadside parking, please park considerately and ensure that all driveways are left clear and that traffic is not impeded. Please check parking restrictions, nearby options are: Park Road CO3 3UL; Queens Road CO3 3NY; The Avenue CO3 3PA; West Lodge Road CO3 3NL; Victoria Road CO3 3NT; Creffield Road CO3 3JA; Oxford Road CO3 3HN; Sussex Road CO3 3QJ.

SHEEPEN ROAD

Post code Sheepen Road CO3 3LL

Unlike previous years, there is only minimal parking on Sheepen Road. If attempting to park here, please only park along one side of the road to avoid causing road blockages.

Sheepen Road car park is also available. This costs £3.20 and can be paid for using the MiPermit app or via text message.

You can download the MiPermit app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.
The location number for Sheepen Road car park is 737824.

Toilets

Portaloos will be positioned in Sussex Road. Note that facilities are restricted by the space available so please arrive as “race ready” as possible.

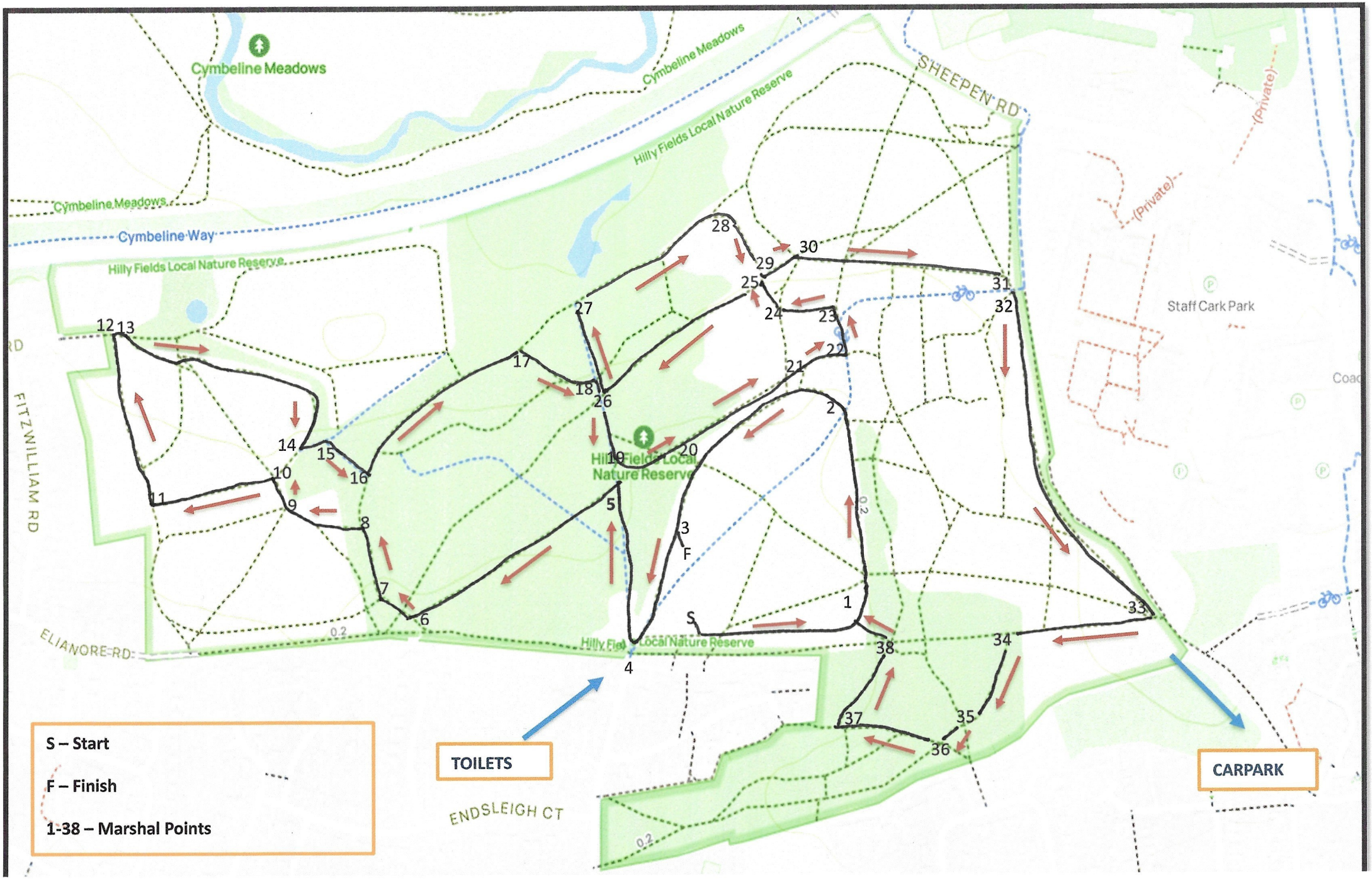
Results and score sheets

Score sheets are to be handed in to the gazebo near the start/finish area. Each club will be provided with a plastic wallet, please place finishing tokens and your score sheets in the wallet. Results will be announced as soon as possible after the end of the race.

Payment of race fees

Fees for each club will be confirmed alongside the results and clubs will be contacted following the race to confirm fees owed.

GBRC Cross Country 2026 (adult route) – 5.3 miles (2 laps)



GBRC Cross Country 2026 (junior route) – 1.25 miles

