

# RACE TO THE KING

## Race to the King – Event Information 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

This is a follow-up event notification for the Race to the King event taking place in June this year.

### Overview:

Threshold Sports, a sports events agency, are delivering an event in the West Dean/Chichester area this summer – Race to the King. It is a public mass participation event for approximately 1500 people, raising money for a collection of charities. The event website can be found [here](#) if you would like to look over the details.

### The Organisers:

The event is delivered by Threshold Sports, who are a reputable organisation with a wealth of experience in organising events. Threshold are the company behind other well-known events such as the high-profile Sport Relief Challenges (Zoe Ball – Hard Road Home, David Walliams Thames Swim and others), the Macmillan Mighty Hike series, and international events including the Virgin Strive Challenge.

### Event Dates/Timings

- Starts: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – 07:00 at West Dean Estate.
- Finishes: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 - 12:00 at West Dean Estate.

### Route:

- **Distance:** 30k, 50K, 80k and 100k ultra-marathon around the south coast. The routes can be found by following the links below:
  - o **30K:** [here](#)
  - o **50K Coastal:** [here](#)
  - o **50K Castle:** [here](#)
  - o **80K:** [here](#)
  - o **100K:** [here](#)
- **Trail:** A 100K route consisting of the 30K Monarch's Loop, 80K Route, 50K Coastal Route and 50k Castle Route, all starting and finishing at West Dean Estate. This incorporates the South Downs Way, Chichester Harbour, and Arundel Castle with most of the route being public footpaths with some sections veering onto quieter roads. There will be 7 pit stops on the route with food, water, and sports nutrition at each.
- **Signage:** The route team be erecting small red/ white arrows and warning signs along the route from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, for the participants to navigate. These will be removed by the back-marker route team as soon as the last participant is through – therefore all signage will be removed by the afternoon of Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June. See example signage below:



### Participants:

- **Non-stop:** The majority of entrants do the 100K route non-stop running or walking, taking between 7 and 30 hours to complete.
- **80K Option:** Participants can also complete the new 80K route. Designed to provide a 'stepping stone' distance between the 50k and 100k routes.
- **50K Packages:** Several participants will complete either the 50k Coastal or 50K Castle routes, walking or running and taking between 4 and 15 hours to complete.
- **30K Option:** Participants can also complete the new 30K Monarch's Loop.
- **Etiquette:** All participants will have been briefed in appropriate etiquette and behaviour on the trail, including shutting all gates behind them. The back-marker route team will ensure all gates are closed and there is no trace of litter.
- **Small groups:** All participants will be passing along the route in small groups so should not cause any inconvenience – however, please be aware that during this weekend there will be an increase in foot traffic on the trail.

### Approvals/ permissions:

- We have approval/ permission from the relevant event venues, the National Trust, and the National Trails.
- We follow strict H&S protocols including risk assessments and briefings (including use of an independent H&S advisor) and hold relevant company insurances.

As some of the route will be passing through your area, we are sending you the outline details for your information. **We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this letter or advise us of the name of the person(s) responsible for dealing with event planning in your organisation, along with their contact phone number and email address, so we can ensure we have advised all the relevant people.**

***\*Please note, the route may be subject to change following a final route risk assessment nearer to the event.***

I hope you are happy to support this event but if you have any further questions or would like to discuss our plans in more detail my contact details are below.

Many thanks for your support in advance,

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