SPECTATOR GUIDE
Spectator info

Date: Sunday 21 May
Start time: 09:00 (from Blair Drummond Safari Park)
Finish: City Park, adjacent to Raploch Road

Spectating at the Stirling Scottish Marathon is a great day out and a chance to support the thousands of runners completing the inaugural staging of the event.

Due to the road closures in place to facilitate the run itself it is important that people wanting to spectate at the event read the following information.

The start:

The start of the event is at Blair Drummond Safari Park (approx. 3 miles away from the finish line) and is only accessible for runners. Runners will be able to use one of the five park and ride facilities in and around Stirling, and will be shuttled out to the start line. Only runners will be permitted onto the shuttle buses to get to the start.

Please don’t try and drive to Blair Drummond Safari Park to spectate or drop runners off, as the A84 is completely closed to facilitate the event. We wouldn’t recommend walking to the start area as there are no pavements along this section of road and as soon as all the runners go past, the road will re-open to vehicles and you won’t be able to walk back along the road.

The following park and ride points are only around a 10 minute walk to the finish area:

- Prudential
- Castleview Business Park
- Castleview Park and Ride
- Old School, Raploch Road

To view a map of the above, please click here >

If you are making use of the Springkerse Park and Ride this is approximately a 30 minute walk to the finish.

Please be aware that postcodes will not take into account road closures.
On the course:

Doune:

Doune is the first village that the runners will pass through at approx. 4 miles. This is a great location to spectate if you are a local and you can walk along to the side of the run route. Unfortunately it is not accessible for spectators who are travelling by vehicle due to the nature of the road network and the closures in place for the event.

First runners expected – 0915
Last runners expected – 1030 (roads to reopen shortly after this time)

Dunblane:

Dunblane is accessible for locals who want to walk to the edge of the route but also spectators coming into the area by car. For those spectators travelling by car the access is via the A9 exiting at the junction to the north of Dunblane and onto the B8033, which will bring you into Dunblane where you can park up and then walk to the route.

First runners expected – 0935
Last runners expected – 1125 (roads to reopen shortly after this time)
Bridge of Allan:

Bridge of Allan is accessible for all locals who want to walk to the edge of the run route. There is limited vehicle access via Causewayhead Road and Customs Roundabout to the south. Anyone wanting to get to Bridge of Allan should plan their route carefully, allow plenty of time and park respectfully to the local community whilst there.

First runners expected – 0955  
Last runners expected – 1215 (roads to reopen shortly after this time)

University of Stirling:

Although there is no vehicle access into the University during the road closure period, those who live locally are welcome to come and cheer on the runners as they approach their half way point through the University campus.

First runners expected – 1000  
Last runners expected – 1230 (University campus will re-open for vehicles shortly after this time)

Stirling:

Runners will pass through the city centre of Stirling 2.5 times so it’s a great place to come and spectate to see your loved ones twice! So whether you’re a local or coming in from outside the area. Take a look at the route map which shows the city centre loop, runners will welcome your support anywhere along the route so come out and give them a shout! For those spectators coming from outside the area please plan your route carefully, allow plenty of time and park respectfully.

Capital Radio will be based at Murray Place with their motivational music and jelly babies, so come and enjoy the atmosphere and cheer the runners on.

Please note: The Thistles Shopping Centre will be open on Sunday 21 May from 10:00 – 17:00.

If you are travelling to the area to spectate, we recommend taking a look at the parking section of the travel information online, which lists parking restrictions and other parking options operated by Stirling Council.

First runners expected into Stirling – 1033  
Last runners expected into Stirling – 1650

Remember for those of you spectating in the city centre the 5km event starts at 1000 so come out early and give them a wave too!
The finish:

The finish is situated at City Park to the west of the city centre, and there are 2 spectating areas at the finish line and the lapping point on Raploch Road.

Not only does the finish area have fantastic views of Stirling Castle it’s the ideal location to soak up the atmosphere before, during and after the marathon and 5k.

There will be food concessions and hot drinks available, Harviestouns Brewery and Stirling Gin bars will be present, as well as an interactive photobooth, music, charity stalls, children’s activities and more.

You will be able to support all the runners as they lap around the city centre loop twice ahead of finishing the first ever Stirling Scottish Marathon.

Follow the signage leading you along Raploch Road to access Bucks field where you can set up camp for the day to cheer runners on and also access the main finish site of City Park. The access to City Park is via a managed pedestrianised system across the main running route. Please be patient while waiting to cross, or use the Bucks field until it is less busy to cross.

It will get busy but please follow the direction of the staff on site and enjoy the day.

First runners expected – lap 1 – 1100
    First finisher – 1124
    Last finisher – 1650

5km starts at 1000
    First finisher 1020
    Last finisher 1050
Track your loved ones

Make sure you download the free Great Run event day app via iTunes App Store or the Google Play Store and you can track where your runner is along the route – live!

All you need to do is download the app and press the ‘Live Tracking’ option on the Stirling Scottish Marathon section. Then you can then search for multiple people by name, email address or run number and track them all at the same time.

Not only will you be able to track the runners as they make their way around the 26.2 mile course, you will also be able to access the course map, selfie options, and more. There will be timing chip trackers along the marathon route at: 10k, 20k, half way, 30k, 40k and the finish.

Free WiFi

There will be free WiFi for all runners and spectators at the finish area, so don’t forget to share your event day pics with us and tag them with #StirlingMarathon.

Get social

If you want to keep an eye on any event updates, news, images or videos on our social channels you can find us here:

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/StirlingScottishMarathon/
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/great_run/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/great_run
#StirlingMarathon

Home time

Once your runner crosses the finish line in City Park they will receive their goody bag and can then come and meet you at the flying banners with letters of the alphabet. We recommend making plans to meet them there e.g. choose the first letter of your surname.

The runners will then be able to collect their baggage from the buses close by and have a walk around the finish area to soak up the atmosphere, get some food and a well-deserved drink.

Once you’re ready to head home you and the runners can make use of the free shuttle buses, which will be located close to the finish area. These buses will run from 11:30 and will be looping around to all 5 park and ride points throughout the day.