

## Castle Night Trek On the night event information sheet

Saturday 14 May 2022



### Timings and registration

**7:00 pm** – Car park opens (please be aware gate will not be open until this time)

**7:00pm** - Registration desk opens

**8:20pm** - Warm up starts

**8:45pm** – Trek sets off

All walkers must register prior to departing on the trek, so please leave enough time to register and enjoy all of the excitement within the event village.

### What to bring

- A refillable water bottle
- A travel mug/ camping cup to use for your free hot chocolate! (some recyclable cups available)
- A head torch/torch (this is a mandatory requirement to keep you safe)
- Your walker number that accompanies this letter
- Solid walking footwear – we will be covering a variety of terrain and it is important you have suitable and comfortable footwear for the trek.
- Lots of layers – including a waterproof jacket
- A back pack for your kit
- Option to bring fairy lights, flashing headbands or anything else to help us light up the sky!
- Some change for buying sweets at the sweet station!

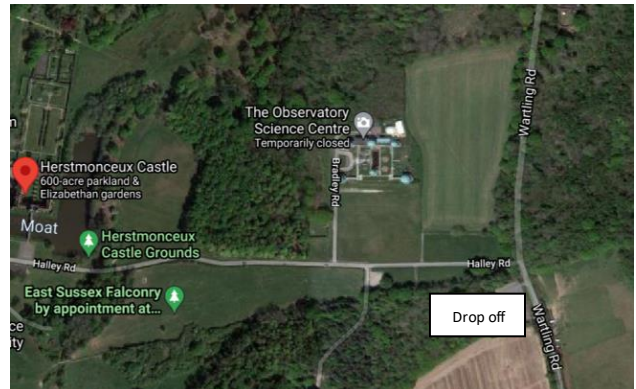
### Car parking

Volunteer car parking marshals will be present on the night to help you find parking when you arrive. Ample parking will be available at the top of the site, outside of the observatory.



### Drop off

Getting a lift in? There is a drop off area immediately off of Wartling road (which will be signposted) where you will be able to be dropped off and collected after the event.



### Finding us

The event is taking place at Herstmonceux castle in the village of Herstmonceux close to Hailsham and Eastbourne. Please enter postcode: **BN27 1RN** into your satnav. As you drive along Wartling road, you will see signs for Herstmonceux Castle and Herstmonceux observatory, please pull in here.

### Registration

Once you have been dropped off/parked up, please make your way down the hill towards the castle. Please follow signs to the registration gazebo which will be situated opposite the castle itself. Here you will be able to register for your walk and then enjoy all of the entertainment and things to do in the event village before your trek.

**Please do remember to check back in at the registration marquee following your walk, this is very important as it lets us know everyone is back safely.**

### T-shirt collection

You will be able to collect your T shirt on the night of the event from the gazebo next to registration. We will also have a T-shirt decoration station where you can jazz up your Chestnut Tree House Tee! We would love for you to wear your T shirt on the night, as we

walk for the hospice together, so please wear clothing that you can fit your T shirt over where possible.

### Walker number

You should have all received your walker number and back sticker with this letter. If you didn't, not to worry, please head to the registration desk to collect a new one.

### Missing child

If you should become separated at any point on the trek from your child. Do not panic, contact event control on **07753 106802** immediately or contact your nearest marshal. We have procedures in place for any missing children. Please note all children are the responsibility of the parent or guardian they are walking with.

### Entertainment

Before the walk kicks off we will have activities including; Glow in the dark face painting, glow products for sale, T shirt decoration, a reflection area inside a beautiful bell tent, refreshments for sale and local radio station Hailsham FM to help get you into the spirit of the evening!

### Medals

The medal you will receive at the finish line is extra special. As the wood it is made with comes directly from the grounds of the castle, meaning you get to take a little piece of this beautiful venue home with you.

### Sponsor money

We are unable to accept sponsor money on the night. However, there will be the opportunity for contactless donations. After the event please return your sponsorship money to the Events Team at Chestnut Tree House, by 20 June, in order to qualify for our 200-club celebration event.

### Refreshments

Refreshments will be available in the event village before you start, with a coffee van onsite, and the chestnut tea rooms open until 8 30pm where you will be able to fuel up with a hot drink and snacks before your walk begins. There are also refreshment stops along the route. Including a free hot chocolate stop at the end of zone 2. Please ensure you are properly hydrated before you start and bring a water bottle to refill. There will also be a sweet station on route, and a glass of fizz as you cross the all-important finish line!

### Medical facilities

Epione Medical Services Ltd will be in attendance around the route. Please go to your nearest marshal if you have any medical problem or if you see any participants in trouble or call event control on 07753106802. There will also be two back markers from the events team at Chestnut, who will stay at the back of the group. If you are unable to carry on, but are not injured, please wait for them to reach you, where they will be able to arrange collection for you and bring you back to the start point safely.

### Water stations

Water refill stations will be available in the following locations;

- At the start line, near the toilets
- After zone 1, near the sweet station
- At the hot chocolate stop at the end of zone 2
- At the finish line

Please do remember to bring a refillable bottle with you, as we will not be providing plastic cups for environmental reasons.

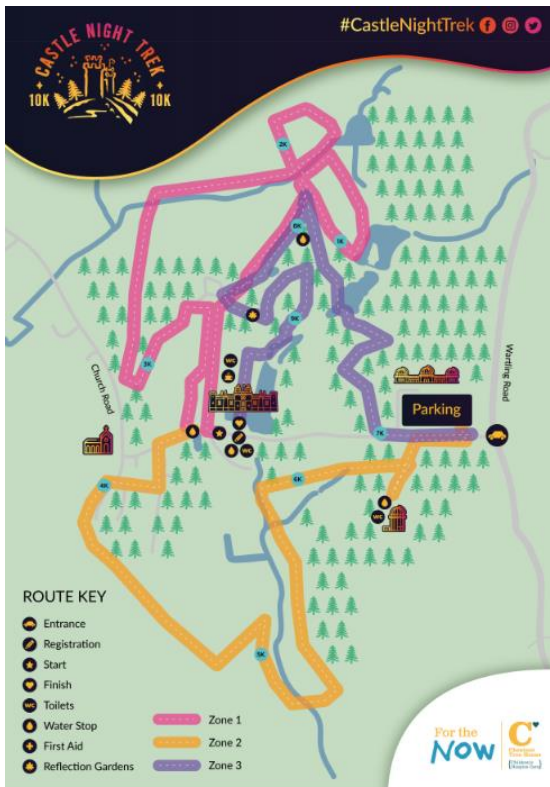
### Toilets

Toilets will be available in the following locations;

- In the event village at the start line
- Next to the castle coffee shop
- After we complete our first walking zone
- After we complete our second walking zone at the hot chocolate stop (around 6.5km into the walk)
- At the finish line

### Route

Our 10km night trek will see us travel across various terrain including fields, woodland and concrete paths. There will be signage and lights to guide your way. This is a self-guided walk, and you will be following bright pink and white arrow signs to help guide you, as well as this, marshals will be on hand to direct you at certain points. The route is roughly divided into Three zones which you can see in the map below.



Please note- this route may change as and where required

### Support on Route

If you need support on route please go to your nearest marshal, if you are unable to do so and need to contact event control urgently please **07753 106802**

### Marshals

Volunteer marshals will be present throughout the 10km walk and will be cheering you on and to help you find your way. Please report to the nearest marshal or call event control on 07753106802. if you feel you cannot complete the walk or if you have any problems.

### How long the walk will take

This 10km route will take you anywhere between 2 and 3.5 hours. It certainly is not a race, and the route will have lots of lovely sights and experiences to take in, so whilst this is still a challenge, allow yourself time to enjoy the magic!

### Photography

Our hospice photographers and a film crew will be taking footage and photos of the event for future promotions. If you do not wish for your photo to be taken, please let the photographers know.

There will also be loads of opportunities to get some fab selfies on route! We would love it if you could tag us in your photos, use the hashtag #Castlenighttrek, and use your challenge selfies to get those last-minute donations in. Every penny you raise makes a huge difference!

### Any further questions?

If you have any further questions check out our webpage where we have a full list of FAQs, and if you can't find the answer to your question here just drop us an email at [events@chestnut-tree-house.org.uk](mailto:events@chestnut-tree-house.org.uk)

