

March Athletic Club
Knowles Transport Hereward Relay Sunday 26th November 2023

Stage Two Whittlesey to March (10.5m)

GENERAL INFORMATION

You must wear your number on the front of your hi-viz and it must not be obscured as you finish.

Please read race rules on website www.marchac.co.uk and on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/433988216651016>

The race is run over different terrain, so it is impossible to marshal every corner. Every effort has been made to ensure that indication arrows are in place where necessary, with marshals at crucial junctions. All runners and supporters are asked to take care. Cross all roads with care and give way to traffic where necessary. Take notice of instructions from marshals and police.

PLEASE NOTE – there has been a change to the course as runners approach March and runners may NO LONGER use private land on the riverbank approach to March – runners must leave the riverbank where sign posted and take a longer route via a path and the road to Fox’s Boatyard.

There will be limited parking in Manor Leisure Centre, Whittlesey (the start of this stage). There is additional parking in town car parks. Please be considerate and do not block residents’ driveways. **PLEASE REMOVE SHOES WHEN USING THE MANOR LEISURE CENTRE FACILITIES.**

There is a large car park at City Road March. There are also toilets and shops in the nearby town centre where refreshments are available.

The handover at Whittlesey is in Aliwal Road PE7 1UG. Ample parking in Station Road PE7 2HA.

STAGE DIRECTIONS

Leave Manor Leisure Centre through gate in the playing field and head for the small river. Turn left when reaching the river and run alongside it with it to your right. Proceed along the riverbank and under the railway bridge.



Turn left off the river bank where signposted and proceed through industrial estate and turn right at the main road



(approx 0.4 miles from the start).

Take the right turn to Ramsey at the next junction (0.64 miles). Take care on this road as it can be busy. At the first bridge (Turningtree Bridge – 0.8 miles in) turn left over stile and follow the river bank (this will be signposted) continue along river bank, over 2 more stiles to main road (approx 1.5 miles). Proceed down the road to the corner and turn left at Angle Bridge and then right onto the river bank (2.82 miles into the run). Run past the next bridge (Poplar Tree Bridge) and follow the river bank to the next bridge, Bate's Farm. (3.71 miles in).

At Bate's Farm bear right onto road then take a left to farm track (4.1 miles in) and follow the track for a little over 0.5 miles to Smalley's Farm – **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS PRIVATE LAND AND ONLY OPEN ON THE DAY OF THE RACE** - turn right onto road and take the first road on the left - Quakers Drove (you are now a little under 5 miles into the stage) . There follows a long straight run of variable terrain along Quaker's Drove passed Hake's Farm and onto Hake's Drove - approx. 2.35 miles. Once you reach the river at Top Hake's Farm turn left.

Continue to river bank and keeping to the riverbank only leaving it when signposted. You will be on this riverbank for approx. 2 miles. **Please note – as you approach March along the riverbank you MUST NOT go through the private land and must leave the riverbank via the path and roads to reach Fox's Boatyard as sign posted.**



You will approach Fox's boatyard, on the outskirts of March, approx. 9.2 miles into the stage and turn left off the riverbank and then turn right to join the road - follow the road until you reach Marina Drive then turn right into Marina Drive and run along the approach road towards the Marina turning left to join the path around the boatyard. Go under the road/bridge as instructed by the marshal. You are approx. 1 mile from the finish.

Once under the bridge ascend the steps and cross the river by the footpath over the bridge. **Please do not attempt to cross over on the bypass.**



Turn left and continue along the river bank. Take the first turning right (shown below) into the extended part of the park. Follow the path (as shown below) and you will run into the main part of the park where the stage finish and hand-over point is.

