

# Drone Valley Trail Half Marathon | 13.1 Miles | 11th October 2025

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**Mile 1:** Leave the brewery and head back to the main road, turning right for 400m. Turn right down Half Acre Lane, follow under the railway, cross the bridge over the stream, then immediately turn left into the wood. Go straight at the fork and continue until you reach the road. Go over the roundabout and continue along the road until it starts to bend left. Do not follow the bend but instead go straight on towards the business park, then immediately turn right towards the Frith Wood sign. Just after the sign, turn left into the wood.

**Mile 2:** Follow the main path through the wood, along a fenceline then bearing left at the fork towards a pond. Turn left around the pond, over the wooden boardwalk, then turn right at the next path junction. Continue through woods to an info board and bench, then descend steps to a footbridge. Cross bridge, climb uphill to the road, and turn right. Follow the road as it bends left to a T-junction and turn right again. Shortly after the 50mph signs, cross carefully to join the unpaved bridleway opposite (Owler Car Lane, not Sicklebrook Lane).

**Mile 3:** Stay on the bridleway for about 1km, ignoring any side paths. Pass a water treatment plant, and at the next path junction, turn right uphill to Sicklebrook Farm. Follow the bridleway left, then immediately turn left over a stile. Descend steps down a steep horse field into the wood, cross a stile and footbridge, then continue through the wood and across a field (watch for calves). Cross a stile, down a narrow footpath, and emerge on the road opposite The Gate Inn.

**Mile 4:** Turn left on the road. Just after the national speed limit sign, turn left down a wide footpath and follow it all the way downhill to cross a wooden bridge. After 50m, turn right to cross the stream on stepping stones, then climb uphill to the farm and turn right to follow the quiet lane for 1 km.

**Mile 5:** At the T-junction turn left, keeping to the pedestrian walkway, then immediately after The Bridge Inn, turn right down a small lane. Go straight through the car park to a wooden gate, follow the path around the fishing lake, and continue on good path with the stream on your right, ignoring any side paths.

**Mile 6:** Pass another fishing lake on your left, cross the stream by footbridge, then climb out of the trees to follow the left-hand field edge. Follow the treeline and as soon as you re-enter the wood, make a sharp right U-turn uphill at the marker post. Follow the main uphill path, then after 500m turn left at a T-junction at top of the woods. After 150m, look for a hidden path on your right that climbs through trees to emerge from the treeline.

**Mile 7:** Bear right along the field edge, following it as it bends left (do not cross the stile). Continue straight across fields under telegraph cables, then bear right along the final field to the road. Cross to the pavement, turn right, and climb uphill on the road for 750m. Pass the traffic lights, then just before the bus stop, turn left down Warren Walk to the **REST STOP** at Green Lawns Community Centre.

**Mile 8:** Leave the rest stop, continue down Warren Walk, then immediately turn left on Warren Crescent and follow as it bends right. Just after house number 26, turn left at the red dog bin to the road. Turn right, cross carefully to the bus stop, then turn left onto the public bridleway. Immediately after passing under telegraph wires, turn right into the wood, bearing right at the first fork uphill and straight ahead at the second. Pass through a gate, follow the right-hand field edge to a metal gate, then turn left on the road for 400m to the T-junction at the Devonshire Arms pub (blind corner, take care).

**Mile 9:** Turn right on Westfield Lane, then after 150m bear left through a wooden gate. Cross the field, then follow the left-hand edge of the next field. After 75m, bear right across a ploughed field under telegraph cables towards a broken wall. Continue along the hedge line, past the info board, through a hedge gap and farm buildings (ostriches on your right). Turn left on the road to a T-junction, left again, then after 150m turn right and cross carefully into woods. Go straight at the marker post, then immediately left through a hedge gap into a field. Follow the left-hand field edge as it bends left then right, then at a metal gate bear right across the field towards a house. Go through a hedge gap then straight on through a second hedge gap into woods. Cross the track and head straight on, climbing uphill. Turn right at the marker post and continue uphill until you emerge at an open field.

**Mile 10:** Cross the field to the treeline. Climb over stile, go straight at the 4-way junction, then cross another stile to a bench. Head downhill across the field with great views of Chesterfield ahead. Cross another stile, descend stone steps, and continue all the way downhill to a stone footbridge.

**Mile 11:** Cross the footbridge and turn right to climb the steps. Follow the path between fields to cross another footbridge. Turn left through a hedge gap, then go through a wooden gate, a wooden stile, and a stone stile to join the road. Turn left, then immediately right at the footpath sign down a track. Pass houses into a field, keep to the right-hand edge, then turn right between wooden fence posts into trees. Continue on the enclosed path, cross a stile, and immediately bear right across the meadow (do not go straight on). At the green metal fence, turn left onto an overgrown path, cross a stile, and continue between fences. You will see the Chesterfield Spire in the distance. Descend steps, cross the railway bridge, follow until you emerge on a paved track, then descend to the road.

**Mile 12:** Cross the road, turn right to the T-junction, and cross at the crossing. Follow the pavement and wooden fence round to the right, go through the wooden gates to join the greenway for just over 1 km, following the signpost to Unstone and Dronfield. You will emerge through a wooden gate onto a tarmac drive. Turn right to the main road, cross carefully to the pavement, then turn right again, doubling back on yourself.

**Mile 13:** After 150m, turn left at the footpath sign and follow the river for 300m to an open field. Bear right to the play area, turn right across the road bridge, then immediately left to rejoin the riverside path. After 400m, leave the river, go under the railway viaduct, and climb uphill into woods. Go straight at the marker post, up steps, over a low stile, turn left, then right between wooden fences. Follow the path round to the left, then continue straight on the enclosed hedge path. Turn left through a metal kissing gate, cross the field downhill into trees, through another (dented) kissing gate, over a footbridge, then emerge on a private drive. Follow to the main road, turn right, then left to Fred Hopkinson Memorial Hall. Pass to the left of the hall, turn left at the info board, bear left through a wooden kissing gate, pass the football pitch, and squeeze through metal barriers into the wood. After 250m turn left at the info board and descend steps to finish at the brewery.

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