

Cliveden Cross Country – Monday 2nd January 2012, 10.00am

Under UK Athletics Rules

SEAA Race Permit 2012 – 103276



Welcome to another post-Christmas test of endurance and fitness at Cliveden presented by kind permission of the National Trust. The race is always held between Boxing Day and New Year's Day, but this year due to the way Christmas falls it has been decided to hold the event on the Bank Holiday Monday 2 January, and takes advantage of the interesting landscapes and enormous potential of Cliveden - 3 steep hills, long paths along the Thames escarpment, back along the riverbank as well as both grassy avenues and gravel paths through rhododendrons and woodland. Dogs are only permitted in the woods, and therefore cannot take part in the race.



The Cliveden run has taken place for over 26 years following a very similar format, only the routes used have changed according to the requirements of the Estate.

Race Cancellation in 2009 and 2010

As many of you will know the weather forced cancellation of last two year's run. The National Trust allow the run on the condition that they can close the Estate in the event of weather that may present a significant risk to the public. This is out of our control. We would thus like to apologise to those who lost their race entry fee last year and would like to thank the majority of entrants who, although disappointed, were understanding and sympathetic. This was a stressful and disappointing experience for the Club and officials involved and it was only after considerable thought that we decided to go ahead with this year's event as the risk of a repeat remains. Because of the previous 2 cancellations the National Trust have kindly allowed us to have a back up date in the event of the weather hitting us again on Sunday 15 January.

The only time when the Estate is closed to the public and can be used for our event is the narrow window between Christmas and the New Year – hence rearranging the race is not possible for this and other reasons. A number of entrants felt that we should have returned the entry fee. A little thought would reveal the volunteers who organise this event would have been required to write and send 650 cheques, while a significant amount of the entry fee is committed prior to the race.

In the event of adverse weather on the run up to Christmas and beyond we would advise you to visit our website where we will provide warnings and updates of any potential problems.

www.burnhamjoggers.org.uk

Because the National Trust have a long term plan for improvements to the Estate including the pathways and gardens we have been asked not to allow the use of spikes. Runners must observe this. Failure to do so will put future events at risk. Trail shoes or Cross Country shoes are ideal. Road shoes/flats are not recommended.

RACE INSTRUCTIONS

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| Arrival | Directions for arrival by car are attached. Cliveden is well sign posted from the A4 east of Maidenhead and from Bourne End. The nearest train stations are Taplow, Burnham and Maidenhead, all of which have a taxi service. |
| Parking | A SPECIAL PLEA TO RUNNERS: We endeavour to accept as many runners as possible. However, parking is limited and access difficult, so if possible car share, arrive early and follow the marshals instructions. You may be directed to park on the grass just inside the main gates to speed up parking. A short cut to the start means that this is little further to the start than from the main car park. Do not park in the facilities reserved for Hotel guests and staff. |
| Clothing | There are very limited changing facilities, so please arrive in running kit. It is advisable to have a selection of warm clothes, and a change of socks/shoes with the possibility of cold, wet weather and a muddy course. There is shelter in the Orangery. |
| Race no. | The race number must be attached to the front of your running top. Runners must run with the number and chip allocated to them. THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, especially in the event of an accident. This is a condition for entering the race, any runner identified as not doing this will be disqualified and barred from future events. Numbers can be exchanged before 20th December but ONLY if the race secretary is notified of the full details of the original and new runner, by emailing chairman@burnhamjoggers.org.uk . |
| Toilets | Toilets are situated in the main car park with others next to the Orangery. |
| Start | The race starts at 10.00 am in front of the hotel so assemble by 9.50 am. Please do not warm up inside the hotel gates. Dress appropriately for the weather and your own pace. If you are feeling unwell, do not run. WARNING: It really is a tough race. |
| Course | The course (1 small + 1 big lap) takes you up and down 230 feet to the river several times. We hope to use the same course as in 2008. |

Marshals	The course will be marked with arrows and tape on the bushes. No signs and you are going wrong! Please obey the marshals' instructions. They are there for your convenience and safety as any cross country course has many potential risks. Should an accident occur, please ensure that the marshals are informed immediately.
First Aid	First aiders and an ambulance will be in attendance at the finish. If you feel unwell, contact a marshal who will arrange help. If you are not a regular runner check beforehand with your GP.
Finish	Once you have crossed the finish line keep moving through the finish area to the marshals so that your chip can be removed.
Catering	Water will be available at the finish and refreshments in the Orangery.
Results	Prizes will be presented in the Orangery at 11.30 am for all categories to hand. There are no team competitions at this event. Results will also available at www.burnhamjoggers.org.uk
Note	Entry fees will not be refunded even in the event of circumstances beyond our control leading to the cancellation of this event.

Cliveden Cross Country Course

We expect the course to be the same as in 2008 but adverse weather or work within the Estate could result in this being changed at short notice.

The start is 50 yards in front of the gates of the Hotel. The courtyard inside the gates is strictly out of bounds to runners. You must run across the sensor pads to activate your timing. From the hotel, you run the length of the drive and turn right at the Fountain of Love. Branching left by the car park, the course follows a lightly wooded track that leads into a grassy paddock that crosses the main entrance drive. The route passes through some woodland and 'the pheasantry' and emerges into the open with a view across the Thames.

For the first lap, runners turn right along a flat path before taking their first descent down a zigzagging path. Take particular care going down past the balustrades near the bottom, as there is an adverse camber and little grip on the slope. Turn right onto the track by the boat-house and go round the grassed area. You then need all your breath for the stepped climb up the full length of Yew Tree hill. At the very top, turn right by the side of Cliveden House and back into the drive in front of the hotel.

The course on the 2nd lap follows the same route as far as the exit from the pheasantry wood. This time runners turn left along the escarpment for about 1 mile. Enjoy the views if you have time, but watch your footing. At the far end of the Estate the path descends via a long hill to the Thames. A right turn takes runners along the return footpath by the side of the River until the bottom of the zigzag path is reached. Runners have the pleasure of running up the zigzag before turning left at the top and returning back down to the river on a parallel path. It is then a short run to the foot of Yew Tree hill for a final slog up to the finish in the main drive. The course is approximately 6.2 miles.

CATEGORY TROPHIES

(a runner can only take one trophy)

MALE

Senior 17-39 1st
Senior 17-39 2nd
Senior 17-39 3rd
Vet 40-49 1st
Vet 40-49 2nd
Vet 40-49 3rd
Vet 50-59 1st
Vet 50-59 2nd
Vet 60-69 1st
Vet 70+ 1st

FEMALE

Senior 17-39 1st
Senior 17-39 2nd
Senior 17-39 3rd
Vet 40-49 1st
Vet 40-49 2nd
Vet 40-49 3rd
Vet 50-59 1st
Vet 50-59 2nd
Vet 60-69 1st
Vet 70+ 1st

DIRECTIONS

From M40, junction 2,

- Leave M40 at Exit 2 and take south turning from roundabout (A355 Slough).
- Immediately get into right hand lane.
- In 200 yards, turn right (sign posted Burnham). Beware of bends and narrow road.
- In 1 mile, look out for width restriction, followed by sharp right hand corner.
- In $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, pass the 'Jolly Woodman', turn right 300 yards beyond by thatched school
- Turn left in $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.
- After $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, Cliveden is on the right.

From M4, junction 7,

- Leave M4 at Exit 7 (Slough West). At end of the spur road, turn left on A4 (sign posted Maidenhead).
- In 200 yards, straight ahead at traffic lights, then after $\frac{1}{4}$ mile turn right at Sainsbury's roundabout.
- Under railway bridge ahead then after 300 yards straight ahead at double mini roundabout
- Follow straight ahead for 3 miles, Cliveden is opposite at the T-junction.

From Maidenhead,

- Take A4 east over the River Thames.
- Take 2nd left at traffic lights, sign posted Cliveden.
- In 3 miles, Cliveden is on the left.

Welcome to Burnham Joggers

Many unattached runners are surprised at their improvement when they run with a group. So why not come and meet us at the Burnham Cricket Club Pavilion, Burnham, every Tuesday and Thursday at 18.50 where there is a bar, showers, changing rooms and toilets. We also hold 2 beginners courses each year aimed at taking people from no zero to 5 km over a 10 week period. Please e-mail for details of the next course.

On Club evenings, our members run a variety of distances at different paces. Organised speed work sessions are held on Tuesdays during the year and a 10 km handicapped time trial called the Staggered Jog is held on the last Sunday of every month from Burnham Health Centre' for those interested in checking their progress.

To learn more about BJ's:

Web: www.burnhamjoggers.org.uk

Email: chairman@burnhamjoggers.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you on Monday, 2nd January – Burnham Joggers Race Committee

Future Events

Burnham Beeches Half Marathon
Cliveden Cross Country

August 19th 2012
December 30th 2012 (to be confirmed)

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