

The Wall

Mandatory Kit List

The countdown is on!

Time to get kitted out...

Taking on this iconic ultramarathon is no small feat and you need to ensure you are fully prepared and kitted up for this epic!

Every single year, the number one reason for #ratracers not reaching the finish line is because they get too cold. Do not let the fact is it June fool you, conditions over the years have varied massively and especially when night falls and you are tired, it can get very cold.

The mandatory kit requirements are in place not only to give you the best chance of taking on the adventure but ultimately for your safety. Should you be unable to continue the event and require assistance, the correct equipment will help ensure you remain as safe, warm and dry as possible while waiting for help.

Spot checks will be carried out throughout the event and every #ratracer will need to show certain items before leaving Hexham pitstop. Any #ratracer found without the mandatory kit will not be permitted to continue. These rules are non-negotiable and are designed to protect both you and our event staff.

Please review the full kit list carefully and ensure you carry every item. Your preparation could make all the difference, not just for finishing the challenge but for staying safe while doing so.

You MUST carry the mandatory kit for the following reasons:

- 1. It helps you to help yourself should you have a problem.**
- 2. We are in this together and you may need to assist others if they have a problem.**
- 3. In the case of an incident our Race Control and Medical teams will make decisions based on the knowledge that you all have this equipment.**
- 4. Carrying the kit is a requirement for everyone and hence provides an equal and fair challenge.**
- 5. It is part of our risk assessment process that is shared with insurers. Your insurance may be invalid if you do not follow our advice.**
- 6. If your lack of kit preparation contributes to making an incident more serious, then you may be avoidably drawing resources from our medical team and the emergency services at the expense of others.**
- 7. If during the event you are not carrying the mandatory kit then you will not be permitted to continue.**

Clothing

Item	Guidance
Running Shoes	Running shoes or walking boots. We recommend road shoes for the whole course and a pair that you know are comfortable and you've worn in. Don't break out the box fresh shoes on event day! Some people choose to put a more cushioned pair of trainers in their Hexham drop bag as it's all road from there.
Running Pack/Vest (or other appropriate method of carrying your kit)	<p>The key thing for this is that it is big enough to get all the kit in and it is comfortable! We would recommend at least a 12L capacity to make sure you've got the room.</p> <p>We recommend our Great Glen bag that is tried and tested! BUY HERE</p>
Hydration Bladder or Bottles (capacity of at least 2L)	<p>A 2L carrying capacity is required. This doesn't mean you need to carry 2L at all times but you need the capacity in case you end up needing more water than you thought mid-event or if the weather is hot. You will have the opportunity to refill your water at all the Pit Stops.</p> <p>A popular way of carry water is to have a 1L bladder in your bag and then 2 x 500ml bottles in the front.</p>
Waterproof Jacket with TAPED OR WELDED SEAMS	<p>This must have taped or welded seams as a minimum standard.</p> <p>A jacket without taped seams may be ok for a light shower but it won't hold up in sustained conditions.</p> <p>Taped or welded seams are a standard requirement in outdoor kit. Without taped seams, water will eventually find its way through the stitching and soak your layers underneath. Once you're wet, your body loses heat rapidly, increasing the risk of hypothermia—especially if you have to stop or wait for assistance which is why it's a non-negotiable item on the mandatory kit list. BUY HERE</p>
Waterproof leg cover with TAPED OR WELDED SEAMS	This requirement follows the same guidance as above. Please note the waterproof trousers are in addition to the full leg cover. BUY HERE
Full Leg Cover	These can be leggings or similar. These can be the ones you are running in if you begin the event wearing them. If you begin the event in shorts, you will need the full leg covers in your pack.
Thermal Mid Layer	This is an insulating layer (not a base layer). It could be merino or synthetic similar e.g. a warm mid layer style top/jumper/fleece style garment designed to keep you warm over a t-shirt or base layer.
Hat or Buff/Rat Rag	You will receive a Rat Rag when you collect your tracker or you can BUY HERE
Gloves	You'd be surprised how cold those June nights can be! BUY HERE

Equipment

Item	Guidance
Survival Bag (NOT Blanket)	A survival blanket or foil blanket is not permitted, it must be a bag you are capable of getting inside. This will help you retain body heat and stay sheltered from the elements in an emergency in exposed conditions. <u>BUY HERE</u>
Whistle	Required for attracting attention should you get into an difficulties during the event and need to alert others to your location. <u>BUY HERE</u>
Reusable Cup	This should be suitable for hot drinks at Pit Stops. <u>BUY HERE</u>
Snacks or Sports Nutrition (totalling a minimum of 400kcal)	You need to have snacks totalling 400 calories in reserve at all times. This should be separate from any snacks you plan on fuelling with for the event/any nutrition strategy you have. This is an additional emergency supply. <u>SHOP NUTRITION HERE</u>
Basic First Aid Kit	This should contain at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a roller bandage• paracetamol• assorted adhesive dressings sterile absorbent materials such as gauze to compress bleeding wounds
Fully Charged Phone	This must be turned on and not in silent mode so you are contactable by the Race Team if needed. The event emergency contact numbers (Race Director & Medical Team) will be printed on the reverse of your bib number.
Headtorch (+ spare batteries or back up light source)	It is highly likely you will be in the dark during part of this event if not the whole night depending on your timings, you must carry a headtorch at all times. <u>BUY HERE</u>
Method of payment (card/cash/apple pay)	Always good to keep handy, you never know when you may need it.
Rear Red Light or Reflective/hi-vis patch	This needs to be at least 10cm x 2cm as a minimum. It is important you are clearly visible from the front and the back so the public, crew, vehicles & other #ratracers etc can see you easily in the dark.
GPS Tracker (picked up at Tracker Collection)	Your supporters will be able to track you during the event, please see the important guidance issued in the EEI regarding the GPS trackers and their reporting.

Additions

It may be necessary to make extra items of kit mandatory owing to weather forecasts closer to the event. Where this is necessary, it will be communicated by email prior to the event. Additions may include but are not limited to the following:

- Electrolytes & additional water carrying capacity
- Sunscreen
- Additional warm layers

Recommended Kit

This kit is not mandatory but more 'common sense' additions that we recommend to give you the very best chance of reaching that bridge at the end and completing your ultramarathon!

- **Insulated jacket** - we strongly recommend packing one if you think you might still be going in the early hours of Sunday morning. The most common reason that people retire in The Wall and other ultramarathons is that they get too cold. Regardless of the weather throughout the day, you will get cold at 2am, find one that packs down small and get it in your pack. It might be the piece of kit that helps you get to the finish.
- **Suncream/sunglasses**
- **Blister treatment kit** - our paramedics will prioritise live cases and they are not a foot care service, we recommend that you know how to treat your feet if hot spots and blisters do occur and that you are self-contained.
- **Anti-chafe lubricant**
- **Spare socks**
- **Trekking poles** – totally optional but helpful if you are a walker
- **Headphones** - when the going gets tough the tough listen to music! Please ensure these are not noise cancelling and that you can hear the traffic and people around you.