

Michael Horner Bench-to-Bench Trail Run 2026

Please arrive at start latest 6:45pm Tuesday 30th June

MAPS

Please see links to Strava / OS maps: [Strava Route](#) - [OS Maps](#) - [Map](#)

WHAT IS IT?

It is a Tuesday Ranmore run with a twist:

Everyone in the club runs the same route - out-and-back between Michael's memorial benches: one on Ranmore and the other 5.5 miles away on Leith Hill.

EVERYONE HAS A CHOICE:

- 1) Run the whole out-and-back route - approx 11 miles (Bench to Bench to Bench) Ranmore to Leith Hill and back to Ranmore
- 2) Run Bench to Bench to Pub - approx 9.5 miles. Run from Ranmore Bench to the Leith Hill bench then run back as far as the Wooton Hatch pub (route to pub unmarked)
- 3) Run Bench to Bench - approx 5 miles. Running from Ranmore to Leith Hill Tower Bench only
- 4) Run Bench to Pub - Ranmore to Wooton Hatch - approx 3.25 miles

NOTE: for options 2, 3 and 4, lift shares will need to be arranged (leaving cars at Leith Hill or Wooton Hatch as appropriate)

And whichever distance you choose, you must be in a group of at least 3 people:

- OPTION 1: Run with your usual group leader - who will navigate.
- OPTION 2: Run with your own social group. The group must be at least 3 in number and will be responsible for their own navigation and must stay together.

NOTE: With either of these options, if not running the whole out-and-back route, lift shares will need to be arranged (leaving cars at Leith Hill or Wooton Hatch as appropriate).

*****IF** you decide to run on your own, this is at your own risk. This is not an organised race and it is not a marshalled route. If you run on your own, you are responsible for your own safety and your own navigation! *******

IF YOU ARE RUNNING THE WHOLE OUT-AND-BACK ROUTE, TURN-AROUND AT 8PM (unless you are with a group leader)

People have been known to arrive at Leith Hill in an hour, then take two more hours to get back. The final climb through the Ranmore trees will be dark just after 9pm.

START INFORMATION

- Please wear your club vest.
- Groups to gather in Steers Field at 6:45pm latest for Pre run photos.
- Faster runners starting at the front.
- For Slower runners that would like to start earlier, they must know the course. Possibility that some sections may not have been marked.
- Early runners please take pre run photos and send to media@dmvac.org.

There will be route marking (white four) but please bear in mind, it might be removed by weather or altered by members of the public.

SAFETY FIRST

- An emergency contact number will be given to all groups running in case of any issues on the evening.
- The route crosses the railway and the A25 road.
 - STOP at the RAILWAY until it is safe to cross
 - STOP at the A25 ROAD until it is safe to cross
- It also runs along a couple of minor roads - be careful
- There is drinking water only at Leith Hill Tower – no water along the route.
- There are no marshals on the route

GOOD LUCK, have a lovely time, and don't forget to cheer on runners as they pass.

Michael's benches are identical sturdy wooden benches.

Erected by the Horner family, Michael's Leith Hill bench is just down from the tower on its north side, facing Ranmore – see the diagram at the bottom of the attached map.

Erected by DMVAC to celebrate Michael's many wonderful contributions to the club, his Ranmore bench is just to the left after you enter Steer's Field, in which you meet for Tuesday summer runs.

With a good telescope, you can see one from the other.