

All you need to know about
the Baxters Loch Ness
Marathon is here

A group of marathon runners are captured mid-stride on a paved path that winds through a lush, green forest. The path curves to the right, leading towards a body of water and distant mountains under a cloudy sky. In the foreground, two female runners are prominent: one on the left wearing a light blue tank top and yellow shorts with bib number 190, and one in the center wearing a black and blue athletic top with bib number 323. Other runners are visible further down the path, some waving. The entire image is framed with a red border that has a distressed, hand-painted appearance.

LOCH NESS MARATHON RACE GUIDE

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Welcome

We look forward to welcoming you to the 21st edition of the Baxters Loch Ness Marathon & Festival of Running on 1 October. We have runners coming from all over the world and we hope you enjoy your visit to this stunning part of Scotland.

We would like to thank Baxters Food Group, who have been with us as title sponsor from the very beginning in 2002. Their incredible support has helped us make the event what it is today.

Thank you too to our support sponsors and partners: High5, Run4It, Erdinger, Goodr, Body Glide, Marathon Tours and Caledonian Logistics.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Highland Council, Police Scotland, Alba Traffic Management, Scottish Ambulance Service and other agencies and organisations for their invaluable support and advice with the planning of the event.

A huge thank you is extended to the local residents, communities and businesses along the race routes for their support and cooperation; and a special mention for the many individuals, charities and organisations who volunteer over the event weekend for their amazing support.

We are delighted to be partnered with Macmillan Cancer Support, Alzheimer Scotland, Cancer Research UK and Highland Hospice plus 30 additional charity partners, who are all doing incredible work to help others and improve lives.

Over the last 20 years, runners have raised a staggering £13.75M and we wish all those running for charity this year all the very best with their fundraising.

Everything you need to know about the event is here, so please take time to read your race guide carefully to ensure you all have a safe and enjoyable event experience. Please also refer to our website and social channels to keep up to date.

There's so much happening over the race weekend, we hope you'll bring your friends and family along to the Event Village to cheer runners on and soak up the festival atmosphere.

We would like to wish you all the very best with your final few weeks of training and look forward to seeing you all at Registration on Saturday 30 September.



Malcolm Sutherland
Event & Race Director,
Loch Ness Marathon



Audrey Baxter
Executive Chairman

Baxters Food Group is once again delighted to sponsor the Loch Ness Marathon and Festival of Running.

As the long-standing title sponsor and a family business which has its heart in the Highlands, we are enormously proud to continue to support the event which superbly showcases this stunning part of Scotland and provides a unique opportunity to participate in a truly iconic marathon.

With its incredible atmosphere and breathtaking course along the banks of Loch Ness, the event unsurprisingly attracts runners and their supporters from all over the world, bringing an extraordinary buzz to the area.

Wherever they have travelled from to complete this bucket list event, participating runners will be challenging themselves to achieve great 'ness' and perhaps also raising vital funds for a charity or good cause that is important; aligning perfectly with Baxters ethos to 'be different, be better'.

We are looking forward to another fantastic occasion organised by the wonderful festival team and we have no doubt all those who participate in any one of the events will leave with a deep sense of personal satisfaction and achievement along with unforgettable memories.

We wish you all the very best of luck!

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The company's long-standing association with the iconic Loch Ness Marathon has provided the perfect platform to celebrate both through supporting local and encouraging others to challenge themselves.

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Run4It are delighted to support this year's Loch Ness Marathon and are offering participants a 15% discount to help get their training off to the best possible start. Run4It pride themselves on offering great product, quality customer service and expert, honest advice to help improve your running experience! You can use your **15% discount** voucher in Run4It's **7 shops** across Scotland or online at **run4it.com**. In store, Run4It offer a free analysis and shoe fitting service, called +runlab, and can recommend models best suited to your running style and needs.



Is **ERDINGER Alkoholfrei** one of your rituals? Do you lay out your kit the night before a race, put your left sock on first or have a certain play list that you listen to? We all have our own rituals before we do any activity, but ERDINGER Alkoholfrei should always be your ritual after sport! Isotonic refreshment at its best and the only recovery drink your body needs – Cheers!



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LOCH NESS MARATHON 2023

RACE INSTRUCTIONS / KEY TIMINGS

Saturday 30 September

| | | |
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| 10.00 - 18.00 | Registration open | Event Village, Bught Park, Inverness IV3 5SQ |
| 10.00 - 18.00 | Sports Expo & Runners Café open | Event Village, Bught Park |

Sunday 1 October

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| 07.00 - 07.30 | Marathon runners arrive at bus departure point in Inverness | Inverness Ice Centre, Bught Drive, IV3 5SR |
| 07.30 - 07.50 | Buses depart Inverness for the marathon start See page 13 for bus pick up locations & times around Loch Ness | Inverness Ice Centre, Bught Drive, IV3 5SR |
| 07.30 - 09.00 | Registration for 5K & Wee Nessie | Event Village, Bught Park |
| 09.00 - 16.00 | Event Village open - Expo, street food, kids' activities, live music | Event Village, Bught Park |
| 09.30 | Start of Baxters River Ness 5K | Bught Park |
| 09.45 | Start of Wee Nessie | Bught Park |
| 10.00 | Start of Baxters Loch Ness Marathon | Near Whitebridge, South Loch Ness |
| 10.30 | Start of Baxters River Ness 10K & Corporate Challenge | Culduthel Avenue, Inverness, IV2 6RE |
| 12.30 | 10K/Corporate Challenge presentation | Event Village, Bught Park |
| 14.00 | Loch Ness Marathon presentation | Event Village, Bught Park |

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The Event Village is in Bught Park, Inverness, IV3 5SQ, approx. 1 mile from Inverness city centre, bus and train stations, and 11 miles from Inverness airport.

TRAVEL TO INVERNESS

Please visit our website for information on getting to Inverness and where to stay. Visit **www.trafficscotland.org** for travel updates.

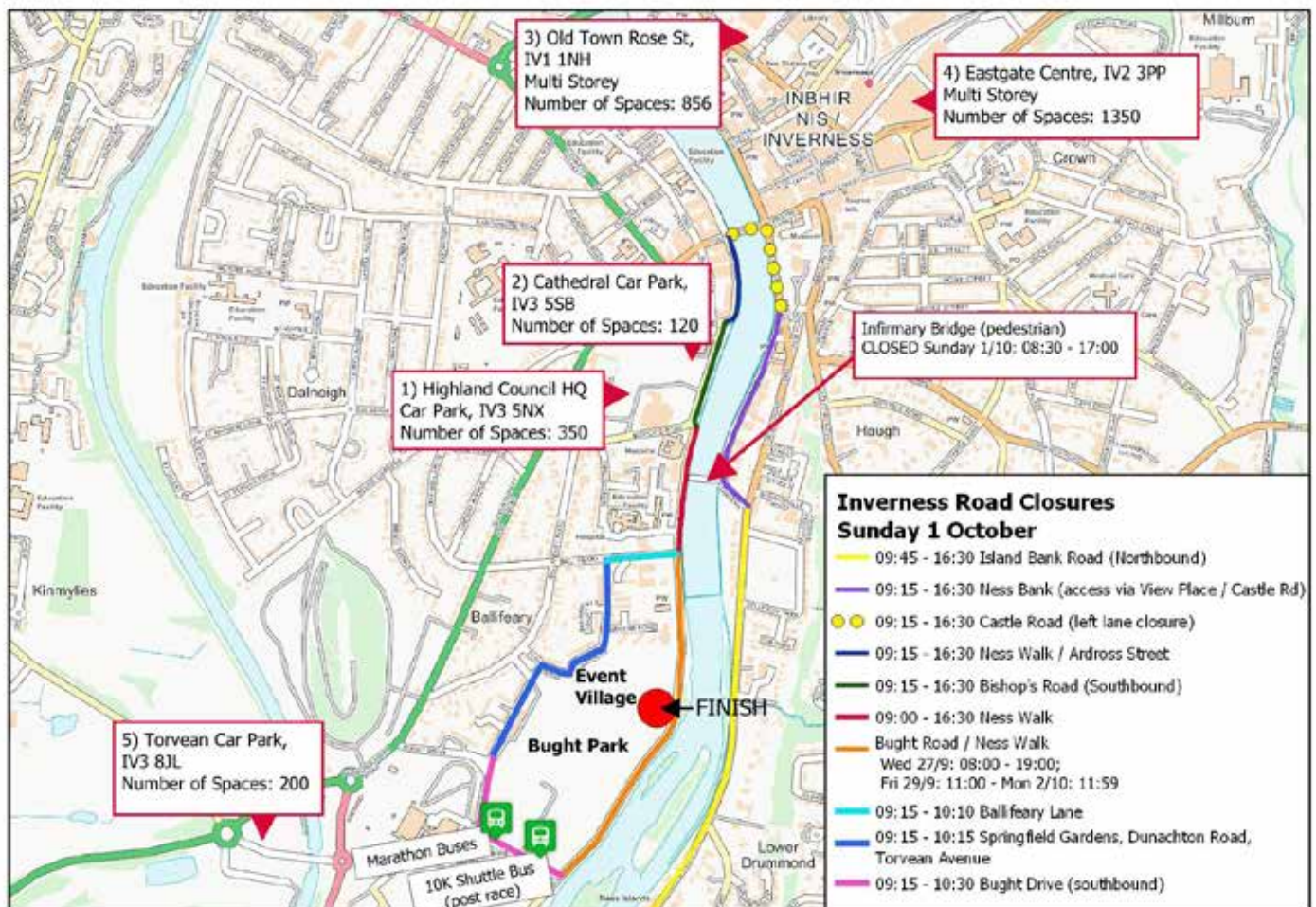
WHERE TO STAY, WHAT TO SEE & DO

Running a marathon is enough of a challenge without having to worry about how to get there, where to stay and what to do after. Make sure that your weekend all goes to plan! For accommodation, where to eat and what to see and do, visit **www.visitinvernesslochness.com**.

CAR HIRE

Our official car hire partner is Arnold Clark Car & Van Rental. Arnold Clark is offering all runners and supporters a **20% discount** off their best web rate on car rental. To book, visit **arnoldclarkrental.com** quoting promotional code **BAXT** or call **0141 567 0561**. Terms and conditions apply.

PARKING



Parking

Saturday 30 September

Event Village, Bught Park: there is **NO** parking available at Bught Park. Parking is available at the following public car parks (refer to map on page 8), parking charges may apply. Where possible we recommend car sharing, using public transport or walking to the Event Village.

- Highland Council HQ Car Park, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX
- Cathedral Car Park, Ness Walk, Inverness, IV3 5NN
- Old Town Rose Street Multi- Storey, Farraline Park, Inverness, IV1 1NH
- Eastgate Centre Multi-Storey Car Park, 11 Eastgate, Inverness IV2 3PP
- Torvean Car Park, IV3 8JL accessed from roundabout opposite Premier Inn, Glenurquhart Road

Sunday 1 October

Marathon Runners: There is **NO** parking at Event Village, Bught Park (location of bus departure point). Please consider walking where possible. Parking is available at the following public car parks, please note parking charges may apply.

- Highland Council HQ Car Park, IV3 5NX (10min walk to marathon bus pick up point)
- Torvean Car Park, IV3 8JL accessed from roundabout opposite Premier Inn, Glenurquhart Road (5min walk to marathon bus pick up point)

A drop off point is available on Glenurquhart Road between Ballifeary Lane and Bught Drive. There is no drop off at Bught Park this year due to ongoing construction works.

For supporters coming to Event Village: there is **NO** parking available at Bught Park. Parking is available at public car parks (refer to map on page 8), parking charges may apply.

Disabled parking is available at Highland Archive Centre car park, Bught Road IV3 5RZ although please note this is located approx. 800m from the Event Village. Please follow signs to 'VIP Parking'.

There is **NO** access or parking available at the Inverness Ice Centre, Inverness Leisure or Highland Rugby Club car parks.

Please be considerate towards local residents and businesses when parking around the Event Village.

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

On Sunday, temporary traffic restrictions will be in place along the race routes and around the Event Village – please plan accordingly. Bught Road is the only road closure in place on Saturday. Please refer to our website.

Registration & Race Pack

CHECK YOUR DETAILS

Please check your contact details, emergency contact information and age are all correct by logging in to **myevents.active.com**, select 'edit registration' under 2023 Loch Ness Marathon & Festival of Running. It is your responsibility to make any changes **by 31 August**.

A full list of race numbers will be available on our website from early September.

REGISTRATION

All marathon runners must attend registration to collect their race pack on Saturday 30 September 10.00-18.00 at the Event Village.

Please note there are strictly no race weekend entries for the Marathon and no transfers between races. The deadline to transfer your place to another runner was 16 July 2023. As per our terms & conditions of entry, we do not offer refunds or a deferment to the next edition of the event.

PLEASE BRING PHOTO ID (such as a passport or driver's license) and find out your race number on our website before attending registration.

If you are unable to collect your race pack, you can arrange for a friend or family member to collect it for you. The person picking up your race pack must show:

- Signed authorisation from the runner to collect on your behalf - you can download a template here.
- Their own photo ID.

RACE PACK

This contains your race number with timing chip and baggage label, safety pins and post-race soup ticket.

RACE NUMBER

- Complete the emergency contact and medical information on the reverse of your race number.
- If you have a medical condition, provide as much information as possible on the back of your race number and put a red cross on the front so medical teams are aware of any existing medical condition should you require assistance on the course.
- Attach your race number to the FRONT of your running top, it must be visible at all times and not obscured by a water belt or vest.
- If you opted to plant a tree instead of receiving a finisher's t-shirt when you registered online, your race number will have a green band.
- Please do not deface your race number or swap numbers - this is contrary to Scottish Athletics' regulations and will lead to your disqualification.

TIMING CHIP

- Your timing chip is attached to the back of your race number.
- Your finishing time is based on your chip time and your chip time starts when you cross the start line.

BAGGAGE LABEL

- A tear-off baggage label is attached to your race number which should be attached to your kit bag on race day.

What to expect at the Event Village



Whether you're a runner or a spectator, there is lots going on at the Event Village over both days. Kick off your race weekend with a visit to our Runners Café and Expo on Saturday.

EXPO

Whether it's some new gear to run in, some fuel to get you around, something to help you recover or some last minute running essentials, you'll be spoilt for choice. There will also be event merchandise, sampling, product trials, demos and some marathon sized offers exclusively for Loch Ness runners.

RUNNERS CAFÉ (Saturday only)

Grab a coffee and some street food and join BBC Scotland's Bryan Burnett and our guest speakers for a series of Q&A sessions throughout the afternoon. Learn how to achieve best performance on race day, nutrition, kit and some exciting giveaways. Or just chill and chat with runners from around the world and listen to traditional Scottish music. Please refer to our website for schedule.

STREET FOOD & DRINK

A delicious selection of food & drink from around the Highlands will be available including a pop-up bar and local brewery. Expect to find everything from Baxters soup, burgers, hog roast, vegan/vegetarian options to home-baking.

What to expect at the Event Village

LIVE MUSIC

We couldn't hold an event in the Highlands without the stirring sounds of a pipe band! There will be live music on both days, and pipes & drums on Sunday.

FOR THE KIDS

A range of kids' activities will be on offer.

ENTRY TO 5K & WEE NESSIE

A limited number of 5K and Wee Nessie (for kids aged 5 and under) entries are available over the race weekend, subject to race capacity, however we recommend entering online by 25 September to avoid disappointment.

MASSAGE

A team of massage therapists will be on hand on both Saturday and Sunday.

If you have friends and family with you, why don't they enter the Baxters River Ness 10K, 5K or Wee Nessie kids race?

Entry for all races is available online until 25 September, subject to race capacity. Limited entries on race weekend for 5K and Wee Nessie. www.lochnessmarathon.com



Transport to the Marathon Start

FROM INVERNESS

All marathon runners are transported by bus to the marathon start from Inverness Ice Centre on Bught Drive IV3 5SR. This is a 10-minute walk from the Event Village. Please arrive between 07.00-07.30. Buses depart from 07.30-07.50. Please note you do NOT need to pre-book your place on the bus from Inverness.

Portable toilets are located at the bus departure point and at the start. The journey from Inverness takes around one hour and buses will not stop after leaving Inverness.

Due to logistical and safety reasons, it is not possible for runners or spectators to make their own way to the marathon start.

LOCH NESS PICK-UP LOCATIONS

For those staying around Loch Ness, buses will pick-up from the following locations.

Pre-booking is essential. Please e-mail info@lochnessmarathon.com by 25 September to book your place. Return transport is not provided to these locations after the race.

North Loch Ness

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| 08.15 | Loch Ness Hub, Drumnadrochit IV63 6TX (off A82) |
| 08.40 | Fort Augustus village car park, PH32 4DF (off A82) |

South Loch Ness

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| 07.40 | Dores (opposite Dores Inn, IV2 6TR) |
| 07.55 | Inverfarigaig - junction of Inverfarigaig Pass/B852 |
| 08.05 | Lower Foyers junction with B852 |
| 08.10 | Foyers Stores, Foyers IV2 6XU |
| 08.25 | Junction of B862 & B852 |
| 08.35 | Whitebridge Hotel. Whitebridge IV2 6UN |



BAGGAGE

- A baggage label is attached to your race number, attach this to your kit bag.
- Only small kit bags such as a daysack or sports bag will be accepted.
- We recommend placing items in a waterproof bag within your kit bag to protect contents from the weather.
- We recommend you have some warm & dry clothes to change into, warm jacket, post-race soup ticket, money and post-race snacks/fuel.
- On arrival at the start, you will be directed to drop your kit bag in the baggage vehicles, these are marked according to race number.
- Please don't put any valuables or expensive items or anything flammable or sharp in your kit bag.

THE START

Keep warm & dry at the start line: weather conditions can change very quickly in the Scottish Highlands and you should bring appropriate clothing to keep warm and dry at the start in case of adverse weather. We recommend wearing some old clothes or 'throwaway' layers to keep you warm whilst waiting to start. All discarded clothing will be collected and donated to local charities.

Think layers! It's easier to take a layer off if you're getting too hot rather than the discomfort of feeling cold.

Please follow instructions from marshals when disembarking from the bus.

There will be portable toilets and male urinals at the start. We will not tolerate antisocial behaviour.



What to expect along the route

THE ROUTE

The Marathon starts at 10:00 between Fort Augustus and Foyers on the B862 (grid ref: NH460120; what3words: node.range.relieves) and finishes at the Event Village, Bught Park in Inverness. Please refer to the course map.

We have priority on all roads along the route, however please keep to the left hand side of the road at all times so that emergency and official vehicles can travel along the route if required.

The final section of the route is left lane closure only from the village of Dores to the finish where traffic will be travelling on the opposite carriageway. Take extra care on this section and keep in the left-hand lane at all times.

We reserve the right to alter the route if operationally required.



WATER STATIONS

Being well hydrated and drinking little and often is essential for achieving your best performance. Stop for drinks as you have planned in your training – remember you don't need to drink at every station, forcing yourself to drink too much water during a race is as dangerous as drinking too little.

There are 7 water stations along the marathon course at miles 2.9, 6.5, 9.6, 13.7, 17.3, 20 and 23.25, please refer to course map for locations. Water will be provided in 330ml recyclable plastic bottles.

Try not to alter direction suddenly at water and gel stations and steer a course for a table where there are fewer runners.

Our decision to use plastic water bottles at water stations is based on a combination of runners' welfare, the importance of hydration during an endurance event and the environmental impact.

We have therefore chosen to work with Highland Spring because their water bottles are made from 100% recycled plastic and the full bottle is recyclable including the cap and label.

We aim to recycle every plastic bottle used at the event however plastic bottles can only be recycled if they are empty, so please remember to #DrinkDrainDrop. Only clean water bottles can be recycled, those thrown into the verges and hedgerows cannot.

NUTRITION

There will be 4 gel stations along the marathon route providing High5 Energy Gel Aqua and High5 Energy Gel with Slow Release Carbs at miles 6.5, 13.6, 20, 23.25, please refer to course map for locations.

TOILETS

Portable toilets are available at the start and at every water station along the marathon route. There are also portable toilets at the Event Village and bus departure point in Inverness. Please refer to the course map for locations.

USE OF HEADPHONES OR EARPHONES

It is not permitted to wear headphones or earphones in any of the races under Scottish and UK Athletics rules, although headphones or earphones that use bone conductor technology are permitted. However, this is at your own risk and if an incident occurs as a result of, or is made worse by, you wearing bone conductor headphones or earphones, you may be held liable.

MILE MARKERS

There are ascending mile markers along the route.

LITTER & RECYCLING

- **PLEASE DO NOT DROP WATER BOTTLES OR LITTER ANYWHERE ON THE COURSE APART FROM AT LITTER DROP ZONES OR WATER/GEL STATIONS.**
- Recycling and general waste bins are provided at the start, at each water and gel station along the route and at the Event Village. Please do not litter and take care to put your waste in the correct bin.
- Litter drop zones with recycling bins are located every mile between mile 3 and mile 25 where you can discard your water bottles, gel wrappers and other waste.
- When using these zones, take care to discard your litter at the LEFT edge of the road to reduce the risk of hazard to runners behind you.
- Keep your rubbish in your pockets and get rid of it at these locations.
- Only clean water bottles can be recycled, those thrown into the verges and hedgerows cannot.
- We aim to recycle every plastic bottle used at the event however plastic bottles can only be recycled if they are empty, so please remember to #DrinkDrainDrop.
- It is a privilege to run alongside Loch Ness and through Inverness and we encourage all runners and everyone coming to the event to dispose of their rubbish responsibly and recycle where possible.



CUT-OFF TIME

The Loch Ness Marathon is a running event and we welcome all runners. Our aim is to support every participant, whatever their pace, from start to finish and provide the best possible experience.

The Marathon starts at 10.00 and the race cut-off time is 7 hours at 17.00. In the interests of safety and to minimise the disruption to the local community and residents, roads along the final 3 miles in Inverness start to re-open from 16.30 and the finish line and Event Village start to be dismantled from 17.00. If you think that you will take longer than 6hr 30min, we ask you to use the pavement through Inverness. Participants still on the course after the cut-off time continue at their own risk.

RETIRING

For those runners who can no longer continue, a sweep bus follows the rear of the field and will take you back to the Event Village in Inverness.

Please notify a marshal or one of our medical team at the nearest water or gel station if you wish to retire, and then indicate to the bus as it passes that you wish to be collected. For safety reasons, please do not leave the course without informing an event official.

FIRST AID & MEDICAL CARE

First Aid will be available in both static and mobile units along the course. First Aid will be located at the start, every water station, at the finish line and the Event Village. Should runners not be allowed to continue for medical reasons or require hospital treatment, Event HQ will be notified.

We hope your training has gone well and would like to remind you that if you have recently had a bad cold or have been ill it is important to seek medical advice prior to the event. Also if your training has not gone to plan, we ask you give serious consideration to your ability to run the marathon.

What to expect after your race

THE FINISH

The Finish line is at the Event Village at Bught Park, Inverness. Once you cross the finish line, please keep moving to collect your finisher items to avoid congestion.

All finishers will receive a medal, t-shirt (unless you opted to plant a tree), fruit, an Erdinger Alkoholfrei beer and a fantastic goody bag.

Retrieve your kit bag from the baggage vehicles, these will be clearly signed by race number.

Baxters soup and a roll will be available for all finishers in the food tent, please remember your soup ticket (included within your race pack).

First aid will be available at the finish line, please notify a marshal if you or a fellow runner require medical treatment.

MEETING YOUR SUPPORTERS

The finish area is secure and extremely busy, with no access for supporters. They will be able to wait within the Event Village to meet up with runners.

SHOWERS & CHANGING

A changing tent is available in the Event Village. We are sorry there are no showers available. Please note that showers/changing are NOT available within Inverness Leisure Centre.

MASSAGE

Did you know post-race massage aids recovery, boosts circulation, removes lactic acid and promotes relaxation? Massage and a taping service will be available at Registration on Saturday and after your race on a first come, first served basis. You will definitely deserve it!

SPECTATORS

The final 4 miles through Inverness provide the best vantage points for spectators. Please note the Infirmary Bridge will be closed to pedestrians and cyclists 08.30-17.00 on Sunday. For safety reasons, it is NOT permitted to accompany any runners by bike or to cycle along any section of the route.

There is strictly NO spectator or vehicle access to the marathon start due to traffic restrictions and logistical and safety reasons.



Don't miss out on...

RESULTS

You will receive a text with your results on Sunday afternoon and results will be posted on our website on Monday 2 October.

Please note results and prize giving are based on the information provided by you at the time of entering and it is your responsibility to check your details are correct by logging-in to your Active account by 31 August.

PRIZE GIVING PRESENTATION

The Loch Ness Marathon prize giving presentation takes place at 14.00 on the podium in the Event Village.

OFFICIAL RACE PHOTOS

Your official photos will be going LIVE from the moment you pass a MarathonPhotos Live photographer around the course. Share your race number with your friends and family and they can register here to be notified as soon as your first photos are available online. They can then see your progress throughout the run. They might even buy your photos and your video as a well-done gift before you've even crossed the finish line!

Don't forget to share your photos and video on social media and with friends & family so they can share your achievement. **www.marathon-photos.com**

iTAB

Every race tells a story. Why not personalise your medal with an iTAB? If you wish to pre-order your iTAB, you can do so in our online shop by 25 September. If you have already purchased one, it will be posted to you by iTAB not long after the event.

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

Our exciting range of official merchandise, featuring t-shirts, hoodies, running caps, buffs and keyrings will be available to purchase at the Expo over race weekend.



Race day check list

- ✓ Get dressed in tried and tested gear.
- ✓ Pin your race number to the front of your top before leaving home or your accommodation, and check it is not obscured by a water belt or vest.
- ✓ Attach your baggage label to the top of your kit bag. We recommend warm & dry clothes to change into, a warm jacket, money and post-race snacks/fuel.
- ✓ Allow plenty of time to get to your bus departure point on race morning as buses cannot wait for late arrivals. If you miss the bus, it is not possible to make your own way to the marathon start.
- ✓ Go to the toilet before getting on the bus! Portable toilets are located at the bus departure point in Inverness. The journey from Inverness takes around one hour and buses will not stop after leaving Inverness.
- ✓ Please be aware that weather conditions can change very quickly in the Scottish Highlands and bring appropriate clothing / layers to keep warm and dry at the marathon start in case of adverse weather.
- ✓ Lubricate all moving parts liberally.





Helping our environment

We are committed to making the event as sustainable as possible and to minimise the event's environmental impact as we work towards a Zero Waste to Landfill event for the future. Please refer to our website for some of the ways we are eliminating waste and reducing the environmental impact of the event in 2023 however we do need your help.

RUN LOCH NESS IN 2024!

Early bird entry to the 2024 Baxters Loch Ness Marathon & Festival of Running, taking place on 29 September, will open on Sunday 1 October.

www.lochnessmarathon.com



RUN FOR CHARITY

Make your marathon miles count by fundraising for one of our official charities. There are lots to choose from, all doing incredible work to help others and improve lives. Take a look below and check out www.lochnessmarathon.com/run-for-charity/





PICK OF THE PICKLES

Baxters new Pickles range will add crunch, punch & vibrancy to your meal.

With pickles continuing to be a top pick amongst the foodie trends of 2023, Baxters new range caters for all pickle cravings. From crunchy and tangy gherkins that can add that extra excitement to your burger, to the foodie favourite kimchi which goes perfectly with egg fried rice or simply on a grilled cheese sandwich.

Baxters have taken the time to develop the best pickles possible. The veg is picked at just the right time to ensure it's as fresh as possible, then paired with the right pickling juice to create the crunchiest, juiciest pickles full of flavour.

Always committed to using the freshest and highest-quality ingredients, the majority of the range is 100% natural, making them healthy, tasty and convenient.

Baxters very own chef, Darren Sivewright, created the recipes for the range and explains, "At Baxters, we work tirelessly to produce tasty accompaniments to bring dishes to the next level and our new range of pickles do just that."

"Shoppers are looking for versatile, healthy, cupboard-ready products. Our perfectly balanced pickles are sure to add a pop of crunch and sharpness to complement many dishes, from classic pairings such as fish and chips with pickled onions to tacos and pickled red cabbage."

As with all Baxters products, the pickles are personally tested by Audrey Baxter herself - fourth generation family member - so you can be sure they'll deliver on the taste and quality you'd expect from Baxters.

You can pick up Baxters pickles in your supermarket, with the range now available in Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda & Morrisons.





ENERGY | HYDRATION | RECOVERY

GET YOUR NUTRITION RIGHT ON RACE DAY

During a marathon, more than two thirds of your energy come from carbohydrate but as the miles tick by, your stores get depleted. With your energy levels low, you will find it harder to maintain your early pace. You could even hit the dreaded 'wall'. But with the right nutrition strategy, you can keep your energy levels higher. HIGH5 are passionate about helping you achieve your goals and have put together a guide to fuel your marathon to help you get the most out of your race and enjoy your time on course.

[Get your nutrition plan now](#)



The on course nutrition:

Energy Gel Aqua

Orange and Berry

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ZERO

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