

The Dirty Devil Weekend – Latest update

Please read thoroughly
Any questions? email – stampede@bustinskin.com
The Dirty Devil Stampede weekend
Saturday 25th January and Sunday 26th January 2025

Here are some important bits to get you to us and to give you an idea of what to expect and what not too for both days.

Location - by clicking this link it should take you directly to the area we are using.
<https://goo.gl/maps/8hcgjMpcFQp> or click here for the whatthreewords location -
<https://w3w.co/chestnuts.rubble.sweeper> Wareham BH20 7NQ.

You will see flags, signs and marshals in high viz orange when you approach.

We suggest you plan to arrive 45-60 minutes before the event to allow time to park, walk to the Race HQ pick up your numbers.

Parking for this event is free on site but the parking loop goes all the way around the event field (marked in yellow on the map) this could mean if you are late that you end up over 2km away from the start, please give yourself plenty of time to get to registration and sort yourself out.

Parking Marshals. Please follow their directions carefully and park considerately to allow all runners space to attend and enjoy the event.

Keys/ Baggage etc..

If you have travelled by car, it will be safer, and we would really encourage you to, leave your bags and valuables in your car and simply leave your car key with a friend/family member who has come to support you or in a key safe on your car.

Lost keys on an army base cause issues - expensive issues – those ‘issues’ will be passed on to you should you find you are not in possession of your keys at the end of the event.

If and only IF you have no other choice but to hand us a key – you will need to have it marked with a baggage type tag with your name and telephone number on it – no tag no chance! – we will **NOT** have baggage tags onsite. **Your Key – Your Responsibility.**

Timings – for Saturday Duathlon and Sunday Stampede.

We will be on site from 08:00 both days, we are allowed as we have passes (smug smile!) If you are **NOT** in the race crew then please do not arrive on site before **09:30** when **Registration** will open. This is an operational army base and they have guns!

However, please make sure you arrive **before 10:25** because **at 10:30** the main gate will close and you will be denied access. No excuse whatsoever will get you on site. (Remember, GUNS!)

The **race safety briefing**, which is **mandatory**, will be at **10:45** – if you arrive at registration later than this you may not be allowed to race. It will take you over 30 minutes to get yourself parked, registered, briefed and in place to run so our advice is aim to get here no later than **10:00!**

The race will **start at 11:00 prompt** if you are here or not.

Saturday Dark Dirty Devil - Your race starts at 16:30 – you will need to be onsite no later than 16:00 – gates will open for you to get onsite and register at 15:00 and close at 16:00

The Course.

Duathlon and Dark stampede course Saturday is different to Stampede on Sunday

SATURDAY Duathlon, your FIRST run route will be on a gravel/grit/mud/water surface, not easy but not as hard as the Stampede the following day, less sharks and crocodiles! The bike is on the tanks fast track course, suitable for mountain/gravel bike etc. There are no 5 feet puddles to wade through or death defying descents, just a good old fast off road track to race around. The second run is lets say more interesting!

SATURDAY DARK DIRTY DEVIL, you will be running around the tanks fast track course at dusk, you **WILL** need a head torch and some bright clothing with reflective strips on, the course will be marked with arrows all along with added glow sticks to keep you on track – if you stray from the course you will get lost! Hence you need some lights, preferably front and back and some high viz clothing so we can track you down.

Stampede Sunday -

You are running on tank made terra firma not a course with monkey bars, electricity, high walls and ice skips etc.!

This course is a **Stampede** as the name suggests, a totally off road running event in and around the tank training area.

You will be running through woods, up hills, over sand, a lot of sand, water troughs, grit, mud, water, crocodile pit, scramble net - a wet one at that oh and it's under it!, hills.....and so on.

Our advice is not to run with a new set of trainers or indeed footwear that you wish to see again, you may start with one shoe on each foot but you may not finish the same way.

There is **NO** water station on the course, we suggest you hydrate well before the event but please bring a bottle/running bag if you need to drink more on route.

Bring something warm to change in to, the start is wet, the middle is wet and the end is wet. All of the water sections are no deeper than waist high, unless you are a Hobbit?! You do not need to duck under anything in the water, logs/barbed wire etc. - we are civilized, well kind of.

The finish line takes you up and over the knife-edge on every loop, hard work but solid under foot so no dramas there. Keep to the right for the 10k and 15k loops where you will continue on for two or three loops and please then keep to the left for the finish line.

What to Wear?

Clothing

You will get dirty and wet. We recommend that you wear a synthetic T-shirt or long sleeve shirt on your upper body and possibly some running tights on your legs. The materials should ideally wick away sweat and dry quickly when wet. Cotton is not good at this. Technical breathable fabrics are perfect for this event and are strongly recommended. Remember, cotton gets heavy when wet.

Footwear

Off-road running shoes would be ideal for the varied terrain but a normal road running shoe will be suitable if you do not have an off-road shoe. No Spikes please.

MP3's, phones – DO NOT TAKE THESE AROUND THE COURSE.

Some people fall in the puddles, others actively dive in. You WILL get wet and so will anything you carry! We strongly discourage the use of any equipment that acts as an impediment to hearing or concentration when competing. This includes any mobile device. Bustinskin Events cannot be responsible for accidents resulting from racing with such equipment.

RACE TIMING

The race is chip timed by Timing Monkey. Timing chips will be attached to the back of your race number. The chips are robust and will record your time from start to finish. Please take care when securing your number to the front of your running outfit that you do not bend/ fold the chip as it may damage it resulting in your time not being recorded.

The finish is at the finish flags not the knife edge. Once you have clambered down the other side the finish flags will be by race HQ you need to run through and into the finish funnel.

Military Debris

Please be aware that Stampede is held across military training areas and as such, and while unlikely there may be some military debris on the course. If you see debris likely to cause runners a problem, please report it to the nearest marshal. Above all, do not touch it, it may explode and kill you!

Rubbish

There are bins/ bags within the race HQ area for you to dispose of your waste/ gel packets/ water cups etc. If you walk back to your car with any rubbish, please take it home with you to dispose of and do not leave your litter on the ground!

Dogs

We love them but we are not licensed to have dogs on site, so we politely ask you to leave your furry friends at home.

The Finish

Hot and cold drinks and hot food will be available for you to purchase at the finish, make sure you have some cash in the car for your refreshments, its not expensive, neither is it free ;)

If you are in the 10k or 15k events and decide that one loop is enough for you please **DO NOT CROSS THE FINISHING LINE!** Be decent enough to walk to one side informing us of your decision and not wandering off with the winner's prize having only completed 1/3 of the course! Once again remember **GUNS!**

Racing with Children (Stampede only)

You need to stay together for your entire race, do not let the kids run off without you – you are there to ensure their safety and that they stick to the course – a child finishing on their own will end up with them in a cage you in trouble and us pointing guns! STAY TOGETHER!!! ☺

This isn't a flat pb course, the race is against the course not the clock

Course Medical and Marshal Cover

The course will have plenty of marshals along the route as well as first aid cover by race HQ. Should you injure yourself, please, if you can, make your way to a marshal or the first aid wagon, informing the marshal at the finish that you have withdrawn from the race.

There are toilets on site however there are no showers.

Photos

The race will have photographers scattered along its route and an overhead drone will be capturing the race from above.

By entering the event you give consent for us to use your images for future promotion.

All pictures from the day will be eventually found here –

<https://www.facebook.com/BustinSkinEvents/photos>

Stampede Merchandise

If you have pre-purchased a T-Shirt, you must collect it from Race HQ after you have finished the race.

AWARDS

There are awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male & Female in each distance. There are no age group awards.

Share your experience!

We love to see you enjoying the event. Don't forget to share your photos and videos on social media and tag us using #bustinskinerevents

Stay safe, have a great week and we will see you all Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th.

Mark and the BustinSkin Events Team

Here is a list of things to remember from the above blurb!!!

1. Make your club team **stand out**. Bring supporters. Wear something bright.
2. **Fancy dress** is encouraged/welcome/almost mandatory!
3. **Inflatable friends** are also welcome - crocodiles, sheep, rubber rings, hammers and the like.
4. If you have no-one to race with then tell loved ones "If you loved me you would take part!" **blackmail is encouraged!**
5. This is a once a year opportunity, time to shed those Christmas pounds. So **put some effort in!!!**
6. There will be **refreshments at the end**, bring some money for hot food & drinks.
7. The Stampede is **chip timed**, get there early to sort yourselves out.
8. All finishers will receive a custom **Dirty Devil Buff, Custom Dirty Devil Medal**
9. All distances are 'ish measured! so we're working on the basis of a short, medium or long run - Garmin and Strava freaks, I know, this will turn your world upside down if it isn't measured to the n'th degree but really, you need to get over that!!

If the above twists your melons then counseling will be on hand ☺

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Weather looks a little cool for the weekend so wrap up warm!