



RACE INFORMATION

Paihia Half Marathon, 12km and 5km Sunday 04 June 2017

Race pack pick up

Pre-race pick up: You can collect your race pack at the following times from the Explore NZ offices in Paihia – 60 Marsden Road:

10am to 4pm on Friday 02 June

10am to 4pm on Saturday 03 June

We strongly recommend you use this opportunity to collect your race pack so you can avoid race day queues.



Race day pick up: If you cannot collect your race pack in advance, you can collect it on race day from the registration tent from 7am. It is important that you leave plenty of time for this so please arrive early to avoid any last minute rush. We want to get you to your start line with minimal stress!

You must take your confirmation with you or you may not get your bib and chip.

Pre-ordered event T-shirts: Pre-ordered shirts must be collected when you pick up your race pack.

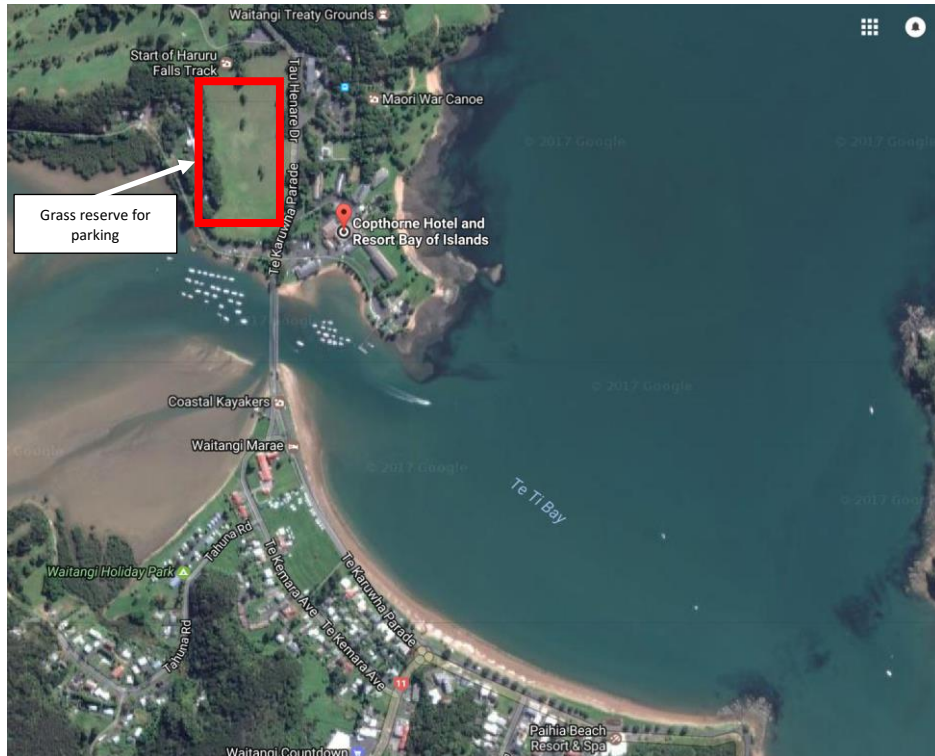
Getting to the event and Event parking

The Event Village and start/finish line will be in the carpark in front of the Copthorne Hotel and Resort in Waitangi. The address is 1 Tau Henare Drive, Waitangi. If you need help, just put Copthorne Paihia into google maps and it will take you straight there.

Parking: Parking will be available on the grass reserve opposite the Copthorne (marked on the map below). We ask you not to park in the Waitangi Visitors car park or at the Copthorne. Please do not park over driveways, exit gates or boat ramps.

Drop off zone: If you are being dropped off and your driver is planning on leaving once the race starts, please use the Shippy's car park just prior to Waitangi Bridge for this. We do not want congestion on Waitangi Bridge with spectators trying to get back across.

IMPORTANT: The Waitangi Bridge will be closed for the Half marathon and 5km start while runners/walkers make their way over the bridge. This will be from approximately 8.10 to 8.35am. As such, we strongly advise you to arrive early for your event.



Gear bag drop

If you have a gear bag you wish to leave with us while you are on the course you can drop that off at our gear drop point at the registration tent. Please make sure your belongings are contained in a bag. There removable bag tag with your race number on your race bib which you can remove and attach to your bag for this purpose. Please note that while all care will be taken to ensure the security of your belongings, MaD Running Ltd take no responsibility for any loss or damage to your belongings while they are under our care.

Race day schedule

7:00am	Event Village and Registrations Open
7:45am	Race Safety Brief - all participants
7:50am	Bay of Island Fitness Hub main warm up
8:00am	12km Runners/Walkers Start (You head directly towards the Haruru Falls Track)
8:05am	Bay of Island Fitness Hub 21km warm up
8:15am	Half Marathon Runners/Walkers Start (You head south towards the Paihia waterfront)
8:25am	Bay of Island Fitness Hub 5km warm up
8:30am	5km Runners/Walkers Start (You head south towards the Paihia waterfront)
4:00pm	Prizegiving at Alongside Bar

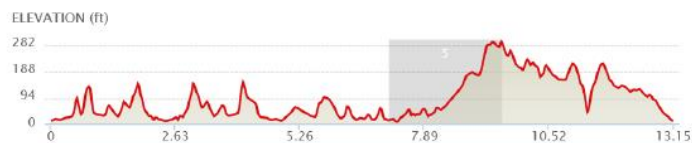


The course

This is an extremely hilly course. Please be advised that a certain standard of fitness applies. If you are wanting to attempt the 21km distance but think it may take you longer than 4 hours please reconsider your options. There is a 12km and 5km event distance also.

Understand also that if you are a runner you may run/walk. However, if you are entered as a walker you cannot run. It does become an issue if a walker has run and does not tell us as we take podium finishers times.

Half Marathon Course

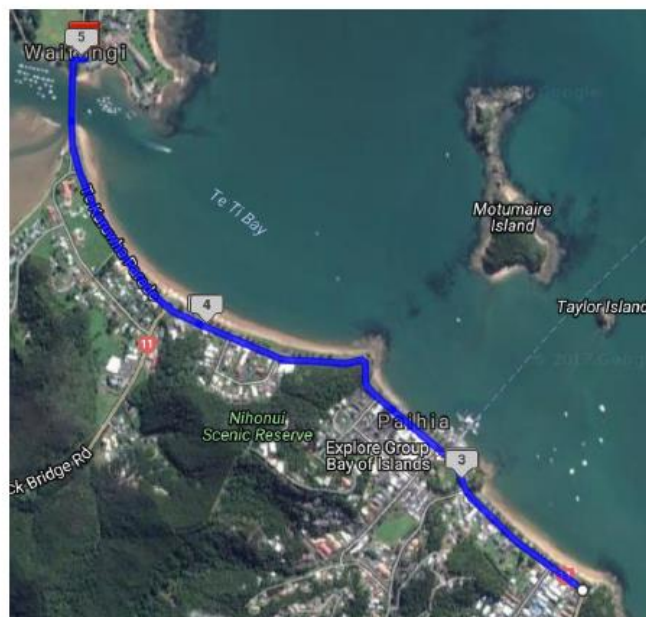




12km Course



5km Course





Drinks stations

There will be marshals situated throughout the course, as well as traffic management at key points. They will ensure you stay on the course and keep you motivated! There will be drinks stations supplying water on the course for 12km and Half marathon entrants. There are three stations for the 12km event and four for the Half marathon event. In addition, there will be a drinks tent at the finish line for all entrants. This is a tough course so if you are worried there will not enough drinks station or if you want more than water, then think about carrying extra fluids with you.

Toilets

There will be toilets at the Event village. There are also a number of public toilets along the beachfront for Half marathon runners and there will be portaloos not long after you come out of Haruru Falls track.

Weather conditions

Queens birthday weekend is typically on the cool side and sometimes wet so please ensure that you wear appropriate clothing. It would be a good idea to bring warm clothes with you to get changed into afterwards.

Timing

You will be issued with a timing chip when you collect your race pack. Your timing chip should be attached to your shoelaces prior to race start. Click on the link below for tips on how to fix your timing chip to your shoe. Please hand your timing chip in at the finish line. There will be a timing chip drop box there. Entrants will be charged \$40 for any chips not returned.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEJx_yKTFMQ

Event photos

Photographers are going to be on the course. Event photos will be available after the event from Photos4sale. You must be wearing your race bib on the front, not the back. This will help you find your image on Photo4sale afterwards.

Spectators

We have had traffic issues in the past due to supporters watching the start and then trying to drive back to Paihia. We would encourage you to use the drop off zone instead and find another vantage point to watch your family and friends. There are a number of possible vantage points including along the Paihia waterfront, Shippys café, Leading into the Haruru Falls bush track, and Waitangi Golf Course. Please do not follow competitors in your vehicle. This is simply too dangerous.



The Event Village

Some of the highlights you can look forward to at the Event Village include:

- Our MC from Going Bananas will keep the music going and will keep your spirits up.
- The team from Bay of Island Fitness Hub will be there to warm you up before your event.
- There will be food and coffee vendors
- For those of you finished by 10.30am – the British and Irish Lions will be receiving a welcome at the Treaty grounds. This Powhiri will be open to the public and is looking to be a spectacular event.

<http://www.waitangi.org.nz/news-and-media/2017/05/23/northland-is-rising-to-the-occasion-for-british-irish-lions-pwhiri-at-waita/>

Prize giving and After Party

Prize giving will be from 4pm at the Alongside Bar in Paihia. Podium finishers will be presented with their medals and trophies. We have a number of spot prizes available which will be drawn including some great prizes from:

- Explore NZ
- House of Travel
- Alongside Bar
- Krave catering
- Paihia Mountain Bike hire
- Bay of Island Fitness

Afterwards there will be live music, dancing and food so stay the weekend and make the most of it!



Thanks to our sponsors

This event has been brought to you by MaD Running Ltd. We owe a huge amount of thanks to our sponsors who have helped us to successfully bring the Paihia Half Marathon to you. In particular, thanks goes to:

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