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OFFICIAL EVENT GUIDE – 18th EDITION

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th November, 2026 - Marysville, Victoria

Welcome to the official event guide for the **Marysville Marathon Festival**, proudly presented by **Trailsplus** on behalf of the Race Patron Dr. Lachlan Fraser. This guide includes everything you need to know to make the most of your marathon weekend, from registration and race day logistics to safety, gear, and community highlights.

Whether you're running your first 4km or your 100km ultra, you're part of something truly special, a celebration of trail running, community spirit, and the natural beauty of Marysville.

Let's get ready for an unforgettable weekend on the trails! 🌿



Welcome to Marysville Marathon Festival

Welcome to the **2026, 18th edition** of the Marysville Marathon Festival!

The festival has grown and evolved alongside the township and its beautiful surroundings since the 2009 Black Saturday Fires. Today, it stands as a celebration of community strength, connection, and recovery, a weekend filled with adventure, endurance, and spirit.

The Marysville Marathon Festival is a major event for the region and continues to **support local community groups, businesses, and emergency services**. With the festival now expanding across **Saturday and Sunday**, we're proud and excited to continue this special tradition in the **resilient and inspiring community of Marysville**.

We look forward to welcoming you on **November 7th and 8th**.

This document has been carefully compiled to give you all the information you'll need for a safe and enjoyable trail running adventure. **Please take the time to read it thoroughly**, being well-prepared can make all the difference between a challenging day out and a truly memorable one for all the right reasons.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the runners who have entered and, through their participation, are directly supporting the Marysville community. This year, we're proud to assist a number of volunteer groups fundraising for their clubs, as well as the **SES, CFA**, and our **Charity Partner Canteen**, supporting young people living with cancer.

Finally, a big shout out to our incredible sponsors and supporters who bring the festival to life:

Garmin Australia, Tarkine Shoes, Teko Socks, Petzl Head Torches, 32Gi Australia, Bogong Equipment, Andrew Peace Wines, Greenlands Guest House, and our 80+ dedicated volunteers.

Thank you all for being part of something truly special.



Acknowledgement of country

The organisers of the Marysville Marathon Festival respectfully acknowledge the **Taungurung people**, the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we meet, run, and celebrate this weekend.

We pay our respects to **Elders past, present, and emerging**, and recognise their deep and ongoing connection to country, culture, and community.



Message from Race Patron – Dr. Lachlan Fraser

Here we go for the **18th annual Marysville Marathon Festival**, 18 years (if you can believe it!) of welcoming you to our treasured region of Victoria.

Come and enjoy the **towering trees and ferns of the forest, crystal-clear rivers, and majestic mountains**, all topped with inspiring views that reward your perspiring efforts! Our friendly volunteers will be out in force, supporting your journey while raising funds for the clubs and services they represent.

We continue to raise vital support for the **Marysville CFA and SES**, helping our emergency service heroes.

This year, the longer races continue on their **traditional stomping grounds** over Red Hill and along the Taggerty River Valley before finishing in Gallipoli Park. You'll tackle the challenging climbs to **Keppel's Lookout** and the breathtaking **Steavenson Falls**, where the views, and the sense of achievement, are unforgettable.

Listen out for the **call of lyrebirds** in the ranges above the Taggerty.

On **Saturday afternoon (3–4 pm)**, the festival expands with the **King and Queen of the Mountain**, a 14km and 7km adventure climbing Keppel's Lookout and Steavenson Falls. For the young guns, the **1.5km event** promises just as much excitement! All finishers take home a **commemorative medallion**.

If you're chasing the ultimate challenge, step up to the **100km Ultra**, see the forest through the night, rise before dawn, and share the course with the 50km runners on Sunday.

A huge thanks to **Brett Saxon** and the **Trailsplus team** for their dedication and passion, to all our volunteers for their tireless efforts, and to the many runners who return year after year.

To those who've been here for **all seventeen editions**, the love is mutual! Stay a night or two, explore our beautiful region, and support the local businesses that make this place so welcoming.

See you on the trails,

Dr. Lachlan Fraser

Race Patron



Again welcome to the Marysville Marathon Festival 2026!

Get ready for a weekend full of running, adventure, and community spirit in the beautiful surrounds of Marysville and the Yarra Ranges. Whether you're here for your first 4km fun run, tackling the ultra, or cheering on friends and family, we're thrilled to have you as part of this special event.

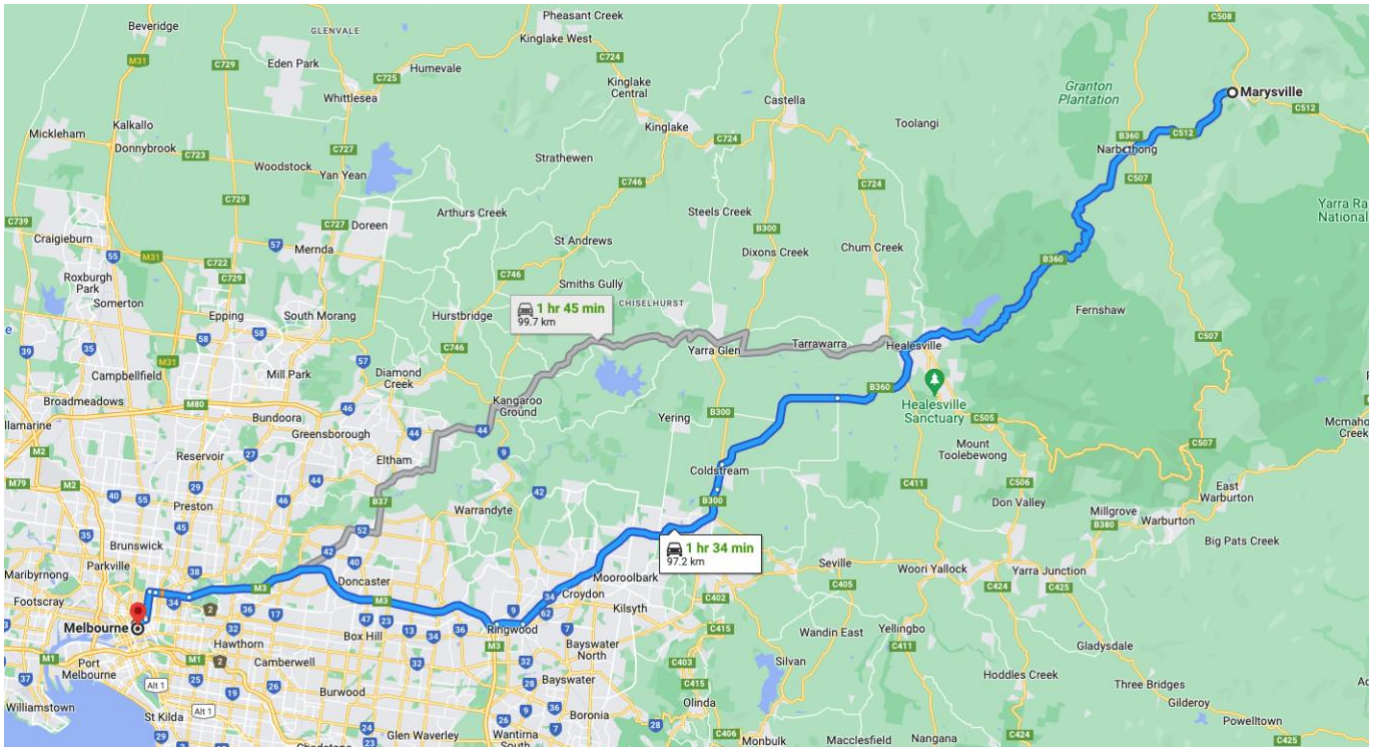
Below you'll find everything you need to know to make your weekend smooth, safe, and memorable!



Getting to Marysville

For most visitors, the journey to Marysville begins with a scenic drive through **Healesville and the Black Spur**, one of Victoria's most beautiful mountain routes. Take your time, enjoy the winding forest roads, and soak up the breathtaking views of towering **Mountain Ash trees and lush fern gullies**.

Please **drive with care**, especially on the bends and shaded sections of the spur, as conditions can vary. Look out for wildlife on your journey, wombats and kangaroo's visit the road side especially for early morning and late night travellers. Allow plenty of time to travel safely, arrive relaxed, and make the most of your weekend in Marysville. 🌿



Where to Park

If you're staying in Marysville, chances are you're within a short 10-minute walk to the start, walking is a great way to warm up!

If you're driving up for the day, our amazing **SES volunteers** will help direct parking along **Falls Road** and around **Gallipoli Park**.

Please drive carefully and follow their directions. Your patience and courtesy make the morning run smoothly for everyone.



SES Volunteers

Our **SES team** are incredible supporters of the Marysville Marathon Festival. If you're able, please show your appreciation with a **gold coin donation**, they'll have a bucket ready. Every little bit helps them continue their valuable work in our community. Thank you!

Check-In & Registration Schedule

You'll need to **collect your race bib** from the **Check-In/Registration area** at the rear roller door of the **Community Centre Basketball Stadium**.

Bib collection times:

- **Saturday:** 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm (for those staying in town)
- **Sunday morning:** before your race start time (see the schedule for exact times).

Bibs are **not posted** before the event, so please make sure you arrive in time to check in before your start.

Race	Distance	Checkin / Bibs	Pre Race Brief	Start
Sat Bib Collect Option @ Stadium		2:00-4:00		
Saturday				
KQOM	14km	2:00	2:45	3:00
KIDS DASH	1.5km	2:30	3:15	3:30
KQOM	7km	3:00	3:45	4:00
The Beast	100km	From 2:00pm til late	15min before Start	As per arrangement
Sunday				
Ultra Marathon	50km	6:00	6:45	7:00
Marathon	42.2km	7:00	7:45	8:00
Half Marathon	21.1km	8:00	8:45	9:00
Run / Walk	10km	9:00	9:45	10:00
Run / Walk	4km	10:00	10:45	11:00

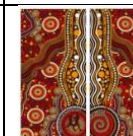
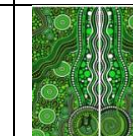
Merchandise

We'll have a limited selection of merchandise available at check-in. Most pre-orders are already allocated, message us if keen to save one, however, if you missed out, you can place an order for delivery after the event.

Available items include:

- Technical running shirts
- Soft casual tees
- Headwear buffs
- A selection of past race designs

If your size isn't available, you can order on the day, postage applies.

Marysville 2024 Tech Shirt	Marysville 2025 Tech Shirt	Marysville 2025 Soft Shirt-Light	Marysville 2025 Soft Vollsies	Marysville 2023 Blue Headwear	Marysville 2023 Red Headwear	Marysville 2023 Green Headwear	Marysville 2024 Snake Headwear
							

Changing Event

Need to switch distances? No problem!
You can step up or step down, but note that:

- **Stepping down** incurs an admin fee.
- **Stepping up** includes the price difference plus an admin fee.
The earlier you make the change, the lower the fee, same-day changes cost extra.

Event Photos

Our photographers will be out capturing your big moments! Photos will be available in the **Marysville Gallery** within a few days after the event.

Keep an eye on your email for the link, or visit the website's **Gallery** tab.

By entering, you agree that you may be photographed. We don't filter or remove individuals from photos, so if that's a concern, please reconsider participation as outlined in our terms.

Presentation Process

We aim to start presentations within **30 minutes of podium places** being filled, but times can vary.

Please be present if prizes are on offer, it's always more fun to celebrate your achievement together! Prize availability is based on sponsor support.

Event Timing & Results

Live results will be available during the event, just click the **Results** button on our website. You can view:

- Top 3 finishers
- Full finisher lists
- Age group position – no separate awards for age group, just online results.
- Your personal time and splits

Everything updates automatically once you finish.

SERIES ENTRANTS – Results for the final race here in Marysville will be calculated as soon as practical based on those in the running for the places having finished their event.

Trekking Poles

Trekking poles are permitted for those who prefer them. Please use with care and awareness of runners around you, especially in crowded areas.

Dogs / Animals

For environmental and safety reasons, dogs or animals are **not permitted** on course except for the **4 km event**, unless authority regulations make exceptions.

Friendly, well-socialised dogs are welcome at the **start/finish area**, but please ensure they're leashed and comfortable in a busy setting.

Your Race Bib & Number

Your **race bib** is your identity and timing key!

- Bibs are **not mailed**, collect from check-in.
 - The bib includes timing chips that record your results.
 - Do **not** fold, cut, or alter it.
 - Wear it **clearly on your front** (or on a visible race belt).
- Each bib is **colour-coded** for your distance, easy for marshals and spectators to identify.



Timing Chips

After you finish, volunteers will remove your timing chips from the back of your bib. These remain the property of the event, please don't take them home.

If you accidentally do, return them by mail within one week.

Toilets

Toilets are located at **Gallipoli Park** and **Steavenson Falls**.
Check your course map to plan when you'll pass each one, always good to know!

Medals

Every finisher receives a **Marysville Marathon medal** to commemorate their achievement!
On rare occasions, medals may run out, if that happens, we'll post yours to you after the event.

100KM BELT BUCKLE	7-14KM KQOM	KIDS- DASH 1500	MARYSVILLE 4-50KM
			

Event Medic

A medic / first aid person will be on site.
Please seek their help for any medical issue, big or small, that's what they're there for!

Trophies for Podium Places

We proudly acknowledge:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place male & female finishers
- Junior categories (4 km event)
Age group results will appear in the official results but will not have separate presentations.

No Cup Event

We are a **NO SINGLE-USE CUP** event 
Please bring your own reusable **cup or bottle** for water, electrolyte,
or Coke (for ultra runners).
Remember: your hands are not cups!

Silicone Reusable Collapsible Cups

We'll have a reusable **silicone cups** available for \$5 each at check-in. They're lightweight, foldable, and environmentally friendly. However, we highly recommend bringing your own enviro-friendly option.



Personal Belongings

You can leave belongings in the **main stadium** area. Please note: this area is **not secured**, so avoid leaving valuables. Trailsplus takes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.

Marathon–Ultra Runners Aid Station Drop Bags

Marathon, 50 km, and 100 km runners can use the **drop bag** system.

- Place clearly labelled items in the designated bins near check-in.
- 42 km runners: drop early, bins depart soon after the 50 km start.
- Night-time 50 km aid stations may be unmanned, so items will be left in bins for you to collect.
- Avoid putting valuables in drop bags.

Marathon-50km-100km Runners Drop Bag Locations/Distances

Location	Marathon	50km	100km
Paradise Plains Wilks Ck Track	n/a	n/a	12km <i>maybe</i>
Granton Road Strickland Track	n/a	n/a	22.5km
Paradise Plains Road Eight	n/a	n/a	32km
Tommys Bend Yellow Dog Road	n/a	n/a	41km <i>maybe</i>
Gallipoli Park	28km	35km	50km / 85km
Lady Talbot Drive Sands Track	9km / 20km	9km / 27km	59km / 77km
Keppel Lookout	33km		91km

Aid Station Drop Bag Return

Drop bags are returned to the event hub only after their aid station closes and the sweep passes through. Faster runners may have to wait or arrange collection later in the day.

Lost or Left Property

Lost property will be held for **two weeks**.
After that, clothing is donated and food/drink items are discarded.
Please collect your belongings promptly.

Safety Requirements

- Wear your bib visibly on your front.
- Only the registered runner may participate.
- Assist any fellow runner in need.
- Follow marshal and traffic manager instructions.
- Respect the music-in-ear policy.
- Notify officials if you withdraw, failing to do so may result in search and rescue costs.

Recommended Gear – 50 km to 100 km

These items are strongly recommended (and may become mandatory depending on conditions):

- Phone with tracking app
- Gloves and beanie
- Waterproof jacket (sealed seams)
- 1000 calories of nutrition
- 1 litre of water
- Snake bandage
- Head torch (12-hour runtime)
- Spare torch and batteries
- Reflective vest for road sections

Aid Stations on Course

Aid stations are located roughly every **5 km**, staffed by our incredible volunteers.
Expect a mix of **water, electrolytes, lollies, chips, chocolate, fruit cake, and fruit**.
Some items may run low later in the day, but there will always be water and something to refuel with.
Please thank our volunteers, they're out there just for you!

			2023 Marysville Aid Stations														
Locations	Start	Finish	Located at Gallipoli Park Precinct														
7km KQOM	N	Y	2km		5.5km												
14km KQOM	N	Y	2km	5km		10km											
100km	N	Y	12km	22.5km	32km	41km	50km	55km	59km	63.5km	71.5km	77km	81km	85km	91km	96km	
4km	N	Y	2.5km														
10km	N	Y	4km	6.5km	7km												
21km	N	Y	5km	8km	12km	15km	17km	17.5km									
42km	N	Y	5km	9km	14.5km	20km	24.5km	28.5km	33km	38km							
50km	N	Y	5km	9km	14.5km	21.5km	27km	31km	35km	41km							

These distances are a guide only and available based on Volunteer numbers.

Runner Crew / Supporters

Gallipoli Park is the perfect place for friends and family to cheer! The longer events pass through multiple times, giving great viewing opportunities. If you're supporting a runner, enjoy Marysville's local shops, cafés, MIRA information centre, the Duck Inn and more, while waiting for your runner.

Crew notes:

1. Some roads are closed for safety.
2. Movement in and out of Gallipoli Park is restricted.
3. Local roads are dusty, drive slowly and consider others.
4. Keppel Lookout is accessible via Paradise Plains Road.
5. Steavenson Falls Road closed until 2 pm.
6. Limit access on Lady Talbot Drive beyond Dickensons Track.
7. 100 km runners, refer to the dedicated 100 km guide.
8. Runner safety is the priority, do not drive on restricted roads.

Emergency Response

If there's a true emergency, **call 000** immediately.
Then notify the **Race Director** (contact on rear of bib).
If unavailable, contact the **Assistant Race Director** (also listed on bib).

Tracking App

Ultra runners may be invited or required to use a **tracking app** for safety.
If this applies to you, you'll receive setup details before race weekend.

Transferring or Running as Someone Else

Entries are **non-transferable**.
Do not give, sell, or swap your bib, it breaches permits and safety conditions.
Random ID checks may occur.

DNF – Withdrawing from Event

If you withdraw before finishing, you must **inform race officials** (Race Director or Timing Team).
This ensures we know you're safe and prevents unnecessary search operations.

Traffic Controllers & Marshals

Please listen carefully to **all marshals and traffic controllers**.
They're positioned for your safety, especially where roads intersect the course.

Cut-Off Times

Cut-off times listed on the website are guides for safety management.
They're enforced only when necessary for welfare or course logistics.

→ Course Markers & Signs

Course markers and directional signs will guide your way.
Expect more markers near intersections, fewer along obvious trail sections.
Always **follow the signs**, not necessarily the runner ahead, they might be on a different course!



🏠 Course & Finish Line Pack Down

From around **2 pm–3 pm Sunday**, non-essential equipment will begin to be packed away.
Don't worry, the **finish line gantry remains open** for all runners!

🕒 Navigation

Trail running requires a bit of focus, keep your eyes on the course markers.
You can also **download GPX files** from the website for your distance and use them on your watch or phone for extra guidance.

👟 Shoe Choice

Marysville is usually dry (14 of the past 16 years), so **road shoes** are fine in dry conditions.
If there's moisture, some trails can get slippery, consider bringing both trail and road shoes, and decide on the day.

🏥 Your Medical Declaration

By entering, you confirm that you're fit, healthy, and understand the physical demands and risks of trail running.
You accept responsibility for your wellbeing during the event.
If a medical professional has advised you not to participate, you should withdraw for your safety.

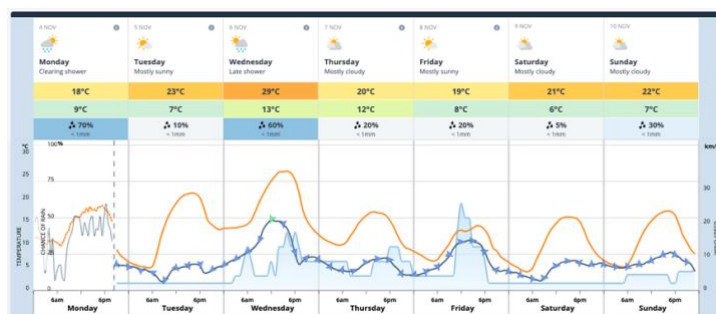


Weather

Marysville's mountain weather can be stunning, but also unpredictable!

Conditions can change fast, so pack layers and check for updates in the 2–4 days leading up to the event.

We'll share the most reliable forecasts closer to race day. Here's a 2024 example forecast

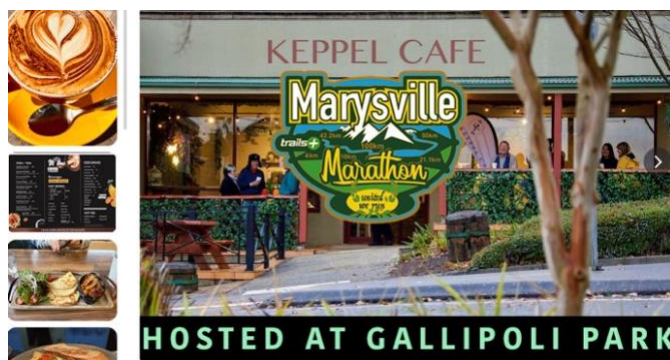


Saturday Dinner Function

Join us for the **Marathon Dinner at Gallipoli Park**, catered by **Keppel Café**.

- **When:** Saturday evening, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- **Cost:** \$35 per person
- **Booking:** Online via the [registration link](#) or (email info@marysvillemarathon.com.au if you need help)

It's a relaxed evening to share stories, meet fellow runners, and fuel up for race day.



See You at the Finish Line!

The Marysville Marathon Festival is built on community, nature, and the shared joy of running.

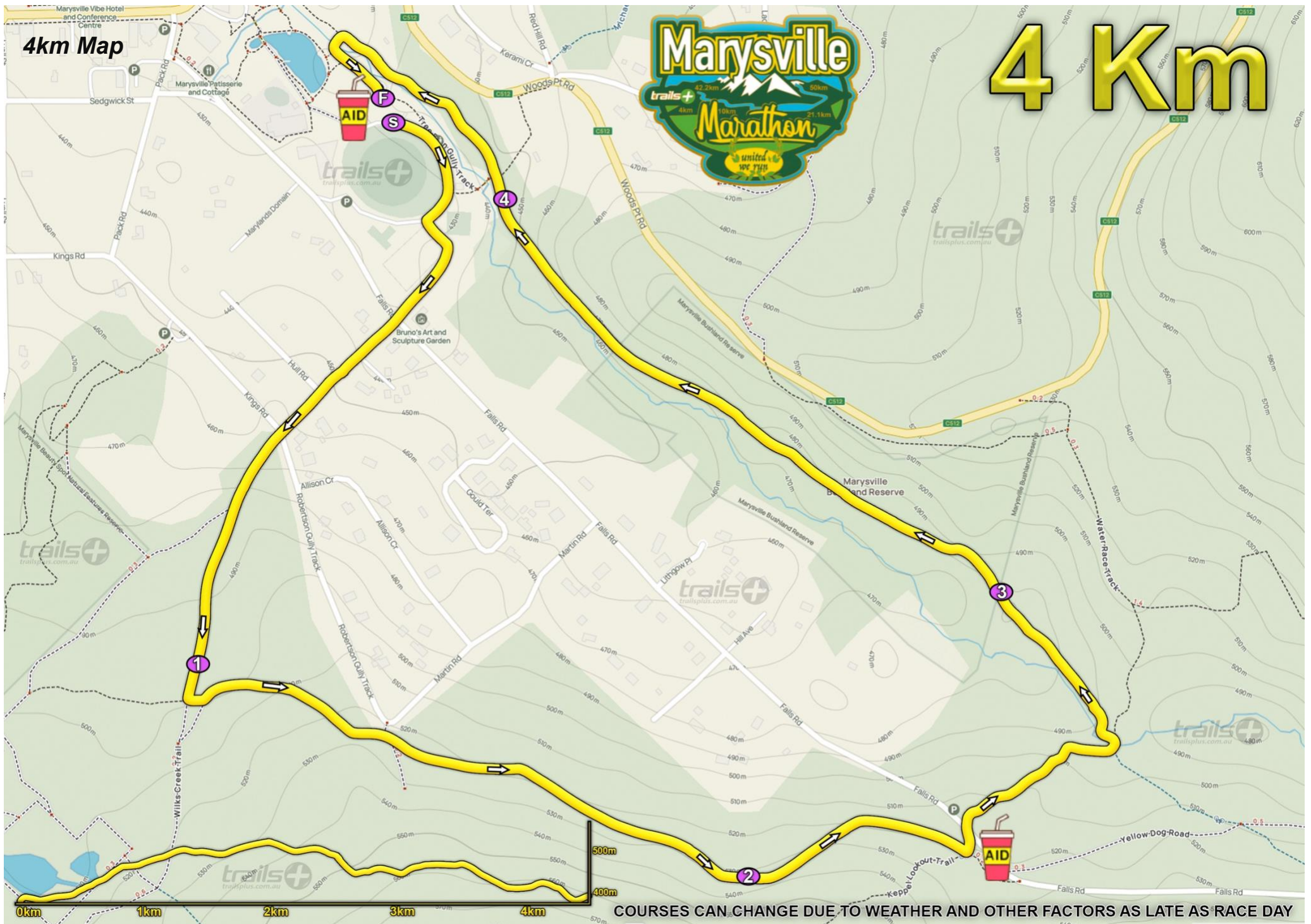
Thank you for being part of it, your energy and spirit make this event so special.

Run strong, smile often, and enjoy every kilometre!

4km Map

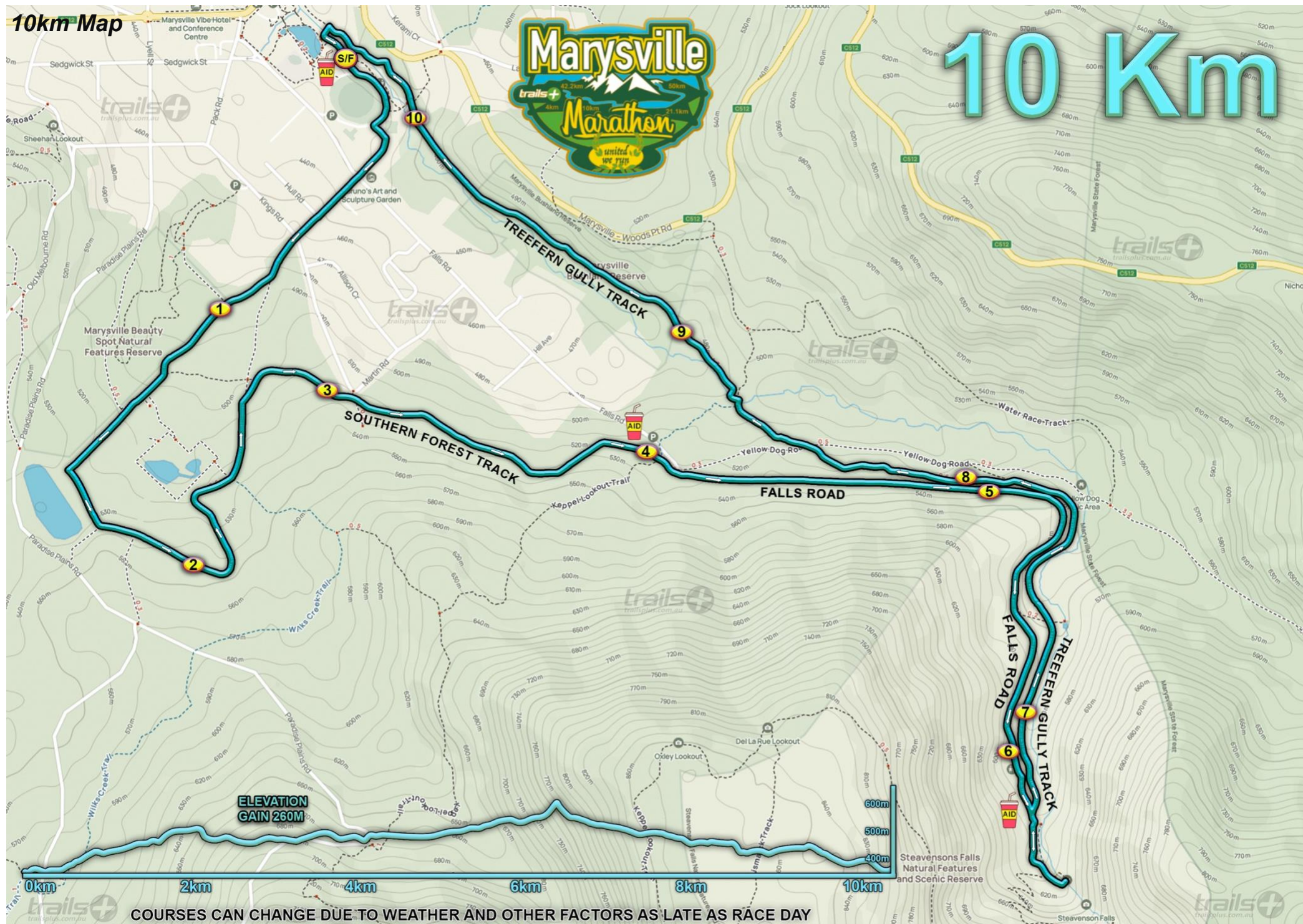


4 Km

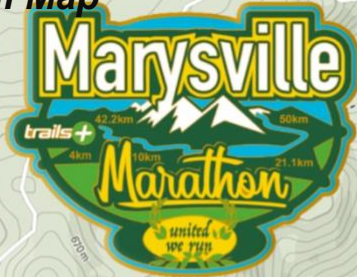


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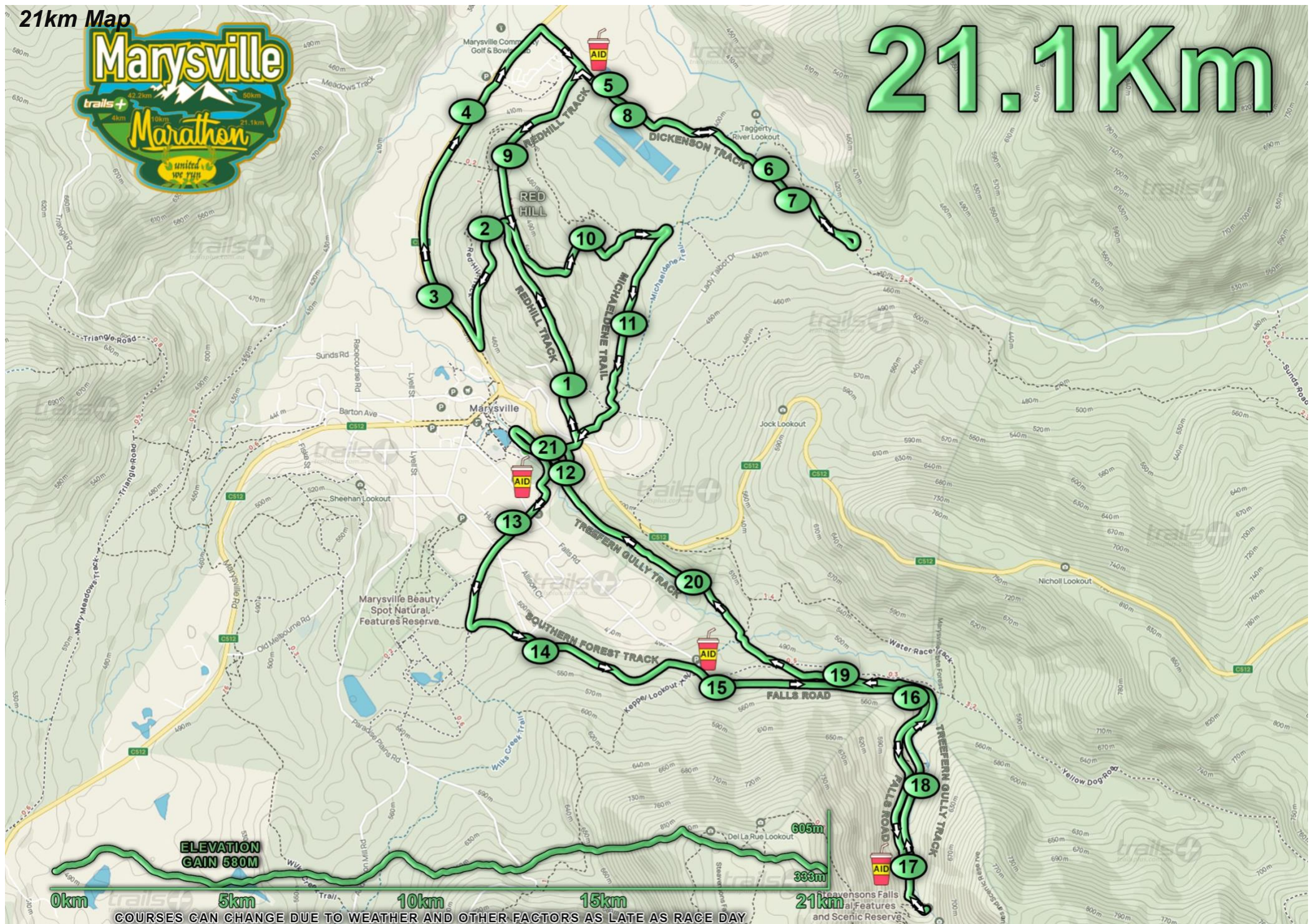
10km Map



21km Map



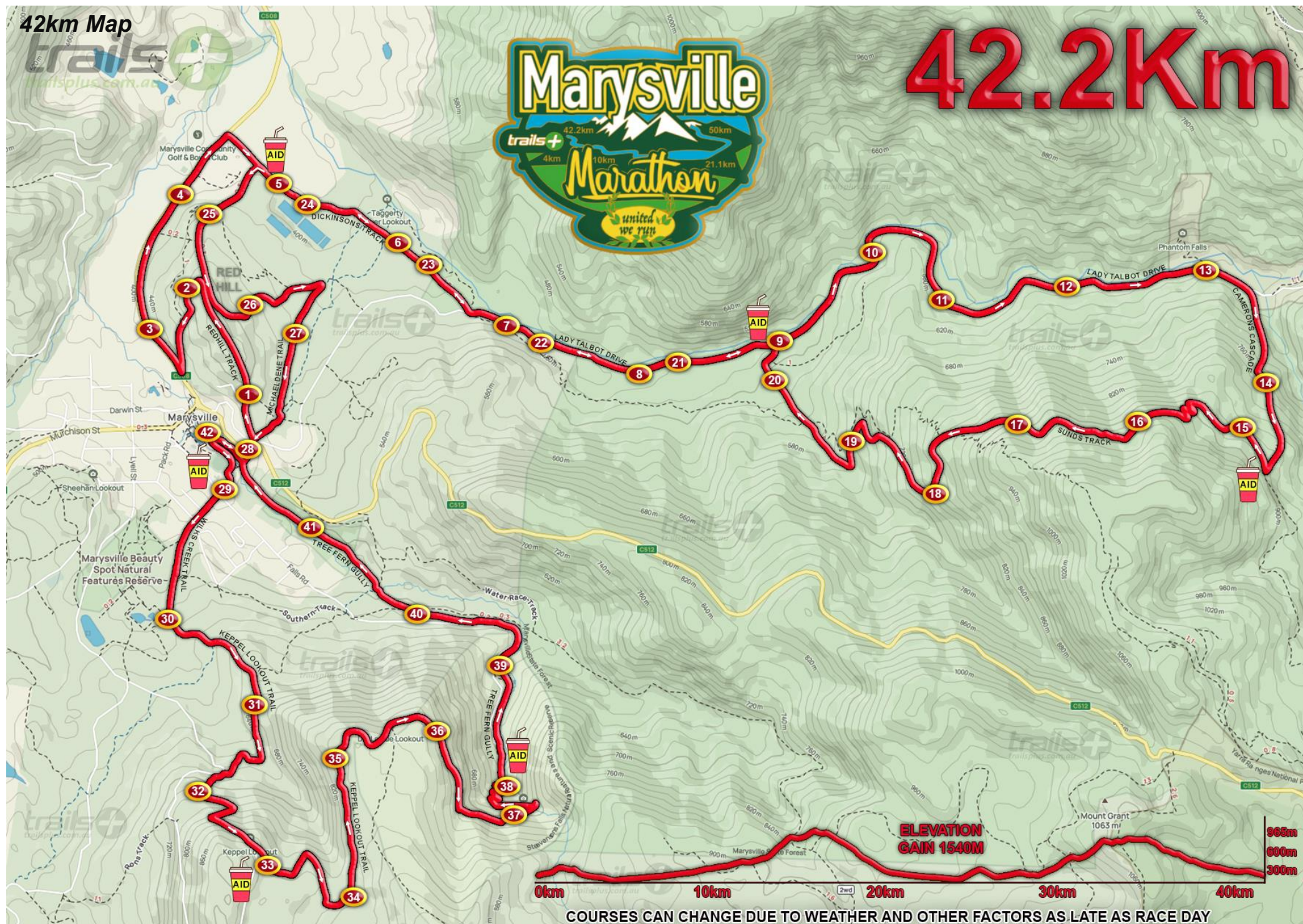
21.1Km



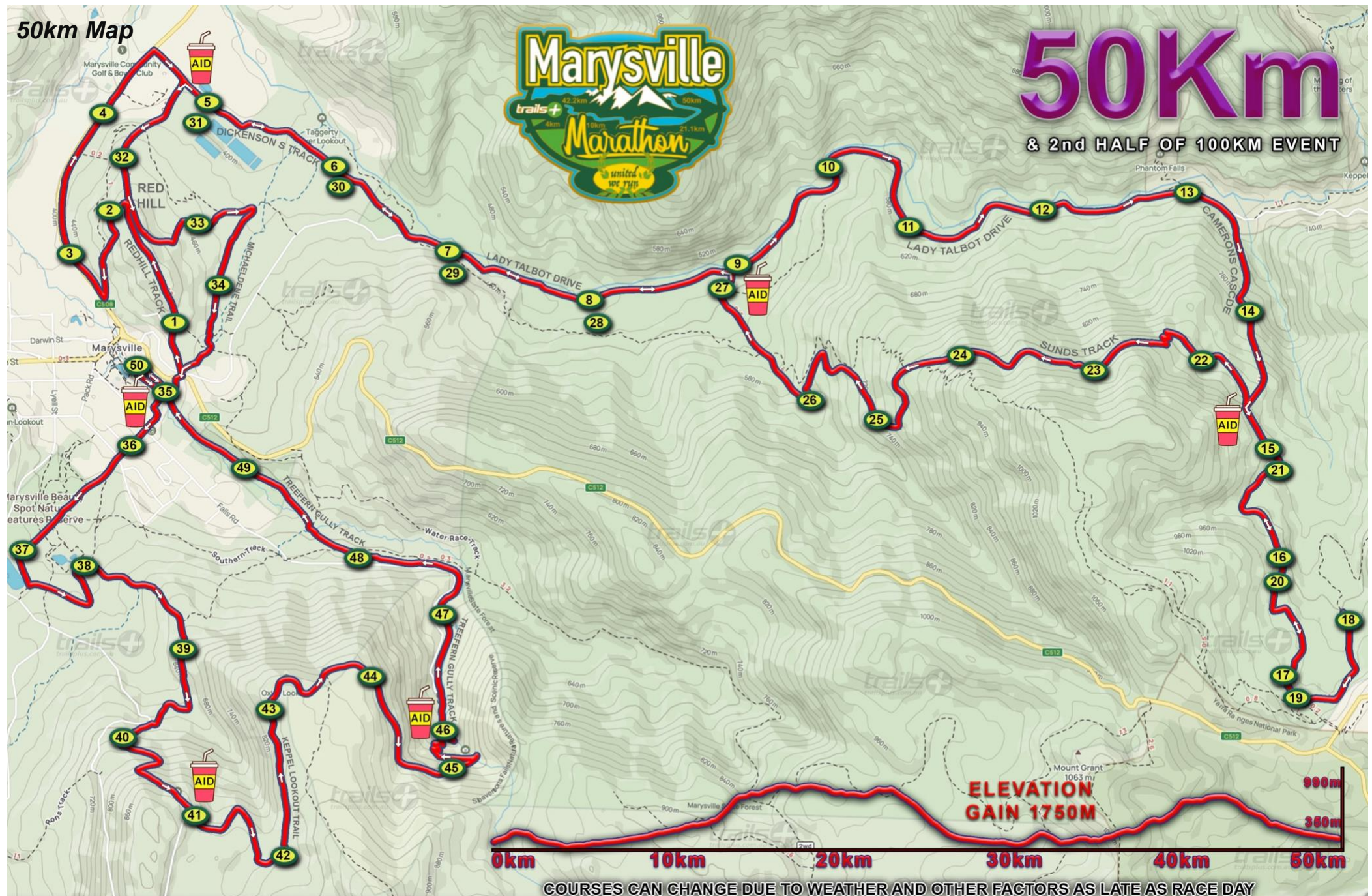
42km Map



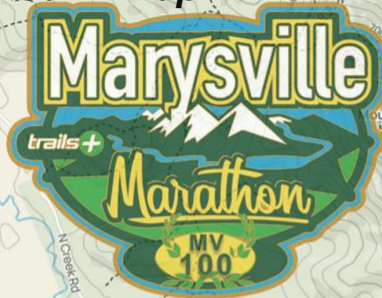
42.2Km



50km Map



100km Map



100Km

1st HALF OF 100KM EVENT

11pm-2am

5-7am

3-5am

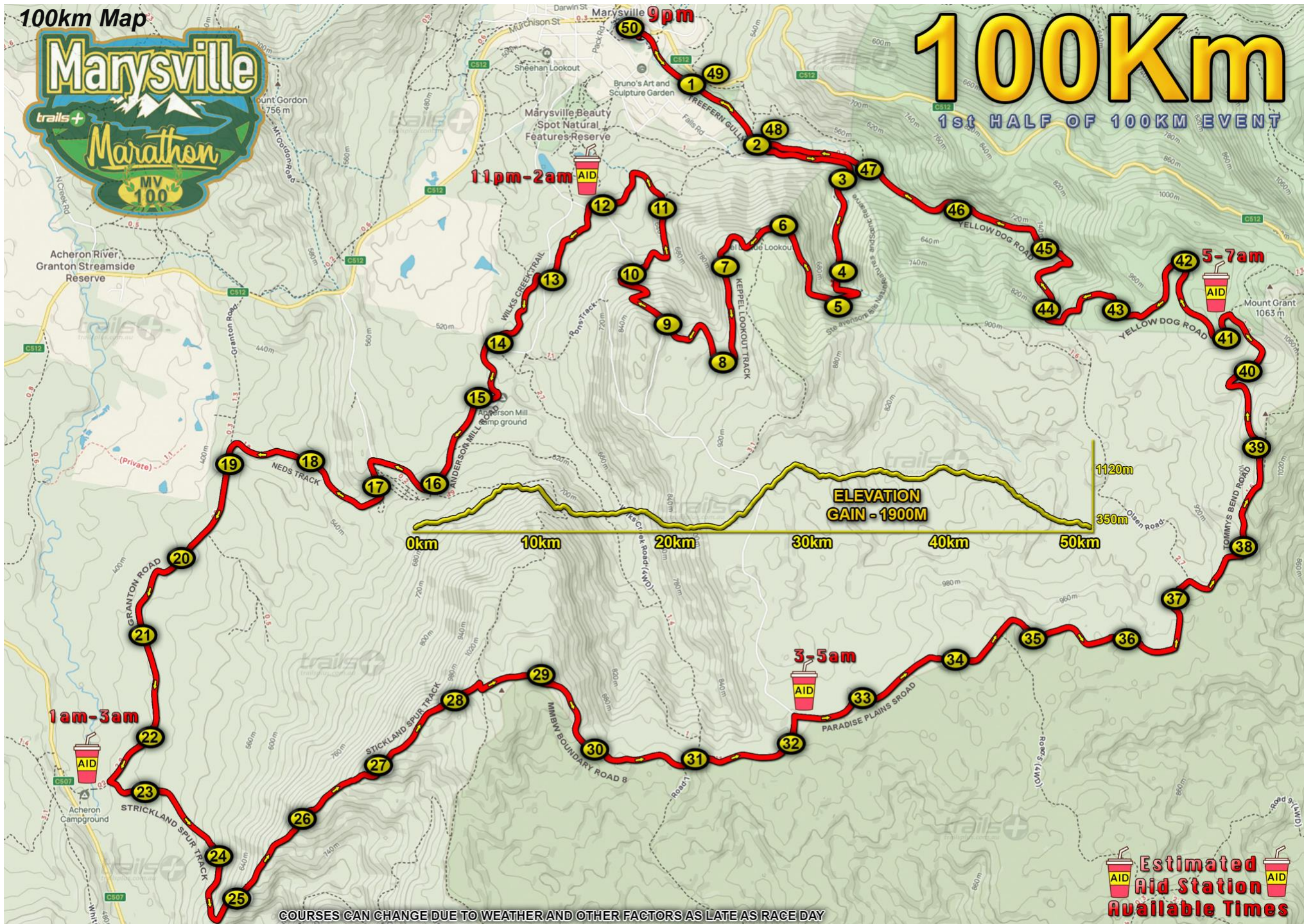
1am-3am

ELEVATION
GAIN - 1900M

0km 10km 20km 30km 40km 50km

COURSES CAN CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS AS LATE AS RACE DAY

Estimated
Aid Station
Available Times



7km KQOM Map



A map titled "Marathons in Marysville" showing a trail network. The trail starts at a green dot labeled "CS12" and "trails +". It goes up a hill to a peak labeled "42.2km". From the peak, it goes down to a point labeled "4km". From there, it goes up another hill to a point labeled "10km". From the 10km point, it goes down to a point labeled "45.1km". The trail ends at a point labeled "Shenandoah Lookout". The map also shows a "Marysville" label at the top and a "united by trails" logo at the bottom.

Kids Dash Map



1.5 Km



Event Hub Map

LAKE



PRIMARY SCHOOL

TOILETS

RISE
HEALTH
GROUP
MESSAGE
RECOVERY

RACE
FOOD

32GI

ZERO
SPORTS
BEER

EVENT HUB
PRESENTATION
AREA

MEDALS

MR WHIPPY



PIZZA



COFFEE



TIMING
FIRST AID

100km
RUNNERS
ONLY
Check in
30min
BEFORE
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TIME
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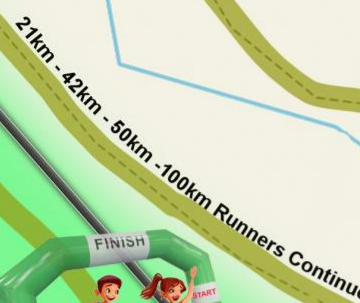
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CHECK-IN
REGISTER



CAR PARKING
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DONATIONS
APPRECIATED

21km - 42km - 50km - 100km Runners Continue



Stevenson River



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Tree Fern Gully Track

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