

Guide to using the Routebook

Each section of the race is covered by 2 or 3 pages of the Routebook. These pages cover all the details of the junctions, turns, distances, road numbers, road conditions, climbs and elevation profiles.

Turn No: These are unique numbers which are given to a junction where a turn is made or where the junction is deemed important. These numbers are designed for quick reference when reading notes or if dealing with Race HQ or Marshals.

Distance: Distances covered in the race are given in kilometres and miles. It is advised that crews cover whichever of these columns they are not using to avoid any confusion.

Turn: Br LEFT = BEAR LEFT, Br RIGHT = BEAR RIGHT (These are points where the route stays on the same road but there may be no road markings). Junctions where a turn is made or that are deemed important will be marked in **bold** and will have a unique Turn No.

Direction:

T = T junction

Y = Y junction

X = 4 road Cross Roads

SS = Stop Sign

TL = Traffic Light

TLPX = Traffic Light Pedestrian Crossing (Not all TLPX's are marked however some are added to the routebook to act as landmarks after particular junctions)

R'about = Roundabout (Some roundabouts may also be named. Eg "Gransha R'about")

^^ = Start of Climb

<< = Top of Climb (Maximum % and Average % gradients are given, however minor climbs are not marked)

** = Change in road width/condition. Eg ****START OF HARD SHOULDER****

Shaded Areas = Places where caution must be used. Eg **CAUTION. RAILWAY CROSSING**

XXX = Start of campervan restriction area (See Rulebook. Rule number 506-4)

●●● = End of campervan restriction

Towns, villages and points of interest are marked in **bold** and in **()** where unsigned.

Road No: This is the road currently being travelled on. In the Republic these will be either N or R roads. In the North they will be either A or B roads. Any roads which are smaller than these are not marked in this column as they are irregularly signposted and are not marked on maps.

Where the road is in brackets, Eg. **(N2)** this means that the race route crosses this road at a staggered junction meaning – LEFT then RIGHT or RIGHT then LEFT.

There will also be other notes which may be of benefit to the racers or their crew.

START Trim, Co. Meath – TS01 Ballymascanlan, Co. Louth

81.4 kms / 50.6 miles

Starting outside the 12th century Trim Castle, the race will pass over the River Boyne and make its way towards Navan. Here the route crosses the Boyne again before following the south side of the River, with a short climb coming into Donore. From here the route drops down to Oldbridge where it crosses the River Boyne. The route then heads for the north side of Drogheda and turns onto the old Dublin-Belfast road (R132), which is a good wide road. We turn off at turn No. 0116 and pass alongside the Irish Sea on our way through Blackrock and on to TS01.

Turn No.	Dist kms	Dist miles	Turn	Direction	Road No.
				Start: Castle Street, Trim, Co. Meath N 53° 33.180' W 6° 47.303' East towards R154 (Away from Trim Castle)	
	0.0	0.0	1 st EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Athboy / Navan / R154" ZERO ODOMETER ON EXIT OF ROUNDABOUT	R154
0101	0.7	0.4	RIGHT	TL X: Signposted "Navan"	R161
	1.9	1.2		Texaco on left	
	12.9	8.0		Navan	R161
	14.1	8.8		CAUTION. RAILWAY CROSSING	
0102	14.3	8.9	3rd EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "All Other Routes", then TLPX	
0103	14.7	9.1	LEFT	TL: Signed "Cavan R147 / All Other Routes"	R147
0104	14.9	9.3	RIGHT	TL: Signed "Kentstown / Ashbourne 28k / Duleek 20k", Then Over Bridge	R153
	15.1	9.4		Zebra Crossing	
0105	15.4	9.6	LEFT	Y: Off R153. Signed "Newgrange / St. Marys Cemetery"	
	16.5	10.3		Cemetery on right	
	20.4	12.7		Over Humpback Bridge	
	23.3	14.5	Br LEFT	Signed "Tain Trail / Slane / Boyne Drive"	
0106	25.5	15.8	RIGHT LEFT	SS: Onto N2 signed "Dublin / Ashbourne 21k", then Onto L1600. Signed "Newgrange Monument"	(N2)
	28.4	17.6	Br LEFT	Signed "Drogheda / Donore / Newgrange"	
	29.5	18.3		View left across river to Newgrange Burial Chamber .	
	32.3	20.1		Bru na Boinne(Newgrange) Interpretive Centre (On left)	
	34.2	21.3		Donore	
	34.6	21.5	Br LEFT	Signed "Drogheda 6k / Boyne Drive"	
0107	35.1	21.8	LEFT	Signed "Battle of the Boyne 4k"	
0108	38.4	23.9	LEFT	SS T: Signed "Battle of the Boyne / Tullyallen 3k / Slane 10k"	
	38.8	24.1	Br RIGHT	SS: At Battle of the Boyne (Oldbridge House) . CAUTION OVER HUMPBACK BRIDGE	
	39.2	24.4		SS: Oldbridge Steel Bridge. **5-ton Restriction** Site of Battle of the Boyne.	
0109	39.3	24.4	RIGHT	SS: Onto N51. Signed "Drogheda N51 / Mellifont Abbey"	N51
0110	40.7	25.3	3rd EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Drogheda N51 / Monasterboice" **START OF HARD SHOULDER**	N51
0111	41.5	25.8	2nd EXIT	"Hill of Rath R'about": Signed "Drogheda N51 / Monasterboice"	N51

Start to TS01. **Part 2** of 2

0112	42.4	26.3	1st EXIT	"Rosehall Roundabout": Signed "Monasterboice / Dunleer R132"	R132
	44.2	27.5		^^Start of Climb^^ "Tullyesker" Max 4% Avg 4%	
	46.5	28.9		<< Top of Climb <<	
0113	47.9	29.8	RIGHT	SS T: Signed "Dunleer R132"	R132
0114	48.0	29.8	LEFT	Under Bridge, then SS T: Signed "Dunleer R132"	R132
	48.7	30.3		Stone dolmen monument on right.	
	50.9	31.6		**END OF HARD SHOULDER**	
	53.9	33.5		Dunleer (Follow R132 through village)	R132
	55.0	34.2		Under Railway Bridge	
0115	57.5	35.7	RIGHT	SS T: Signed "Castlebellingham R132"	R132
				START OF HARD SHOULDER	
	61.0	37.9		Kilsaran "50km/h" sign	R132
	62.9	39.1		Campus Filling Station on left	
0116	69.3	43.1	RIGHT	Off R132. Signed "Blackrock R172"	R172
				END OF HARD SHOULDER	
	71.0	44.1		TLPX: (Blackrock)	
	73.8	45.9		Dundalk	R172
0117	74.9	46.5	1st EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Town Centre R172"	R172
0118	75.4	46.9	3rd EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Belfast N52"	N52
	76.5	47.5	STRAIGHT	TL: Signed "Belfast N52"	N52
	76.9	47.8	STRAIGHT	TL: Signed "Dundalk Stadium N52"	N52
	77.0	47.8	STRAIGHT	TL: Signed "Belfast N52"	N52
	77.7	48.3		Over bridge **START OF HARD SHOULDER**	
0119	79.8	49.6	2nd EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Belfast N52"	N52
0120	80.5	50.0	4th EXIT	Roundabout: Signed "Greenore / Carlingford / Omeath"	R173
				CAUTION ON ROUNDABOUT	
	81.4	50.6		TS01 Topaz Service Station (On left)	

Arrival time/Confirmation No. _____ / _____

Time Station 01: Topaz 24hr Service Station, Ballymascanlan, Co. Louth

N 54°02.059'

W 06°22.433'

