

Five Peaks Trail Running Festival Handbook

Sunday 28 March 2021

The 2021 Five Peaks Trail Running Festival

Congratulations on entering the 2021 Five Peaks SA Trail Running Festival! Five Peaks is organised by Trail Running SA, a community organisation run by volunteers who love trail running and the trail running community as much as you do.

Five Peaks is a diverse course which will have you traversing through most of the major parks in Adelaide's Mount Lofty Ranges including:

- Black Hill Conservation Park;
- Morialta Conservation Park;
- Giles Conservation Park;
- Horsnell Gully Conservation Park;
- Cleland Conservation Park;
- Waite Conservation Reserve;
- Brownhill Creek Recreation Park;
- Belair National Park.

The course will take you up the following peaks:

- Black Hill;
- Rocky Hill;
- Norton Summit;
- Mount Lofty;
- Brown Hill.

Keep your eyes out for kangaroos, koalas, emus, kookaburras and other local wildlife that inhabit the diverse ecosystems that you will be running through (if you are lucky you may sight one of the very shy Bandicoots that inhabit Cleland and surrounds).

The start of the 58km course is Foxfield Oval in Athelstone, about 30 minutes drive from Adelaide's CBD. Information on how to get here is on our [website](#). The course is a point to point event and you need to make sure you have organised transport to the start line. TRSA recommends either the paid bus option or carpooling with fellow trail runners (if you are having trouble finding someone to carpool with you can post a call-out on the [Five Peaks Facebook Event](#) page or the [Trail Running SA Lounge](#) Facebook page).

The course is supported with basic hydration and nutrition at every 10kms (or less), and manned by our enthusiastic volunteers who will offer encouragement and as much nutrition as you need. We are offering 3 different start times with generous cut-off times (maximum of 11.5 hours over the 58kms). This allows trail runners of all abilities to enter regardless of whether you are a beginner or seasoned runner, elite trail runner or someone who prefers to run/walk the trails.

This Handbook will provide additional information to help you prepare for Five Peaks. The core information including course maps can be accessed from our [Event Page](#). The Event Page will be updated if and when circumstances or information changes, therefore TRSA recommend that you use this as your first point of call.

Good luck and happy running!

Trail Running SA

Leading up to the Event

Training Runs

In the lead-up to Five Peaks, TRSA has organised a series of social training runs. Social runs are exactly as they sound, social. They are unsupported and unmarked. TRSA will provide GPX files for each run, which can be downloaded from the website and viewed in an app such as Guru (see our [website](#) for details on how to download these apps). Although you will need to navigate yourself, there are usually plenty of other runners out on social runs. Feel free to pair up with others who are around the pace to share the navigation load. You will need to bring water and we also recommend carrying nutrition and first aid supplies (such as Band-Aids, a compression (snake) bandage and a space blanket).

The three official training runs will take you along the Five Peaks course to help you familiarise yourself with the course (including distance, elevation and terrain). They also provide a perfect opportunity to try out new gear, new nutrition strategies and get an idea of how long sections may take. Further details are available on our [website](#). The dates of the remaining runs are as follows:

- Sun, 7 March 2021 – Five Peaks Official Training Run #3 – Cleland to Belair (26km) and Belair courses (8km and 12km).

To complement the official training runs, TRSA also offers other social runs on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings at different locations (these continue throughout the year). Each location is unique and offers different training from hills to beach conditioning and endurance. TRSA's [Facebook page](#) is the best place to keep an eye out for this information with posts about the location, distance and times going up the day before the social run.

Simone Brick - event ambassador

TRSA is very excited to announce that the lovely, incredibly talented Simone Brick (aka The Flying Brick) will be attending Five Peaks this year. With support from Salomon and Suunto, Simone is arriving early in the week leading up to Five Peaks and will join in some TRSA social runs, and attend our brand new Race Briefing and Social Evening event on the Friday night. She will be running the 58km on event day, then sticking around at the finish line to hand out medals to our 58km finishers and hang out with the community.

Race briefing and social evening

TRSA is planning a relaxed, informal dinner and information session on the evening of **Friday 26 March**. Simone will be attending the event and there will be plenty of time to chat, ask questions and we'll share some final Five Peaks reminders. These will also be circulated via the email race briefing as well so you won't miss out if you can't attend. Details TBC but keep an eye on the [website](#).

Gear, Hydration and Nutrition

To ensure your safety and the safety of our volunteers the following items are mandatory for the event and must be carried with you at all times:

- A hydration option of a capacity of at least 750mL and capable of being refilled at each drink station (58km and 26km courses only);
- As TRSA has a no cups policy, to drink any of the hydration at the drink stations you will need your own vessel (drink bottle, or you can buy a collapsible cup from any good outdoors shop);
- A mobile phone for any emergency calls and with the GPX file for the course downloaded in case you get lost (58km and 26km courses only);
- Your race bib.

TRSA also recommends carrying:

- Nutrition to eat throughout the event (gels, lollies, chips, etc.);
- First aid items for any unexpected circumstances (band aids, compression bandage, space blanket, pain killers);
- Sunscreen;
- Tissues or toilet paper;
- A jacket in case of changes in the weather.

Drop bags can be accessed on course at checkpoint DS3 (Coach Road). Details on how and where to drop your bags is contained below.

With any gear, nutrition or hydration you should always test these out on an earlier run to make sure that gear is comfortable and worn in and that you don't have any adverse effects from new nutrition or hydration.

On the Day

Getting to the Start / Parking at the Finish

Five Peaks is a point to point course which means you'll need to pre-plan how you will get to the start. There are several options as follows:

- Pre-purchase a ticket on the buses departing Belair National Park (Belair Country Club car park) to take you to the start at Foxfield oval (58km) or Cleland (26km). Details are on our [website](#).
- Coordinate with another participant by leaving cars at either end.
- Post a request in the [Trail Running SA Lounge](#) or in the [Event](#) on Facebook (trail runners are a friendly bunch so no doubt someone will live nearby and be happy to give you a lift).
- Bribe your partner, family member, friend, neighbour to be your driver for the day.
- Taxi/Uber.

There is plenty of parking at both Foxfield Oval and Belair National Park (and the Belair Country Club Car Park) and limited parking at the Cleland Wildlife Park carpark (note cars must be picked up before the gates are closed on Sunday evening). Please make sure that you adhere to the street signs around Foxfield Oval. Participants and supporters will be able to access car parking in Belair National Park for free – simply mention that you are participating in or supporting Five Peaks at the main gate to get into the park and then follow the directions of the traffic management who will direct you where you can park. Please do not park in the surrounding streets or business car parks otherwise we may upset residents/businesses and not be invited back next year.

At the Start

When you get to the start you'll need to make sure you do the following:

- Pick up your registration bib and pins from the registration table;
- Drop off any drop bags (see below);
- Use the toilet (toilets on the trail are limited);
- Make sure that you are starting in the wave that you registered for;
- Have fun and socialise with all of the other excited (and possibly half awake) participants;
- Smile for those last minute photos!

Drop Bags

Drop bags for the 58km and 26km events can be left at the start of the event (the location will be signed). Please make sure your drop bags are clearly labelled with the following:

- Full Name
- Destination (CP3 for 58km participants only and finish line for 58km/26km participants)

As there is also a possibility that it may rain, we recommend that any items that need to remain dry be placed in ziplock or dry bags. Additionally, any food contained in the bags should be sealed to prevent insects (i.e. ants) from getting in during the time they are at the checkpoints.

All drop bags will be returned to the finish line once DS3 has closed. If any drop bags remain after the event is packed up they may be thrown away if they contain food that might go rotten. Please ensure that you pick up your drop bag at the end of the event or arrange a friend to do this for you.

First Aid

Basic first aid kits will be available at the aid stations. If you need further assistance or assistance during the event, please call the first aid number on the back of your bib. Our first aiders will establish where you are and arrange a place to meet you. Once this has been arranged please do not move from the arranged place.

In an emergency please call 000.

For peace of mind participants can consider taking out ambulance and emergency cover to assist with any unforeseen costs of extraction (ambulance or air).

Aid Stations and Cut-off Times

Five Peaks has been designed to cater for participants of all running abilities. The three start times for the 58km event ensure that runners can self-seed based on their expected completion times.

The below tables for the 58km course outline the expected average pace and times that participants will arrive at each checkpoint and major landmark. Participants should review the average times in the tables below in view of the start time and ensure that they have chosen the correct start time for their estimated speed. Participants have up until midnight 21 March to advise of any changes they wish to make to their start time. Details on how to request changes to your start time can be found [here](#). The below tables are guides only and as Five Peaks contains elevation, parts of the course will be slower than others.

There are five aid stations along the Five Peaks course. Erin Colebatch from Ultra Appetites has helped us plan the nutrition options both on-course and at the finish line. The course is supported with water and [Infinit Nutrition](#) at all checkpoints and Coke from DS3 onwards (remember to bring your own cup as no cups will be provided). A range of food nutrition will also be available, full details will be announced via Facebook a couple of weeks prior to the event – this will help you plan for the day in advance.

The aid stations will be manned by friendly volunteers so feel free to have a chat and some fun when you get there, and thank them.

DS3 will also function as a drop bag point. You will be able to access anything from your drop bags at this point and then they'll be transported to the finish line once the aid station closes. If you

need any further gear along the way you can always ask your friends or family to meet you at a specific location.

For participant and volunteer safety reasons, if a participant reaches an aid station prior to the aid station open time they cannot continue running until the aid station opens, as confirmed by the aid station volunteers. Participants need to ensure that they have seeded correctly and if they continue to run they will be reported to the Race Referee and will receive a DNF result.

The Five Peaks course closure times have been designed to ensure that all participants are home before sunset. There will be mandatory cut-off time enforced at DS6. Volunteers at other aid stations, in conjunction with the course volunteer sweepers and the Race Director, can at their discretion ask participants to retire from the event if a participant will not reach DS6 prior to the cut-off or the participant will put themselves, the volunteers or other participants at risk should they continue. The decision will be final once made and the volunteers will help the participant find a way to get to the finish line. Additionally, a sweeper will be moving through the course at the cut-off pace. Participants who fall behind the volunteer sweeper (moving at the cut-off pace) must withdraw from the event at the next aid station along the route. The bib number of any participants that fall behind the sweeper will be noted and a DNF result recorded against them. They can get a lift back to the finish line with one of the aid station volunteers or call the Race Director to arrange this if needed.

Five Peaks, as with other trail runs, encourages friends and family to come along to aid stations and major landmarks to cheer and support participants. This provides additional atmosphere and gives participants the opportunity to request additional nutrition, hydration or gear should they need it. Supporters should always be mindful of other participants, adhere to road rules when parking and respect those who live in the communities and may not be used to noise at early hours of the morning!

Aid station open, close and estimated arrival times (estimated DS distances):

6:00 AM Start time									
Location	~kms	Estimated Race Completion Time (based on ave km/h)							
		Open	9 Hours	9.5 Hours	10 Hours	10.5 Hours	11 Hours	11.5 Hours	Cut-off
Ave Pace (min/km)			0:09:17	0:09:48	0:10:19	0:10:50	0:11:21	0:11:52	
DS1 - Montecute Road	9	7:00 AM	7:20 AM	7:25 AM	7:29 AM	7:34 AM	7:38 AM	7:43 AM	9:30 AM
DS2 - Norton Summit	18	8:30 AM	8:49 AM	8:59 AM	9:08 AM	9:18 AM	9:27 AM	9:37 AM	11:00 AM
DS3 - Coach Road	25	9:30 AM	9:52 AM	10:05 AM	10:17 AM	10:30 AM	10:43 AM	10:56 AM	12:00 PM
DS4 - Mt Lofty	32	10:00 AM	10:54 AM	11:10 AM	11:27 AM	11:43 AM	11:59 AM	12:16 PM	1:00 PM
DS5 - Old Mt Barker Road	40	11:00 AM	12:09 PM	12:30 PM	12:50 PM	1:11 PM	1:31 PM	1:52 PM	2:45 PM
DS6 - MtElligott's Quarry Reserve	49	11:30 AM	1:33 PM	1:59 PM	2:24 PM	2:49 PM	3:15 PM	3:40 PM	3:45 PM
Sheoak Road	53		2:12 PM	2:40 PM	3:07 PM	3:35 PM	4:02 PM	4:30 PM	4:45 PM
Finish Main Oval	58		3:00 PM	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM

7:00 AM Start time									
Location	~kms	Estimated Race Completion Time (based on ave km/h)							
		Open	7 Hours	7.5 Hours	8 Hours	8.5 Hours	9 Hours	9.5 Hours	Cut-off
			0:07:13	0:07:44	0:08:15	0:08:46	0:09:17	0:09:48	
Ave Pace (km/h)			7:15	7:46	8:17	8:48	9:19	9:50	
DS1 - Montecute Road	9	7:00 AM	8:02 AM	8:07 AM	8:11 AM	8:16 AM	8:20 AM	8:25 AM	9:30 AM
DS2 - Norton Summit	18	8:30 AM	9:12 AM	9:21 AM	9:30 AM	9:40 AM	9:49 AM	9:59 AM	11:00 AM
DS3 - Coach Road	25	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	10:13 AM	10:26 AM	10:39 AM	10:52 AM	11:05 AM	12:00 PM
DS4 - Mt Lofty	32	10:00 AM	10:48 AM	11:05 AM	11:21 AM	11:37 AM	11:54 AM	12:10 PM	1:00 PM
DS5 - Old Mt Barker Road	40	11:00AM	11:47 AM	12:07 PM	12:28 PM	12:48 PM	1:09 PM	1:30 PM	2:45 PM
DS6 - MtElligott's Quarry Reserve	49	11:30 AM	12:52 PM	1:18 PM	1:43 PM	2:08 PM	2:33 PM	2:59 PM	3:45 PM
Sheoak Road	53		1:23 PM	1:50 PM	2:18 PM	2:45 PM	3:12 PM	3:40 PM	4:45 PM
Finish Main Oval	58		2:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	5:30 PM

8:00 AM Start time									
Location	~kms	Estimated Race Completion Time (based on ave km/h)							
		Open	4.5 Hours	5 Hours	5.5 Hours	6 Hours	6.5 Hours	7 Hours	Cut-off
			0:04:39	0:05:11	0:05:41	0:06:12	0:06:43	0:07:13	
Ave Pace (km/h)			4:40	5:11	5:42	6:13	6:44	7:15	
DS1 - Montecute Road	9	7:00 AM	8:40 AM	8:45 AM	8:49 AM	8:53 AM	8:58 AM	9:02 AM	9:30 AM
DS2 - Norton Summit	18	8:30 AM	9:25 AM	9:34 AM	9:44 AM	9:53 AM	10:02 AM	10:12 AM	11:00 AM
DS3 - Coach Road	25	9:30 AM	9:56 AM	10:09 AM	10:22 AM	10:35 AM	10:47 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
DS4 - Mt Lofty	32	10:00 AM	10:27 AM	10:44 AM	11:00 AM	11:16 AM	11:32 AM	11:48 AM	1:00 PM
DS5 - Old Mt Barker Road	40	11:00AM	11:05 AM	11:26 AM	11:46 AM	12:06 PM	12:27 PM	12:47 PM	2:45 PM
DS6 - MtElligott's Quarry Reserve	49	11:30 AM	11:47 AM	12:13 PM	12:37 PM	1:03 PM	1:28 PM	1:52 PM	3:45 PM
Sheoak Road	53		12:06 PM	12:35 PM	1:01 PM	1:29 PM	1:56 PM	2:23 PM	4:45 PM
Finish Main Oval	58		12:30 PM	1:01 PM	1:30 PM	2:00 PM	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	5:30 PM

Live Timing

Along the course there will be a live timing point at Norton Summit. This serves two purposes, the first to ensure that participants are completing the course as designed and the second is to allow friends and family to see how you are going throughout your ultramarathon.

The live timing and results can be accessed [here](#).

For those with Strava Premium, you can also set a beacon and send the link to friends and family so that they can see your progress along the entire course.

Race Withdrawal

If at any time you make the tough decision to withdraw from the event, please notify the Event Director on 0412 529 777. Simply text your name and bib number and we will take care of the rest. It is important that you let us know if you withdraw otherwise we will assume that you are still out on the course and we will start deploying resources to look for you.

Finish Line

We have positioned the finish line to create a scenic and atmospheric finish. Participants will finish on the Main Oval at Belair, with supporters cheering them into the finish where you'll be presented with a finisher's medal.

Head on over to the refreshments table for brownies and fruit as well as hydration. There will also be other food and refreshments available for purchase from a coffee and possibly a food van. Details of this will be provided prior to the event.

Main Oval also has toilet facilities where you can change into something comfortable and warm and that way you can go and enjoy seeing other participants cross the line. Make sure you soak up the feeling of finishing Five Peaks as well as the friendly atmosphere. Feel free to say thanks to the volunteers while you are at it!

Presentations for the first three male and female finishers of each event will occur soon after all placegetters have finished.

TRSA Supporters will also be around on the day to show you what they have to offer. They have also offered up an amazing range of random draw prizes which will be drawn on the day.

Race Conduct

We encourage everyone to have fun during the event:

- Have a chat to those running around you and give them some encouragement;
- Thank the volunteers who have kindly dedicated their day to ensure that you have an amazing day yourself;
- Give the Event and Race Director a high five at the end;
- Take time out to take photos (or selfies) and spot animals;
- Sample the delicious brownies and other nutrition at the aid stations.

The more fun you have along the way, the more you will remember the day.

Additionally, we expect all participants to do the right thing. There are certain behaviours that will lead to immediate disqualification from the event including:

- Deliberately putting yourself, other participants, volunteers and the public in harm's way;
- Leaving an aid station before the opening times;
- Abuse of volunteers;
- Refusing to retire from the race if required by the Race Director;
- Drinking directly from water boxes or other hydration bottles provided by TRSA;
- Deliberately harming the environment in anyway (including littering);
- Not completing the full distance via the marked course;
- Moving or removing markers or deliberately misleading other participants;
- Falling behind the sweeper.

On behalf of the volunteer Event Director, Race Directors, Committee and all our wonderful volunteers – GOOD LUCK!