

What are the categories?

Half Marathon (21.1 km) run, walk or hybrid. The hybrid is the one where you can choose to run or walk at your discretion. Walkers please note it is against the rules for you to break into a run so if you think you might like to do a bit of jogging, enter the hybrid section.

Convoy to the event

If you would like to travel as a group, we will be meeting at the **Picton BNZ - 55 High Street** – ready to leave at 8:00am. This will give us plenty of time to travel to travel there, find parking and get our runners to the start line on time. If you do not wish to travel together, it is up to you make sure you are at your race briefing. We would also like to have a group photo before the first event which will be done at 8:40am by the main entry.

Where does the race start and finish?

The Saint Clair Cellar Door on Selmes Rd, Blenheim.

Where can we park our car?

Parking is available on Selmes Road and at Makana Confections. There will be marshals directing you from 7.30am. There is NO parking allowed on Rapaura Rd.

What are the start times?

	<i>Briefing time</i>	<i>Start time</i>
Run	8.50am	9.00am
Hybrid	9.10am	9.20am
Walk	9.30am	9.40am

How long will it take me?

As a guideline, time taken to run and walk 21km generally range from:

	Fastest	Average	Slowest
Run	1.15 hr	2.15 hr	3.40 hr
Hybrid	1.45 hr	2.45 hr	3.55 hr
Walk	2.30 hr	3.40 hr	4.45 hr

Will my race be timed?

Your transponder will officially start the minute you go under the start line and record your time when you finish. That said, the gun time is your placement on the day, the mat time is the more precise time as to when you cross the line at start and finish. Prizes on the day will be awarded on gun times as official mat times will be not be confirmed until 1-2 days after the race. The crux of that is – if you want to win the magnum of wine then you need to be over the start line as soon as the gun goes off.

What will the weather be like?

We like to think it is always magical in Marlborough at this time of year and it almost always is. But please be prepared for anything and bring lot of layers. The day could range from 8-18 degrees.

What is the terrain and ground condition of the course?

The course is 21.1km of mainly flat terrain which can be uneven underfoot. Less than 4km is on sealed road, and the remainder is through vineyards and along a stop bank.

Can I use my iPod on the course?

Yes – we just ask that you please turn your iPod off at the safety briefing before the race. Once the course opens up iPods may be used. The safety of our runners /walkers is very important and we ask that everyone turns them off at road crossings or when receiving instructions from the marshals.

Can we take pushchairs, wheelchairs or other wheeled devices on the course?

No sorry, the course is not really suited to wheels. It is a bit bumpy in places and there are a few potholes and puddles so not conducive to a nice ride for anyone.

Will there be food and drink available at the Start/Finish line?

Yes, there will be plenty of food and drinks available to buy at 'the Hub' at the start/finish line, ranging from sausage rolls and chicken pies to gourmet meals, ice cream, and cold drinks and coffee. Full meals will also be available from the Saint Clair Cellar Door restaurant.

After the event Rain, hail or shine Cate and Riwai stay until the last LeapStar has crossed the finish line. We usually try and find a spot by the end of the second to last vines to cheer everyone in. If you would like to, bring a folding chair or picnic blanket to sit on afterwards or your Obie to relax on!

When and where do I register?

If your accommodation is with Leap, the LeapCrew will collect your bibs from registration in Blenheim and you will be given them on Friday evening.

If you are not staying with Leap, registration will be held at the Marlborough Convention Centre on Alfred St in Blenheim on Friday 13 May 2016, from 10am to 9pm.

Your E-ticket will be emailed to you a few days before the race with your all-important bib number. You can present this number directly from your phone to save printing lots of pieces of paper.

When you present this bib number you will receive a race pack which includes a drink bottle, Peak Fuel Hydration sachet, your timing transponder, race number and detailed course information. If you have pre-ordered t-shirts, bus tickets and post-race party tickets, you will collect them here also.

Where am I staying?

We are staying in twin shared accommodation (six houses) at Waikawa Bay. Cate will pick up keys for you and you can pick up these and your breakfast box any time after 2pm on Friday 13th May. She will be at **1 Russell Street, Picton**. Linen and cleaning is included. All you have to do is walk in, enjoy, do a bit of running or walking, and walk out on Sunday. Check out is 10am.

Is breakfast included?

We are providing breakfast/supply boxes to each house. Please organise your own breakfast in the morning of the event with plenty of time to digest before your event.

Your breakfasts will be made up of your preferences you chose on your survey and will be made up of the following items: Bacon, Eggs, Tomatoes, Onions and Mushrooms, Tinned Peaches, Weetbix, Porridge, Berry Yoghurt, Raisins, Ploughmans Bread, Vegemite, Margarine, Honey and Jam.

House supplies will include: Toilet Paper, Salt and Pepper, Milk, Bell Tip Tea, Moccona Coffee, Apples, Oranges and Bananas, Prunes and Tasti Scroggin Snacks.

Is dinner on Saturday night included?

Leap's after party will be hosted by Cate and Riwai. They will be cooking up a celebration feast for 5:30pm on the Saturday evening. We will let you know which house this will be at as it is dependent on weather and facilities. Please let us know by at least the week before if you have any dietary requirements as we will be finalising the menu. Please bring your favourite drinking vessel, your drink of choice, a plate and cutlery (as the houses never have quite enough to cater for all of us).

Can I get a refund on my accommodation if I need to withdraw?

Accommodation fees are refundable up to 29 February 2016 minus a \$35 Leap administration and handling fee for each cancellation, and as all deposits have been secured, our supplier also charges a \$50 (\$25 per night) administration and handling fee for each person. Accommodation can only be cancelled if notice is received in writing up to 20 March 2016 to leapangel.nz@gmail.com No refunds will be given after this date.

Can I get a refund on my entry if I need to withdraw?

Entry fees are refundable up until 31 March 2016 minus a \$40 St Clair administration and handling fee for each withdrawal. Entries can only be withdrawn if notice is received in writing up to 31 March 2016 to leapangel.nz@gmail.com. No refunds will be given after this date.

Can I transfer my entry to someone else if I cannot compete?

Yes, participants can transfer between event sections or transfer their entry to someone else until 22nd April. Transfers can only be process by Leap if notice is received in writing to leapangel.nz@gmail.com up until 31st March. There is a \$20.00 fee to transfer your entry to another person, payable by the new entrant.
IMPORTANT: Please do not just give your bib to someone else without informing us as if they get lost or do not finish we will be out on the course looking for you!

If transferring your entry to another person after 31st March:

The person who is transferring their entry needs to contact the race organisers on info@vineyardhalf.com and you will receive instructions on how to process a transfer.
IMPORTANT: Please do not just give your bib to someone else without informing us as if they get lost or do not finish we will be out on the course looking for you!

If you want to change categories:

You can change your entry category by contacting the race organisers on info@vineyardhalf.com. There is NO charge to transfer between sections before Friday April 22, 2016. There is a \$20 charge to change later than this date or at registration.

