

FYANSFORD 8KM

Course Description (version 2026 post-race update)

GENERAL

Overall run map shown on page 15 (don't worry about the different coloured lines).

Suggested areas of set out:

- One team does the **Fyansford section** that includes the start/finish, from **Photo 1 to 9 inclusive** to the golf course side of the Barwon River footbridge – **35 cones & 8**
- One team does the **Buckley Falls section** from **Photo 10 to 38 inclusive** – **60 cones & 20 arrows & 2 x "Runners on Road" signs**

Total Cones/Arrows = 120 cones & 30 arrows

Marshals

Priority – Lower Buckley Falls Car Park (1 marshal) at **Photo 10**, on the junction of the paths on Buckley Falls Rd (1) at **Photo 23**, at end point of loop at far south end (1) at **Photo 25**.

Numbers permitting – at junction of paths just over the first footbridge at **Photo 8** (1), at Junction of paths on the golf course side of the main footbridge over the Barwon River (1) at **Photo 9**, at entry to Buckley Falls Lookout Car Park (**Photo 32**)

RACE BRIEF

- Start/Finish – point out the directions
- General – public with dogs on leashes, bicycles, wash-outs, tree roots, overhanging branches, stones, a rocky section on the hill up to the Buckley Falls Lookout
- When on gravel paths, stay on the main path at all times
- Please keep to the left
- Watch for returning runners at the end of the southern loop at various corners, **please keep to the left!**
- **Must keep on the grass verge of Buckley Falls Road**, do not run on the road itself = DQ!

START/FINISH

- Start on the asphalt path between the cones in line with the finish line, positioned **50m south** of the rotunda (towards the footbridge) – starting runners run towards the Fyansford Hotel - see **Photo 1**
- Finish is at the same place but on the grass beside the asphalt path



Photo 1 – the Start/Finish

THE COURSE

- Runners proceed from the start and veer right off the asphalt path and pass outside of the gravel car park, through the trees and across the grass (there is a defined path here) to the seat on the asphalt path. Then follow the asphalt path up the hill past the toilet block and shelter and then run along the gravel road and swing right down the gravel road to the car park, see **Photos 2, 3, 4 & 5**



Photo 2 – Veer off the asphalt path near the sign post on the left



Photo 3 – follow the worn grass track back to the asphalt path at the seat



Photo 4 – run off asphalt path onto gravel road



Photo 5



Photo 6

- Runners continue along asphalt path across the footbridge and turn left heading towards Queens Park, see **Photos 7 & 8**

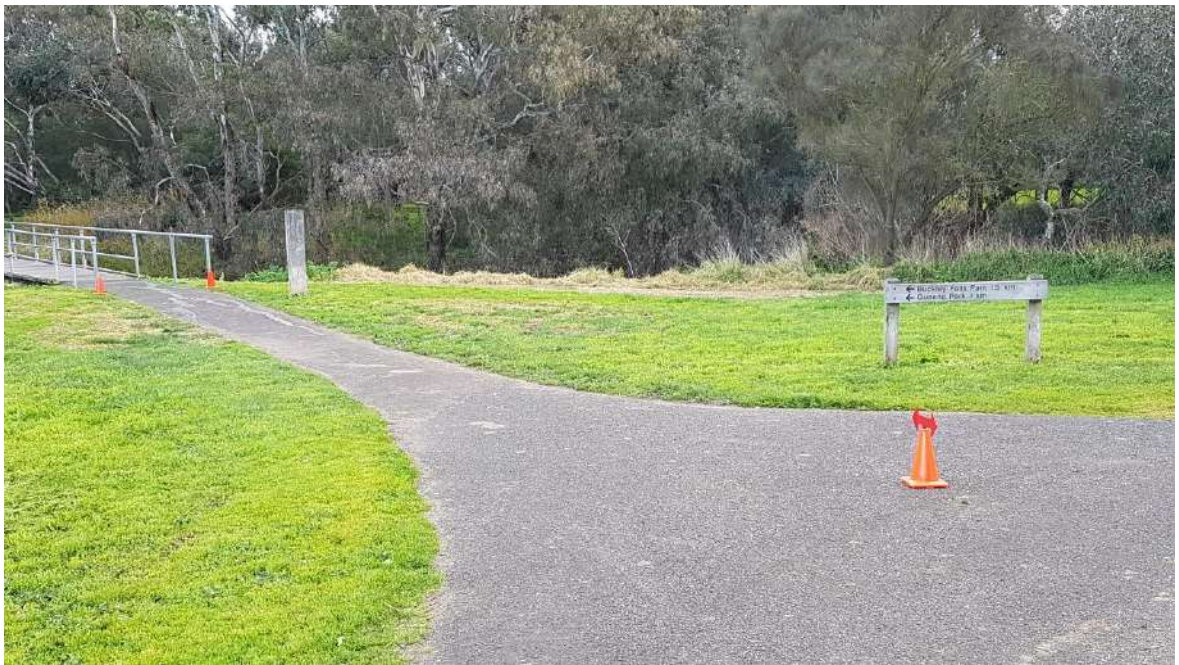


Photo 7



Photo 8

- Runners continue along the asphalt path to the main footbridge over the Barwon River (at the golf course) and **turn right** heading towards Buckley Falls, see **Photo 9**



Photo 9 (looking from the golf course side towards oncoming runners)

- Runners continue along the asphalt path towards the lower Buckley Falls car park, and veer right, see **Photo 10**. Marshal is required here as runners also come back on the left-hand branch shown in the photo



Photo 10 (Marshal point)

- Runners head up the path towards the Buckley Falls Lookout, staying on the main path, see **Photos 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15**. **Beware** of around 20m length of large flat rocks to run over.



Photo 11



Photo 12



Photo 13



Photo 14



Photo 15 (at main Buckley Falls Lookout)

- Runners continue past the lookout, keeping to the main trail, passing over a footbridge and then turning left up to an asphalt path that runs into the path on Buckley Falls Road, see **Photos 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23**



Photo 16



Photo 17



Photo 18



Photo 19



Photo 20



Photo 21



Photo 22

- Runners turn right at the Buckley Falls Rd path, see **Photo 23**. Important to have **marshal here** to separate outgoing and returning runners as returning runners head straight down Buckley Falls Rd. Once the Tail-End-Charlie passes going uphill, realign cones to block this corner ensuring runners head down Buckley Falls Rd.



Photo 23 (Marshal point)

- Runners continue along asphalt path swinging right along the path at a junction, see **Photo 24**



Photo 24

- Runners continue along asphalt path to a gravel path where a marshal will direct them left along a gravel path towards Rivergum Drive. See **Photo 25**



Photo 25 (Marshal point)

- When runners reach the concrete footpath at Rivergum Drive, they turn right and follow the concrete path down the hill to a right turn back onto a gravel path, see **Photos 26, 27 & 28**



Photo 26

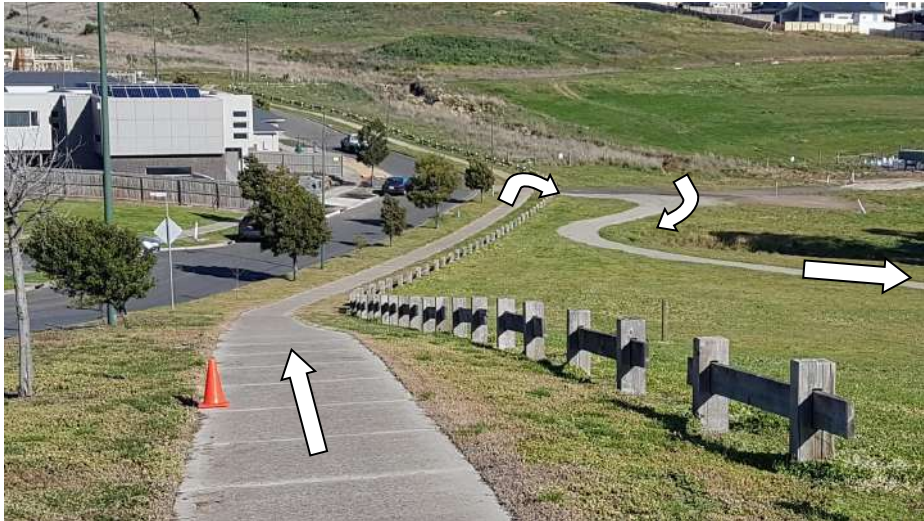


Photo 27



Photo 28



Photo 29

- Runners continue up the hill on the gravel path (**Photo 29**) and re-unite with the path they came along earlier. A **marshal will ensure** that runners are separated at this point, as back markers will most likely be coming towards the front markers, **keep left**, see **Photo 25**
- When the runners arrive back near the junction of the asphalt paths on top of the hill (at **Photo 23**), a marshal will guide runners straight ahead down the asphalt path, continuing until the path curves left at which point runners continue down the grassed nature strip, see **Photos 30 & 31**
- It is essential at this point onwards, that runners **keep to the grassed nature strip**. **At no stage are runners permitted to run on the asphalt road surface – too dangerous!!**



Photo 30



Photo 31

- Runners continue along the grassed nature strip (place a **“Runners on Road”** sign at the centre of the entry to Buckley Falls Lookout Car Park (see **Photo 32**)), veering left onto the verge of the gravel road that accesses the Lower Buckley Falls Car Park. Where the grass verge finishes, runners are permitted to proceed down the left hand edge of the gravel road. See **Photos 33, 34, 35, 36 & 37**. Place a “Runners on Road” sign on the road uphill of the runner’s path, see **Photo 36**.



Photo 32



Photo 33



Photo 34



Photo 35



Photo 36



Photo 37 (looking uphill)

- As the runners swing left around the bend at the bottom of the gravel road, they will be guided right onto the main river asphalt path heading home, see **Photo 38**



Photo 38

- Runners head back the way they came, finishing at the start point

Overall Course

