



WADJEMUP

2026

# Rottnest

## RUNNING FESTIVAL

42.2KM 21.1KM 10KM 5KM KIDS QUOKKA DASH

# RUNNER'S GUIDE

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## WELCOME

Ladies and gentlemen, fitness enthusiasts, and adventure seekers, prepare yourselves for the most exhilarating, scenic, and downright *Run-derful* running event of the year, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Rottnest Running Festival!

To celebrate 32 years of running Rotto we thought we'd change it up slightly and host the event from the one and only Quokka lounge – aka Heritage Common! From there runners will go on a an exhilarating journey along the Salt Lakes, out towards Oliver's Hill – only once, and only for the Marathon and Half Marathoners – then follow the meandering path along Defence Road up to charming Little Parakeet, through Geordie and Longreach Bays to the Basin and back into town via the scenic Nyi Nyi Bidi. But don't take our word for it, lace up those running shoes and find out for yourself!

## INTRODUCING OUR NAMING SPONSOR



Located across WA, Chalkwest is one of Australia's largest Aboriginal owned & operated car rental companies, yet is more than just a car rental company: they are long-term hire specialists.

Their fleet can be built to order and tailored to project-specific requirements, from mine-spec 4x4s fitted with toolboxes to service vehicles equipped with cranes, trays, and specialised fit-outs. Whatever the job, they can deliver vehicles configured to meet your operational and safety needs. A growing number of the vehicles are hybrid and low-emission, reflecting their commitment to sustainability and helping clients meet their own environmental targets.

Drive with purpose and hire with [Chalkwest](#)

## RACE START TIMES

- 7:00am** - RunFun Travel Marathon
- 08:30am** – Hotel Rottnest Half Marathon
- 10:20am** – Rottnest Island Authority 10km
- 10:30am** – Rottnest Bakery 5km
- 12:00pm** - Simmos Quokka Dash (up to 12yo) & Family Fun Run.

## BIB COLLECTION

### Hotel Rottnest

**Friday, 12 June:** 4:30pm - 5:30pm

### Heritage Common

**Saturday, 13 June:** 12noon - 3:00pm

**Sunday, 14 June:** 6:00am - 10:20am

Quokka Dash bib collection available until 11:30am on Sunday.

Step into the Event Hub for bib collection, merch and pre-race festival:

- PA Sports & Leisure – for everything in running attire.
- ACE Health & Performance – jump in for a post run massage (Sunday only).



## RUN THE MIZUNO MILE



Thanks to Mizuno, we're giving all runners (except 5km participants) a shot at winning one of two pairs of the latest and greatest Mizuno shoes. Here's the deal: sprint your heart out on the designated Mizuno Mile route - Longreach Bay to Bathurst Point - and the fastest time takes home the prize!

But wait, there's more! We're spicing things up with a twist:

- Marathon runners: You've got 4 chances to clock your best time. Talk about odds in your favour!

- Half Marathon warriors: Two shots at glory await you.

- 10km speedsters: One chance to shine, so make it count!

And just to keep things interesting, we're throwing in a little handicap:

- Half Marathon runners get a 12-second deduction from their best mile time.

- Marathon runners get a whopping 20-second discount!

So lace up those shoes, channel your inner cheetah, and may the fastest feet win!

## REGISTRATIONS & ENTRIES ON THE DAY

Online registrations close Thursday, 11 June at 12 noon sharp. But fear not procrastinators and spontaneous spirits! For those family members and friends who suddenly catch the running bug, it's not too late to join the Rottnest Running Festival frenzy!

We'll be taking registrations for the Marathon, Half, 10km & 5km right on Rottnest during bib collection times (unless we're sold out). Just remember, late entries come with a \$10.00 late fee tax.

## AID STATIONS

Get ready for a pit stop party! We've got four aid stations that'll keep you hydrated, energised, and grooving to the beat! Our diligent army cadets are ready to serve water, electrolytes, bananas, and gels with a side of rhythm to keep your energy levels soaring.

DS1 – Digby Drive / Defence Road

DS2 – Bovell Way / Noongar Loop

DS3 – Geordie Bay

DS4 – Kitson Street (Heritage Common)

*Drink before you think! Keep sipping to stay zippy.*

## SPECIAL DRINKS (RunFun Travel Marathon Only)

Attention marathon mavens! Drop off your special potions at Bib Collection on Saturday between 12 noon and 4:00pm. Label with Bib No. and aid station code (e.g., DS1, DS2, DS3, DS4). These will be placed on the VIP table at the designated aid station, but you'll need find your own on arrival!

Can't make the drop-off? No worries! Send your biggest fan to hand-deliver your magic elixir to the aid stations.

Late arrivals can drop special drinks at Aid Station DS4 - before the race kicks off, but this is where they will stay!



## PAY THE PIPER (RunFun Travel Marathon Only)

The tradition continues, with our kilt-clad, melody-making bagpipers at The Basin. For all Marathon runners on your last lap, here's a quirky twist to keep your spirits high and your legs pumping: snag your lucky \$1 coin from the Dollar Girls and drop it in the magical pot of gold at the feet of our Pipers! Legend has it, this ritual grants you superhuman strength to power through to the finish line. It's like your very own leprechaun-approved energy boost! May the luck of the Irish (or is it Scottish?) be with you as you conquer those final kilometres.

## BAG DROP

Day-trippers, we've got your back(packs)! Our bag drop area near the start line. But remember, we're not Fort Knox – keep your crown jewels and other valuables close!

Need Fort Knox-level security? The Rottneest Island Visitor Centre can hook you up with a locker.

## DISTANCE CHANGES

Having second thoughts about your chosen distance? No sweat! We've all been there - marathon dreams turning into 5km realities. Just give the WAMC office a shout before 12 noon, Thursday, 11 June. But don't wait too long – we're working with island time and limited resources here! Remember, changing your race distance is like changing your mind about ice cream flavors - it's okay, but do it before we start scooping!



## WAMC OFFICE CLOSURES

The WA Marathon Club office will be hands on deck on Rottneest Island from Friday, 12 June to Monday, 15 June. For urgent matters, hit up the Race Director. For everything else, there's email: [wamc@wamc.org.au](mailto:wamc@wamc.org.au). We promise we're not ignoring you – we're just busy making your race day more awesome than a quokka selfie!

## WAVE STARTS

No official waves here – it's a free-for-all extravaganza! Think you're top 10 material? Get your elbows ready and shimmy up to that start line like it's the last bus off the island. So, lace up those shoes tight, practice your power pose, and get ready to dash like you're chasing the last ferry home!

## RACE DAY ETIQUETTE

1. Closed roads don't mean ghost town! Keep your eyes peeled for island VIPs like ambulances, police, rangers, buses, and our own event vehicles. If you hear sirens, scoot over faster than a quokka spotting a tourist with snacks – safety first!
2. Headphones are allowed but maybe keep one ear free for nature's playlist (and oncoming traffic). Who knows, you might hear a quokka cheering you on!
3. Quokka crossing! These furry celebrities have the right of way. Please refrain from disturbing or interfering with the quokkas. They're not your personal cheerleaders, no matter how cute they look!
4. Play nice with your fellow runners. It's a race, not bumper cars! Save the jostling for the post-race drinks line.
5. Remember, smiles are free and highly encouraged. Flash those pearly whites at our volunteers and spectators - you might just get an extra energy boost!



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## FIRST AID

The Royal Flying Doctor Service is our superhero squad for the day, ready to swoop in if you need a hand (or a bandage).

Feeling woozy mid-race? Flag down a course marshal, or one of our bike-riding guardian angels. If you need help, ask for it. We'd rather see you cross the finish line a little later than not at all!

Remember, your safety is our priority. We want you crossing that finish line with a smile, not on a stretcher! So listen to your body, stay hydrated, and if you see stars don't hesitate to seek help.

## TOILETS

When nature calls, we've got you covered! Four pit stops per lap. Remember, a quick pit stop is better than an uncomfortable run. Don't be shy, when you gotta go, you gotta go!

1. Town Square
2. Geordie Bay
3. Longreach Bay
4. The Basin

## KILOMETRE MARKERS

Lost in the run? Fear not, intrepid racers! We've planted giant kilometre signs along the road like breadcrumbs in a fitness fairy tale. Marathon and Half Marathon runners, look alive every 5km - it's like a mini-celebration every time you spot one! 5km and 10km speedsters, we'll mark your halfway point, so you'll know exactly when to unleash that second wind.

These markers are more than just signs - they're your cheerleaders, your motivators, your "you've got this" reminders. High five them (mentally) as you pass. No excuses for getting lost in this running paradise! And remember, the distance between markers is always shorter than it seems. You've got this!

## VOLUNTEERS

Three cheers for our amazing volunteers! Give them a high five, a smile, or a sweaty thumbs-up! They're giving up their time to make your race day awesome.



## MARATHON FINISHER SHIRTS

Attention marathoners! All RunFun Travel Marathon finishers will receive a fabulous finisher shirt! Strut your stuff to the end of the finish chute to claim your shirt. It's like winning the lottery, but better - because you earned it with your blood, sweat, and tears (okay, hopefully not blood).

These shirts are more than just fabric - they're a badge of honour, a conversation starter, and a great way to humble-brag about your incredible achievement! Wear it with pride along with your ginourmous finisher medal!

## EVENT MERCH

Make sure you grab an exclusively designed event towel. Use it to wipe away those well-earned beads of sweat post-race, and take it home as a lasting reminder of an amazing day of running!

Plus, for only \$25, you can sport a cool colour changing Rottneest Running Festival Event t-shirt or if you prefer a super comfy hoodie we have them too for \$65.

This merch is more exclusive than a private island tour, and more sought-after than the last ferry ticket off Rottneest. But hurry – these bad boys are flying off the shelves! Don't be that person who has to listen to everyone else's "remember when" stories about the great merch they got - be the person wearing it!

## MARATHON FERRY PARKING - ex B SHED

Wilson Parking at B SHED is offering discounted tickets (\$9.00) to runners travelling to Rottneest on Sunday, 14 June on the Rottneest Express 5:45am ferry (day trip only). Note, machines F, J & I only. There are lots of bays available, but this offer is on a first-in-best-dressed basis.

## FERRY TRAVEL

All entrants can travel to the Island with one of the three amazing ferry companies: Rottnest Express, Rottnest Fast Ferries and SeaLink Rottnest. Early morning ferry services for the marathon have been arranged through Rottnest Express and Rottnest Fast Ferries. SeaLink has a 7:00am ferry perfect for all Half Marathon Runners!

### Rottnest Express - click [HERE](#) to book.

Use code 'ROTTMARA2026' for a 25% discount on your ferry fare\*. Rottnest Express have an early morning service departing Northport at 5:15am and B Shed at 5:45am for a 6:15am arrival on Rottnest Island. \*T & Cs apply. NOTE: Due to renovations at B Shed passengers are encouraged to arrive 45-60min prior ferry departure to allow for parking and luggage drop off. For more information click [HERE](#).

### Rottnest Fast Ferries - Click [HERE](#) to book.

If you live north of the river, we've got you covered with an exclusive offer from Rottnest Fast Ferries! Use the code 'RRF26', select 'Promotion Fare' and enjoy a fantastic 20% discount on your ferry ride with Rottnest Fast Ferries, ensuring you make it to the starting line bright and early!

Make sure to catch the 5:00am ferry to Rottnest Island, so you have plenty of time to prepare for the exhilarating race. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to kick-start your day of running and fun! \*T&C apply

### SeaLink - Click [HERE](#) to book now

Claim the SeaLink 25% OFF discount by using the promo code 'RUNSEALINK26' at time of booking and provided that you meet the terms and conditions, your discounted ferry fares will be applied at checkout!

Catch the 7:00am SeaLink ferry from B-Shed Fremantle and arrive at Rottnest Island ready to conquer the Half Marathon, which takes off at 8:30am. It's a seamless and convenient way to kickstart your race day! \*T&C apply

## SIMMOS QUOKKA DASH



The Simmos Quokka Dash is back! Available for children up to the age of 12 or children who feel they are not up to the 5km distance. The course is an approx. 300m lap with the end running through the official finish chute! Best part about this is, it's free!

All participants will receive a finisher medal, Simmos ice cream and complementary pass to Rottnest Island Mini Golf! Limited spots available, so get in quick!

Bib collection is on the morning of the event.

## PRESENTATIONS & DRAW PRIZES

Presentations for each distance will be held at Hotel Rottnest at 1:00pm. This will also include Draw Prizes.

Be sure to place your DRAW PRIZE tag from your bib in the barrel located at Hotel Rottnest before presentations commence.

### Draw prizes include:

- Pinky's Discovery Resorts Rottnest Island 2 nights stay incl. breakfast
- LONTANA 3 course lunch for 4 incl. 2 bottles of Sandalford Estate Wine
- The Lodge 1 night stay incl. breakfast at Sunsets Bar & Bistro
- \$200 Hotel Rottnest Voucher
- \$150 Charter 1 Voucher
- \$100 Island Gypsy Voucher
- Island Gypsy Cooler Bags
- \$100 Indianic Boutique Voucher
- \$100 Dome Voucher
- \$75 Dome Voucher
- RIGC 18 Holes of golf for 2 incl. cart & clubs
- \$75 Geordie Bay Cafe Voucher
- \$70 Subway Voucher
- Sunsets Bar & Bistro Breakfast for 2
- \$50 Frankies Voucher
- \$50 Pelican voucher

*Prize subject to change.*

*You must be present to claim your prize.*

## ON COURSE ENTERTAINMENT

Get in the Groove! The 2026 Budget Chalkwest Rottnest Running Festival is not just about the race, it's about a having a fabulous run, coupled with an experience like no other!

As you run around the island, there will be entertainment and a few other memorable moments thrown in for good measure.

The tradition continues with our bagpipers at The Basin. Our Cadets will be joined by live DJ's, mixing their tunes and giving you that inspiration to keep you going all the way to the finish line where you'll be greeted with the smooth sounds of a sax.

## PRE-RACE PASTA NIGHT

In support of the Budget Chalkwest Wadjemup Rottnest Running Festival, an online will be holding the official Running Festival Pre-Race Pasta Night on Saturday, 13 June in the Bayside Function Room. They will be offering a variety of pasta, salads and breads.

## ISLAND SUPPORTER'S INFO & DISCOUNTS

The businesses on the island are offering some great offers over the weekend. We encourage all runners to visit our supporters.

### ROTTNEST BAKERY

A Rottnest icon, the bakery offers an assortment of tasty treats, including the famous sausage rolls and meat pies, and freshly made sandwiches to delicious bakery sweet treats like vanilla slice and jam doughnuts. The perfect stop first thing in the morning, pick up your coffee and freshly baked Rotto loaf that is 100% sourdough. It's a must for every island visit.



## THE LANE

The Lane's specialist team of Baristas are happy to welcome you with fresh coffee, roasted weekly and delivered to our shores.

### GERONIMO SKYDIVING

**Participants receive 10% off 15,000ft skydive.**

Jump with WA's most experienced team and experience Rottnest Island from above.



### HOTEL ROTTNEST

### RUN – RECOVER – CELEBRATE

Meet at Lontara for the ultimate post-race recovery brunch following the Rottnest Running Festival. From 9am–2pm, enjoy nourishing recovery bowls, fresh juices, smoothies, coconut water and beachfront celebrations with fellow runners. Plus, recovery massage specials.

Whether you've completed the marathon, half marathon, 10km or 5km or on the island as a supporter - [Samphire and Hotel Rottnest - "the place everyone meets after the race"](#).

### FAMILY FUN PARK

From retro pinball machines to arcade games, a miniature golf course and a deckchair movie theatre, you'll get your nostalgic fix at Rottnest Movies and Mini Golf.



### DOME

The Dome Cafe will be open all weekend and is fully licensed from 10:30am on Sunday, so why not head there for a celebratory drink post event! You deserve it!

### ROTTNEST GENERAL STORE

Don't worry about lugging food and drinks over on the ferry, the General Stores located in Thomson Bay Settlement and Geordie Bay are open daily 8am to 6pm.

- Grocery essentials incl. fresh fruit & vegetables delivered fresh daily
- A wide selection of local WA wines, beers and spirits in our liquor store
- Beach, boating & fishing supplies
- Easy online ordering, with delivery direct to your accommodation. We'll even put in the fridge for you.



### GEORDIE BAY CAFÉ

Open Fri & Sat 8am-7:30pm & Sun 8am-3pm  
*Refuel – Recover – Rehydrate – Celebrate*

Menu Specials:

**\$15 Protein Shake**

#### **Breakfast**

\$20 French Toast

\$18 Keto Scramble

#### **Lunch**

\$25 Finish Line Sandwich

\$25 Dhal Bowl

\$18 Roast Veg Bowl

#### **Dinner**

\$30 Roast Chicken

\$28 Beef Lasagne or Veg Cannelloni

### PINKY'S ROTTNEST ISLAND

Mention you are here to participate OR spectate at the Rottnest Running Festival and you will receive 10% OFF at Pinky's Rottnest Island!



### ROTTNEST ISLAND GOLF CLUB

Tucked away behind the settlement, Rottnest Island Golf Course combines a nine-hole course, putting green, bowling green and venue complete with a pool table, upstairs function space and seating.



# COURSE MAP

## 2026 ROTTNEST RUNNING FESTIVAL 42.2KM



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**RUNNING FESTIVAL**



**42.2KM**

### LEGEND

- 42.2KM - 4 LAPS
- 1ST LAP ONLY
- MIZUNO MILE START
- MIZUNO MILE FINISH
- TOILETS
- DRINK STATION
- PIPERS
- DOLLAR GIRLS
- MUSIC



# COURSE MAP

## 2026 ROTTNEST RUNNING FESTIVAL 21.1KM



### LEGEND

>>> 21.1KM - 2 LAPS    
 >>> 1ST LAP ONLY    
 MIZUNO MILE START    
 MIZUNO MILE FINISH

TOILETS    
 DRINK STATION    
 PIPERS    
 MUSIC



# COURSE MAP

## 2026 ROTTNEST RUNNING FESTIVAL 10KM



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**10KM**

### LEGEND

- 10KM - 1 LAPS
- MIZUNO MILE START
- MIZUNO MILE FINISH
- TOILETS
- DRINK STATION
- PIPERS
- MUSIC



# COURSE MAP

## 2026 ROTTNEST RUNNING FESTIVAL 5KM



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**RUNNING FESTIVAL**



# 5KM

### LEGEND

-  5KM - 1 LAPS
-  TOILETS
-  DRINK STATION
-  PIPERS
-  MUSIC

