

start information

New start area for 2019. The start of the Half Marathon is in Earl Street, at the junction with Broad Street. **You should make your way to the start area at 9.30am. The line up area in Earl Street is for runners only.**

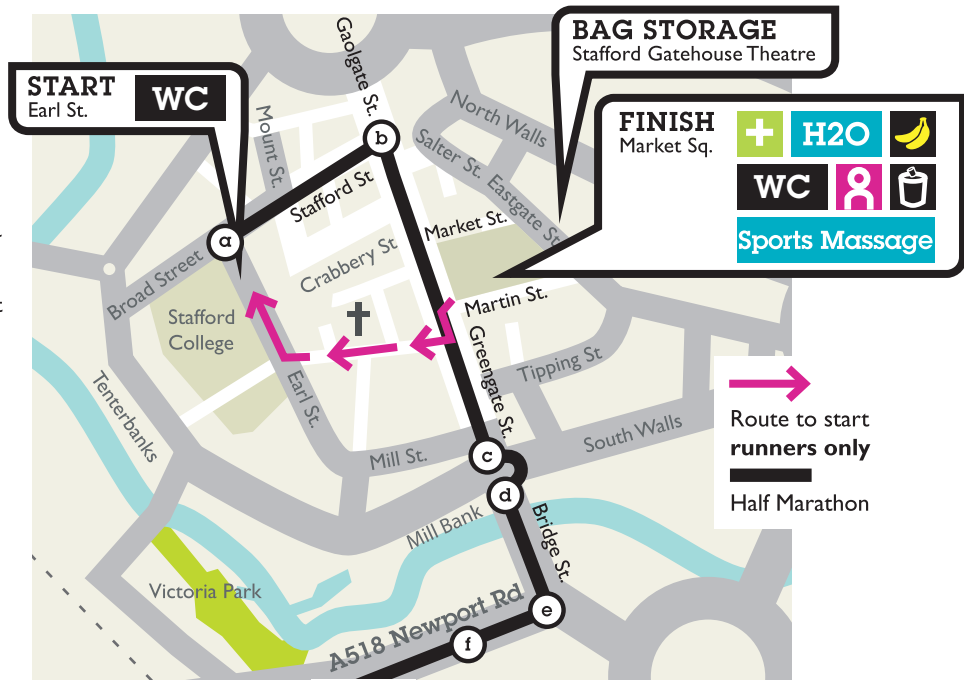
➔ Please walk down Greengate Street from Market Square towards the Ancient High House museum, take the walkway at the side of the museum past St Mary's Church turning right onto Earl Street. Alternative routes to the start line up area include Mill Street or through the Guildhall Shopping Centre.

Please DO NOT attempt to walk up Mount Street to the start line.

It is important to line up in accordance with your anticipated finish time, to ensure minimal congestion.

There will be estimated finish time markers displayed along the start area fencing and pace runners carrying flags indicating the finish time they are targeting for you to follow.

Charity collections are not permitted along the course.



(a) From the start turn right onto Broad Street and continue down Stafford Street taking a right turn into **(b)** Gaolgate Street to pass under the Finish Gantry in Market Square.

From Market Square continue straight ahead into Greengate Street proceeding to the **(c)** mini-roundabout. Cross over & continue straight into **(d)** Bridge Street, at the traffic lights **(e)** turn right into **(f)** Newport Road.

PLEASE NOTE: Sports Massage, in Market Square, will be provided by students from Staffordshire University.

race description

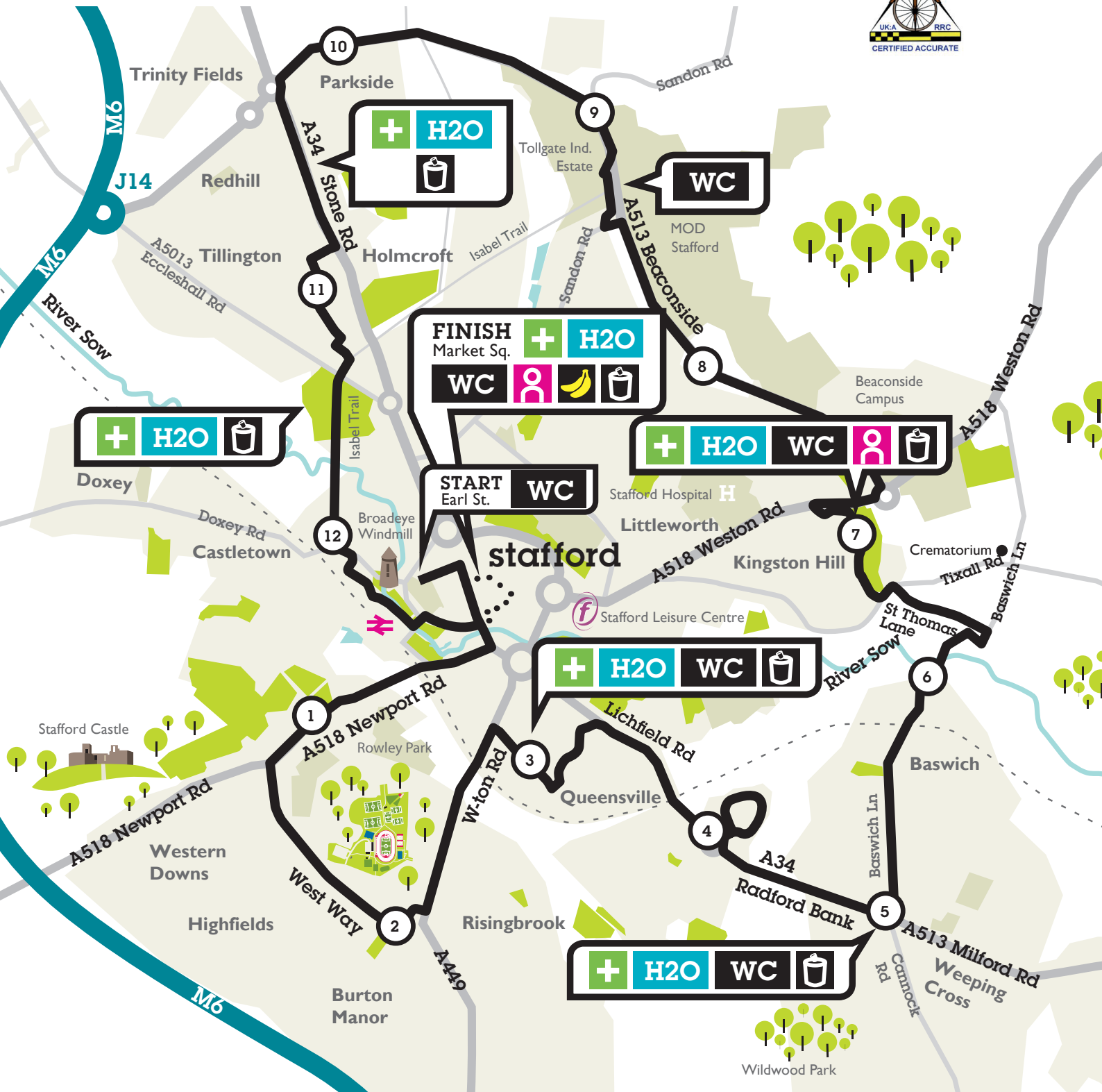
There is a new course for 2019, with changes to the start line and the last mile; please read the description below. **On race day all directional signage and any direction from stewards must be followed.**

Mile Markers

- (1)** On Newport Road, just after the Kingsway roundabout. Turn left off the A518 into West Way.
- (2)** On West Way on the downhill slope, just after Highfield Grove. Turn left onto the A499 Wolverhampton Road, cross into Meyrick Road on the right.
- (3)** On Meyrick Road. Bear right into Salt Road then left into Salt Avenue. Continue down Salt Avenue **+** **WC** **H2O** bear right on path through to Abberley Grove. At the mini roundabout take the first exit onto Renshaw Drive to the retail park roundabout. Take the shortest route bearing right to Lichfield Road.
- (4)** On Lichfield Road before the Queensville roundabout. Turn left into the Meadows and run clockwise around Ampleforth Drive, re-join the A34 bearing left towards Radford Bank.
- (5)** On Radford Bank. Use the slip road at Weeping Cross, avoiding mini roundabouts. **+** **WC** **H2O** Take a left turn into Baswich Lane.
- (6)** Tilcon Road roundabout. Continue down Baswich Lane over the canal and river bridges. Turn left into St Thomas Lane, then turn left onto Tixall Road, right into Wolseley Road and right into Birkdale Drive, run straight on through the bollards.
- (7)** On Birkdale Drive after Vardon Close. **+** **WC** **H2O** **+** Bear right onto Longhurst Drive, stay on footpath on right-hand side along Weston Road. Cross over point at Weston Road bus stop. Turn left along Beaconside at the roundabout.

- (8)** On Beaconside before Portal Road. Continue along Beaconside on the footpath past the main entrance to MOD Stafford. Turn left into Sandon Road and cross the road towards The Haybarn. Turn right through the gateway to re-join the footpath on Beaconside. **WC**
- (9)** On Beaconside before boarding kennels.
- (10)** On Beaconside after the first junction with Parkside Avenue. Continue to the A34 roundabout, turn left onto Stone Road **+** **WC** **H2O** Cross between Gordon Avenue and Holmcroft Road, stay on path on right-hand side into Holmcroft Road. Cross over Holmcroft Road into Young Avenue.
- (11)** On Young Avenue. Bear right into Pitt Street, right into Alliance Street, cross over into Izaak Walton Street through to the alleyway onto the Isabel Trail **+** **WC** **H2O**
- (12)** On the Isabel Trail before joining Doxey Road. Leave the path, cross Doxey Road into North Castle Street, then South Street. Turn sharp left down a steep slope onto the path along the River Sow. **NEW FOR 2019:** Before the Victoria Road Bridge bear right to re-join South Street, turn left on to Victoria Road and run across the bridge, at the mini roundabout turn right into Tenterbanks, continue straight ahead over the mini roundabout into Mill Bank. At the third mini roundabout turn left up Greengate Street, right up Tipping Street, then left onto Eastgate Street, straight ahead to Salter Street.
- (13)** On Salter Street near to the Hotel. Take a tight left turn onto Gaolgate Street.
- (F)** The finish is in Market Square visible ahead. **+** After finishing continue down Greengate Street, turning left into Martin Street. Final water station is located here. **+** **WC** **H2O** **+**

route map



Wherever possible roads have been closed, sections are on disused railway track, and traffic has been limited on certain sections of the route. **Please do not deviate from the designated route for any reason.** This is not only a risk to you but to motorists that may still be using part of the roadway.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, minor adjustments may be made to the route. They will be well signposted and stewards will direct you. In the event of a major incident being declared this race may be stopped or cancelled without warning.

key:

- First Aid
- Water Station
- Bananas
- Toilet stop
- Cheering Point
- Litter bins

- Mile markers
Approximate distances only
- Race route
- Finish leg
- Major roads
- Roads
- Rail
- River Sow