

# **PUFFING BILLY RUNNING FESTIVAL**

**13-14 SEPT 2025**



## **PARTICIPANT EVENT GUIDE**

# CAN YOU BEAT THE TRAIN?

The Puffing Billy Running Festival is more than a fun run.  
It's an iconic running challenge against the power and speed of the famous Puffing Billy steam locomotive from Belgrave to Emerald in the beautiful Dandenong Ranges.

## 2025 RUNNING FESTIVAL SPONSORS

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

### DAY 1 - SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

8:30am	Bib Collection open (Lakeside Visitor Centre) for 1.2km and 5km ONLY. Collection is not available for 13.5 Classic at this time.
8:30am	Special Train departs Belgrave
9:30am	Special Train arrives at Lakeside
9:55am	Race Briefing: 1.2km Junior Dash
10:00am	<b>RACE START: 1.2km Junior Dash</b>
10:55am	Race Briefing: 5km Family Fun Run
11:00am	<b>RACE START: 5km Family Fun Run</b>
11:00am	Race Train: Lakeside to Packing Shed Return departs
~11:25am	Train from Lakeside to Packing Shed Return returns*
11:45am	5km Presentations
12:00pm	Course Closed / Event concludes
12:30pm	Special Train departs Lakeside
1:30pm	Special Train arrives at Belgrave*

\* Train times are estimates only.

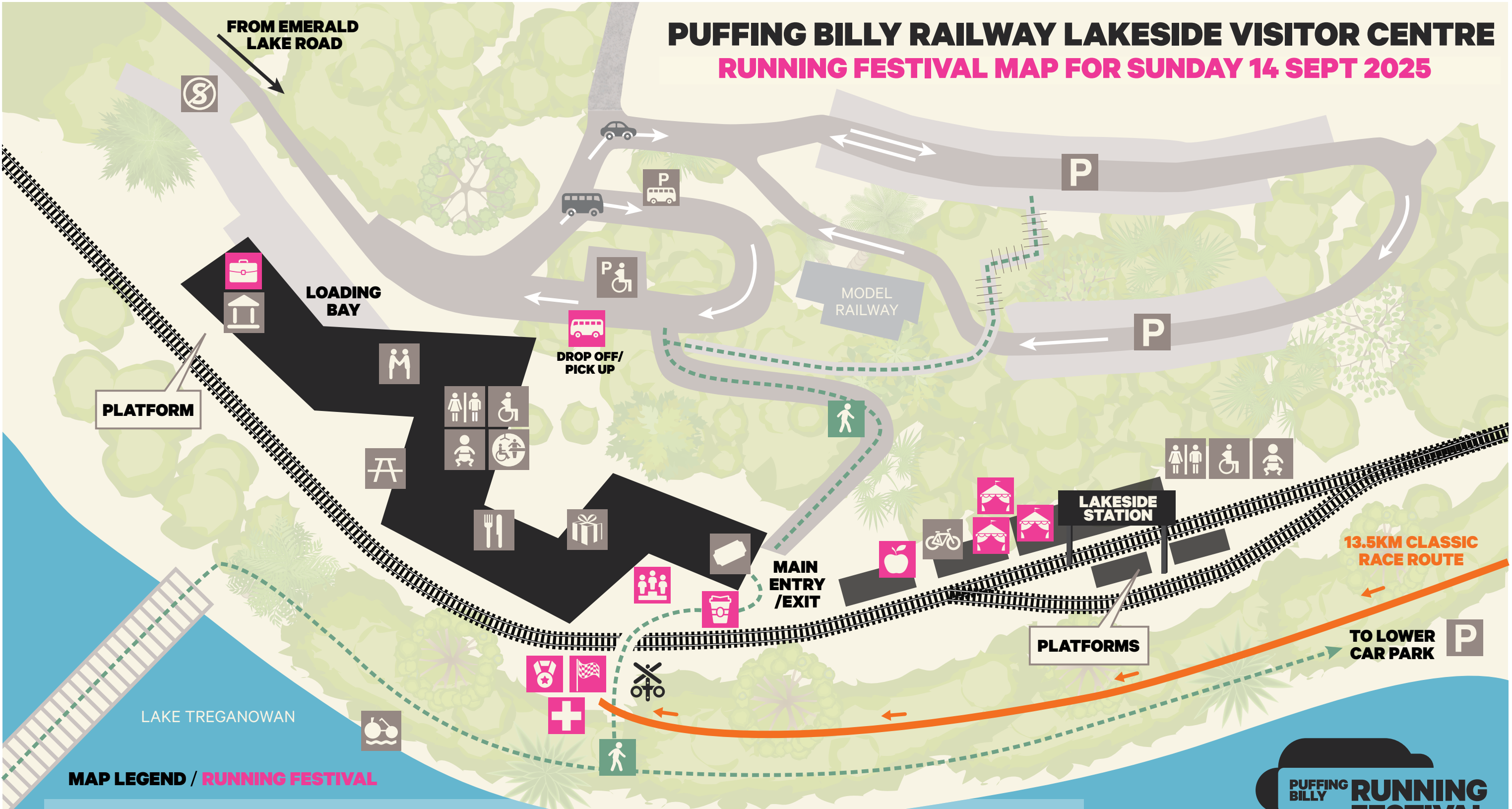
### DAY 2 - SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

6:30am	Bib Collection open (Belgrave CFA)
7:30am	Rolling road closures begin
8:25am	Baggage Drop service closed (Belgrave CFA)
8:30am	Race Briefing
8:45am	<b>RACE START: 13.5km Classic - WAVE 1</b>
8:50am	<b>RACE START: 13.5km Classic - WAVE 2</b>
8:50am	Race Train #1 Departs
8:55am	<b>RACE START: 13.5km Classic - WAVE 3</b>
9:00am	<b>RACE START: 13.5km Classic - WAVE 4</b>
9:05am	Race Train #2 Departs
9:30am	First 13.5km finisher expected
9:50am	First Race Train expected*
10:00am	Return Bus Shuttle Service from ELP to Belgrave begins
10:10am	Second Race Train expected*
10:15am	Presentations: 13.5km Classic
11:00 am	Course Cut-off for 13.5km Classic participants
11:30am	Day 2 Concludes

\*As with all 120-year-old steam locomotives, the Trains' race times varies based on a number of factors, including track conditions, weather, and food (coal) intake leading into the day.



**PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY LAKESIDE VISITOR CENTRE**  
**RUNNING FESTIVAL MAP FOR SUNDAY 14 SEPT 2025**



**MAP LEGEND / RUNNING FESTIVAL**

Booking Office	Toilets	Parking	Accessible Parking	Accessible Parking	Accessible Parking
Souvenir Shop	Accessible Toilet	Bus Parking	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up
Railway Cafe	Adult Changing Places	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up
Outdoor Dining	Parenting Room	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up
Finish Line	Coffee Cart	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up
Stage	Fruit	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up	Bus Drop Off/Pick Up
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**PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY LAKESIDE VISITOR CENTRE**  
Emerald Lake Precinct,  
Emerald Lake Road, EMERALD VIC 3782  
**GOOGLE MAPS:** 3FC5+5V Emerald, Victoria





# EVENT DETAILS - SATURDAY

Day one of the Festival will feature a 1.2km Kids Dash and a 5km Family Fun Run / Walk on Saturday 13 September at Emerald Lake Park, with the echoing toots and puffs of Puffing Billy propelling all participants forward.

## 1.2KM JUNIOR DASH

**Date:** Saturday 13 September 2025

**Bib Collection Opens:** 8:30am

**Race Briefing:** 9:55am

**Start time:** 10:00am

**Start type:** Mass start.

**Course:** Starts and finishes inside Emerald Lake Park from the Lakeside Visitor Centre.

**Address:** Emerald Lake Park, Emerald Lake Rd, Emerald VIC 3782

**Rail Crossings:** None

**Age requirements:** Participants must be 15 years or younger on event day. Parents can accompany for free (but sorry mums and dads, no finisher medals for you!). We request that all participants be accompanied on course.

**Course Cut Off:** 30 minutes (10:30am)

**Railway crossings:** There are no railway crossings on this course.

While you won't be racing against the train, you will still have the chance to see it in action and hear its unmistakable whistle, which will signal the start of the race!

**Medals:** All finishers will receive a medal!

## 5KM FAMILY FUN RUN

**Date:** Saturday 13 September 2025

**Bib Collection Opens:** 8:30am

**Race Briefing:** 10:55am

**Start time:** 11:00am

**Start type:** Mass start.

**Course:** Starts and finishes inside Emerald Lake Park from the Lakeside Visitor Centre.

**Address:** Emerald Lake Park, Emerald Lake Rd, Emerald VIC 3782

**Rail Crossings:** None.

**Age requirements:** Participants must be 8 years or older on event day. Participants 15 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult on course.

**Course Cut Off:** 60 minutes (12noon)

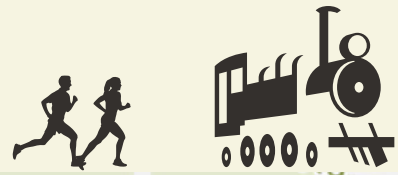
**Railway crossings:** There are no railway crossings on this course.

**Medals:** All finishers will receive a medal!



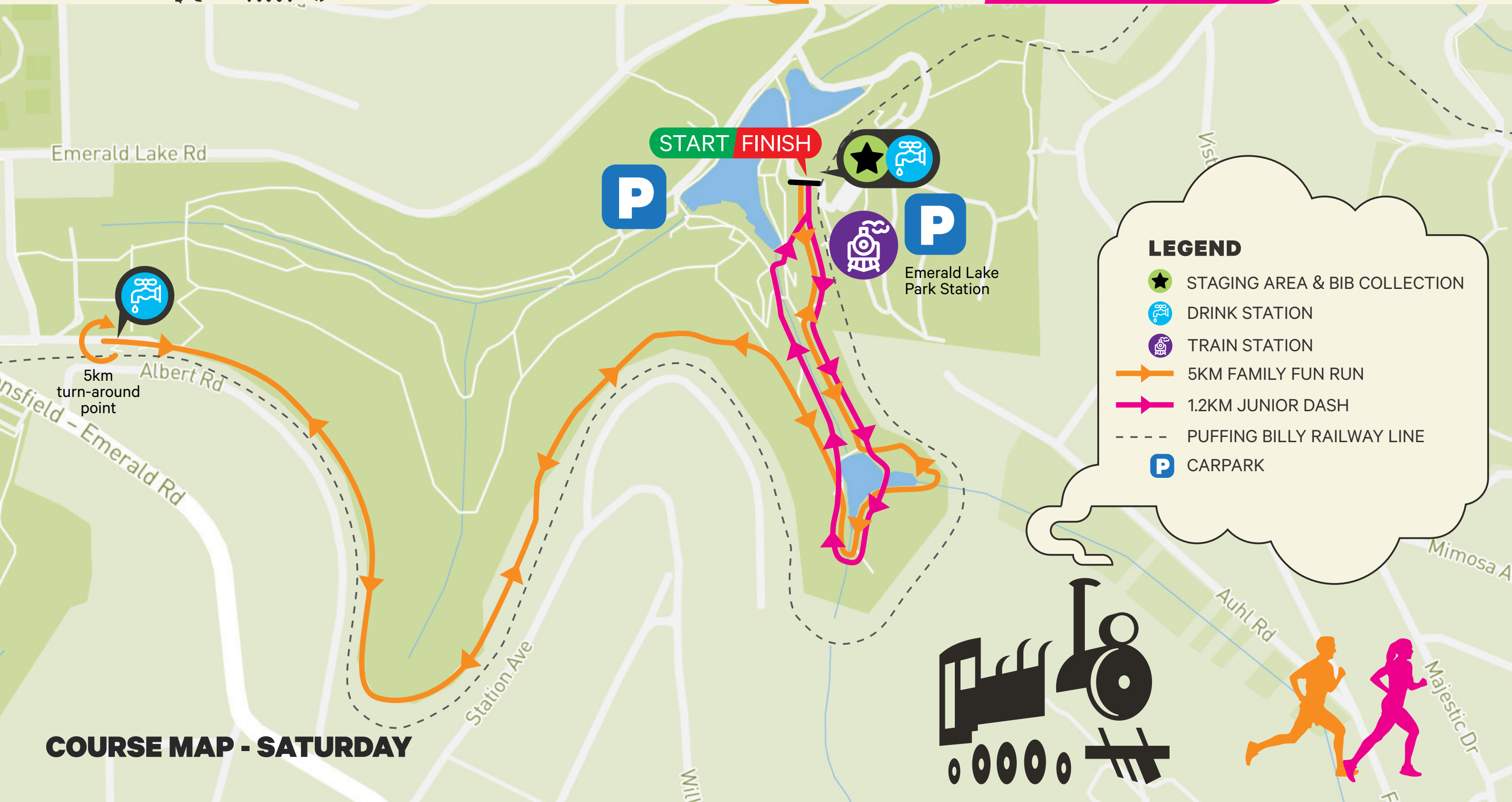


# PUFFING BILLY RUNNING FESTIVAL

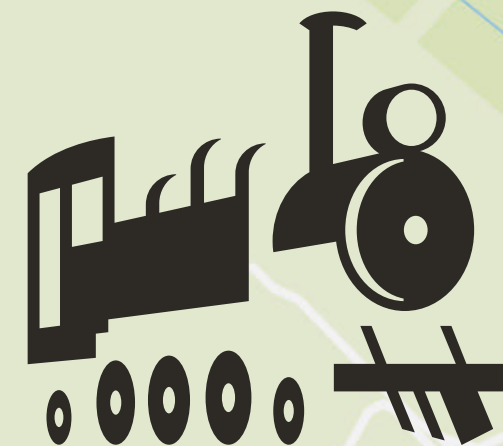


## 5KM FAMILY FUN RUN

## 1.2KM JUNIOR DASH



**COURSE MAP - SATURDAY**







## EVENT DETAILS - SUNDAY

### 13.5KM CLASSIC

**Date:** Sunday 14 September 2025

**Bib Collection opens:** 6:30am at Belgrave CFA near start line

**Start time:** 8:40am

**Race start:** Intersection of Bayview Rd and Belgave-Gembrook Road, Belgrave VIC 3160.

**Race finish location:** Emerald Lake Park, Emerald Lake Rd, Emerald VIC 3782.

**Rail Crossings:** SIX (Athletes MUST stop for trains). All participants ignoring race officials or marshals at road or rail crossings will be immediately disqualified.

**Age requirements:** Participants must be 13 years or older on event day. Participants under the age of 15 MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**Course Cut Off:** 2 hours (10:40am)

Based on an average of 8:50 min/km pace.

0km - Belgrave Start Line: 8:40am

6.7km - Menzies Creek CFA Station: 9:40am (1 hour)

10.1km - Emerald Station: 10:10am (1.5 hours)

13.5km - Finish Line: 10:40am (2 hours)

**Medals:** All finishers will receive a medal!

### ABOUT THE 13.5KM CLASSIC RACE

Steeped in history, the 13.5km Classic route is THE iconic running challenge against the power and speed of TWO steam locomotives from Belgrave to Emerald Lake Park.

The rolling hills will challenge you throughout the beautiful Dandenong Ranges with the course now comprising a mix of sealed asphalt roads and gravel walking tracks.

There are a total of six rail crossings along the route and competitors MUST give way to Puffing Billy under instruction from race officials.

These courses - combined with the sounds and steam of the two competing race trains and the railway crossings - provide one of the most challenging spectacular fun run locations in Australia.

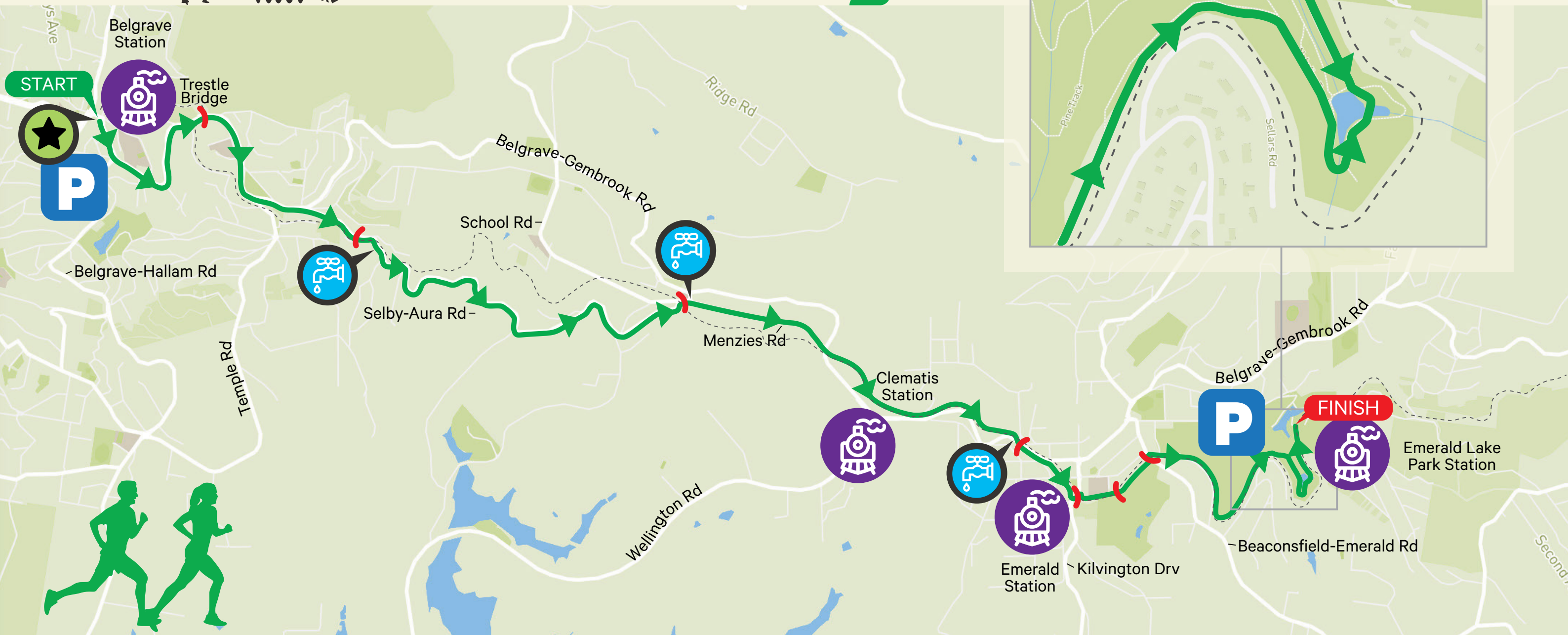




# PUFFING BILLY RUNNING FESTIVAL

## 13.5KM CLASSIC

### COURSE MAP - SUNDAY



#### LEGEND

- ★ STAGING AREA & BIB COLLECTION
- 💧 DRINK STATION

- 🚂 TRAIN STATION
- ➡ 13.5KM

- 📍 RUNNING ROUTE/TRAIN INTERSECTION
- PUFFING BILLY RAILWAY LINE

- P CARPARK



# CUT OFF TIMES

Designated course timing / cut-off points have been implemented to minimise the disruption to local traffic. Runners will be required to reach these points within the time limit to continue in the race.

13.5KM RACE DISTANCE CUT-OFF TIMES Based on an average of 8:50min/km pace	Time
0km - Belgrave Start Line	8:40am
6.7km - Menzies Creek CFA Station	9:40am (1 hour)
10.1km - Emerald Station	10:10am (1.5 hours)
13.5km - Finish Line	10:40am (2 hours)



# DRINK STATIONS

Drinks stations will be located along the route to ensure you keep hydrated throughout your race. Hosted by our friendly volunteers, you'll be all set to keep running with confidence!

Race	Distance	Location
5km Family Fun Run	2.5km	Packing Sheds (Turn around)
13.5km	4km	Near 12 Selby-Aura Rd, Selby
13.5km	6.7km	Menzies Creek CFA Station
13.5km	10.1km	Emerald Station
All Races	Finish Line	Lakeside Visitor Centre, Emerald Lake Park



# TRAIN - SATURDAY

## 5KM FUN RUN RACE TRAIN – LAKESIDE TO PACKING SHED RETURN

The Saturday scheduled 5km Race Train is as follows:

- Saturday 5km Race Train starts at 11:00am and is scheduled to complete the course within 23 - 30 minutes.
- The train will depart from Lakeside Station, right next to the race start / finish area. It will chug up the climb to the Nobelius Packing Shed at the top of the course before racing back down to the race start / finish area again.
- Train tickets must be booked prior to the event for \$10 per person.
- Passengers are required to follow all instructions of Puffing Billy Railway staff and volunteers.
- Children under the age of four can travel for free, however, they must book a seat. Please note, they must be sitting on their guardians lap.
- Passengers must adhere to all Puffing Billy Railway conditions of travel.
- Passengers will be emailed ticket confirmation 24 – 48 hours prior to their travel.



# TRAINS - SUNDAY

## RACE TRAINS – BELGRAVE TO LAKESIDE

The Sunday scheduled Race Train times are as follows:

- **Race Train #1** set to depart at 8:50am and is scheduled to complete the course within 50 – 60 minutes.
- **Race Train #2** set to depart at 9:10am and is scheduled to complete the course within 65 – 75 minutes.
- Passengers must check-in 30 minutes prior to departure.
- Passengers are required to follow all instructions of Puffing Billy Railway staff and volunteers.
- Children under the age of four can travel for free, however, they must book a seat. Please note, they must be sitting on their guardians lap.
- Passengers must adhere to all Puffing Billy Railway conditions of travel.
- Passengers will be emailed ticket confirmation 24 – 48 hours prior to their travel.

## RETURN TRIP – LAKESIDE (EMERALD LAKE PARK) TO BELGRAVE

**Shuttle buses:** Shuttle bus service will commence at 10:30am and will take participants back to the start line in Belgrave. Tickets can be booked through the registration system for \$15 per person.

**Participants-only early train:** For the return trip to Belgrave, this early service will depart Emerald Lake Park (Finish line) at **10:25am** and arrive at Belgrave (Start line) at **11:35am**.

**Race Train #1:** For the return trip to Belgrave, Race Train #1 will depart Emerald Lake Park (Finish line) at 10:55am and arrive at Belgrave (Start line) at 12:00pm.

**Race Train #2:** For the return trip to Belgrave, Race Train #2 will depart Emerald Lake Park (Finish line) at 12:05am and arrive at Belgrave (Start line) at 1:10pm.

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- Passengers must adhere to all Puffing Billy Railway conditions of travel.





# CAR PARKING INFORMATION 2025



## TRAVEL & PARKING INFORMATION

### SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

#### SLOWER THAN USUAL TRAFFIC IN EMERALD

Please note that there is a very popular local market in Emerald township held on Saturday. We strongly encourage you to allow an additional 45 mins – 60 mins travel time or to avoid Emerald township on the Saturday.

#### CAR PARKING

**Parking is EXTREMELY limited at Emerald Lake Park.** There are not enough car parking spaces for everyone to travel solo. The Emerald Lake Park car park will close when it reaches capacity.

So, we urge you to find a buddy (or four) and car pool to and from the event or park and ride.

It's cheaper in petrol, better for the environment and you can share the pre-race nerves and the post-race 'runner's high', too.

We also ask that you consider keeping spectators and extra family members to a minimum at the start and finish line.

Recommended Car Parking Locations:

- **Lakeside Visitor Centre carpark (~200 spots)** - to access, turn left at the fork on Emerald Lake Road, cross over Lake Treganowan and past the railway level crossing. Follow this road around and past the bus drop-off and accessible parking zone. General parking is to your right. Council-operated ticketed machines apply - \$8 flat fee/day.
- **Lakeside carpark (~100 spots)** – to access, continue straight and past the fork on Emerald Lake Road where you will find a cul de sac of car park spaces. Council-operated ticketed machines apply - \$8 flat fee/day.
- **Worrell Reserve (15 min walk to finish line)**  
Worrell Reserve, Main St, Emerald VIC 3782  
Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/E3U6rYSQ3FT6U8hXA>
- If travelling from the south of the race route:  
**Pepi's Land (25 min walk to finish line)**  
16 Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd, Emerald VIC 3782  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/naK44Fz2S9jZCkj26>  
(Excellent viewing of train and runners!)
- If travelling from north:  
**Emerald Secondary College (15 min walk to finish line via Royal Parade)**  
425 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald VIC 3782  
Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/RizunS41EpTZYC2Z8>  
(Please do not impede the athletes bus services that will travelling through this area.)

# SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER – IMPORTANT

#### START LINE: BELGRAVE

#### OPTION 1: CATCH PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Go to <http://www.PTV.vic.gov.au> to plan your journey.

To ensure you have plenty of time pre-race, please note the following departures are scheduled on the Belgrave Line on the day:

##### EARLY BIRD:

- From Flinders Street Station, depart at 5:43am and arrives at Belgrave 6:48am
- From Ringwood Station, departs at 6:24am and arrives at Belgrave at 6:48am.

##### JUST-IN-TIME:

- From Flinders Street Station, depart at 6:42am and arrives at Belgrave 8:02am.
- From Ringwood Station, departs at 7:29am and arrives at Belgrave at 8:02am.

Public transport services are limited and you need to ensure you are at the start line at least 30 minutes prior to the race start (i.e. 8:00am arrival for an 8:30am start).

Please note that to travel on public transport in Melbourne you will need a myki card.

#### OPTION 2: PARK AND RIDE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Park at a metro car park along the Belgrave line and then car pool with friends from there OR catch public transport to Belgrave Station. Please check the PTV Journey Planner before you travel.

Parking is available at the following stations on the Belgrave line:

Station Name	Number of Car Spaces
Boronia	394
Camberwell	75
Ferntree Gully	278
Heatherdale	515
Heathmont	112
Mitcham	790
Nunawading	207
Ringwood	260
Upper Ferntree Gully	308



### OPTION 3: DROP OFF ZONES & CAR PARK SPACES

The new Belgrave Metro Carpark near the startline has now been completed and there are 600 car spaces available.

Despite this, we ask you to please plan ahead and reduce car travel to Belgrave wherever possible to reduce congestion.

Your transport plan for this year's Puffing Billy Running Festival should include the following considerations:

- Get dropped off by family or friends, if possible.
- Car Pooling, if possible. Share the pre-race and post-race vibes together.
- Local participants are encouraged to walk / jog to the start line or from the finish line, if possible.
- We strongly encourage family and friends travelling to the event to make their way straight to the finish line at Puffing Billy Railway's Lakeside Visitor Centre, Emerald Lake Park (rather than to watch the start in Belgrave).

**IF TRAVELLING FROM THE SOUTH OR WEST:**

- A “Drop Off Zone” at the roundabout of Belgrave-Hallam Rd and Belgrave-Gembrook Rd. This will be available until 7:30am ONLY. This will be managed by volunteers.
- LIMITED car parks (~50) available at Mater Christi School car park on Bayview Rd prior to 7:00am (used with kind permission of Mater Christi). First come first served. Entry to Mater Christi is via Belgrave-Gembrook Rd only.
- LIMITED car parks (~80) available at Belgrave Recreation Reserve at 1A Reserve Rd, Belgrave.

**IF TRAVELLING FROM THE NORTH OR EAST:**

- A “Drop Off Zone” near St Thomas More Primary School on Reynolds Lane in Belgrave and walk.
- LIMITED (~80) car parks available at Alexanders car park in Belgrave. First come first served.
- LIMITED (~80) car parks available at Belgrave Town off the Burwood Highway in Hillside Court, Belgrave. (Next to Australia Post). First come first served.



## ROAD CLOSURES

On Sunday 14th September 2025, traffic management safety controls including road closures will occur on roads associated with the Puffing Billy Running Festival.

This will occur between 7:30am - 12noon and includes the race route and surrounding roads.

Motorists are required to obey directions from Police and Traffic Controllers and be aware of runners on the roads.

Puffing Billy Railway apologises for any inconvenience caused to residents and motorists during this period.

A full list of roads affected are available on the website:

<https://puffingbillyrunningfestival.com.au/travel/road-closures>

## FINISH LINE: EMERALD LAKE PARK

### OPTION 1: FREE SHUTTLE BUSES FROM EMERALD LAKE PARK

**FREE Shuttle Buses:** Shuttle bus service will commence at 9:45am and will take participants back to the start line in Belgrave. Tickets may be booked through the registration system at no cost. These shuttles will keep circulating until approximately 11:30am or until all participants have been transported.

## OPTION 2: FREE DIESEL TRAINS FROM EMERALD LAKE PARK

Participants-only Diesel train: For the return trip to Belgrave, this early diesel train service will depart Emerald Lake Park (Finish line) at 10:25am and arrive at Belgrave (Start line) at approximately 11:35am.

This service **MUST** be booked through the RaceRoster system prior to the event and is now sold out.

### OPTION 3: CAR PARKING NEAR FINISH

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We also ask that you consider keeping spectators and extra family members to a minimum at the start and finish line.

Please do not impede the athletes bus services that will travelling through Emerald Lake Park.

Recommended Car Parking Locations:

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Google Maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/RizunS41EpTZYC2Z8>  
*(Please do not impede the athletes bus services that will travelling through this area.)*





## GENERAL EVENT FAQs



### BAGGAGE DROP SERVICE

A free of charge Baggage Drop service is provided to participants of the 13.5km Classic event. These items will be transferred from the start line in Belgrave to the finish line in Emerald.

All participants must bring their own bag and attach the bag tag (available from the perforated edge on the provided Race Bib) to their belongings. We recommend zippable Woolworth's style bags.

To ensure your bag will find you at the Finish Line, please place it in the Baggage Van near Bib Collection near the Belgrave CFA by 8:20am. This allows the Baggage Van to travel ahead of the race to reach the start line in time.

Important notes:

- Organisers will not be held responsible for the contents of runners' bags.
- It is suggested runners pack lightly with essential items.
- We recommend zippable Woolworth's style bags.
- Please turn off your mobile before placing it in your bag.
- At the Finish Line, Bags will be available for collection in the FUNCTION ROOM inside the Lakeside Visitor Centre. This is PAST the cafe near 'Lakeside Hall'



### FINISHER MEDALS

Are there FINISHER medals?? YES - you bet! Every finisher will receive a medal when they cross that finish line.



### FIRST AID & MEDICAL

A professional event first aid service – MedX Medical – will be engaged, and will be based along the route during each event and at the Water / Aid Stations on course.

An Ambulance Victoria crew will also be on-site for the Sunday events. Regardless of this support, everyone should help a runner in serious trouble.



### RACE PHOTOS

Everyone LOVES a great fun run photo, right? We've teamed up with the marvellous folk at RaceAtlas to provide our official race photography. After the event these images will be available to buy through their website. These photos will be available via the Photos page:

<https://puffingbillyrunningfestival.com.au/events/gallery/>



### RACE RULES

- No dogs, cyclists, prams, roller or in-line skaters will be permitted to take part or accompany in any of the races.
- Participants must obey the direction of race officials, marshals or volunteers: on and off the course.
- Participants ignoring race officials or marshals at road or rail crossings will be immediately disqualified.
- Be courteous to all you encounter during the event. This includes staff, volunteers, traffic controllers and other users of the course.
- Dogs are NOT permitted inside Wrights Forest. Assistance dogs permitted.
- Participants under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Participants must help fellow runners in distress.
- Failure to wear your own registered race bib will result in disqualification.
- Anyone found not using the correct toilet facilities will be disqualified.
- Runners returning along the race route before 10:30am will be disqualified.



RESULTS

Race results will be uploaded in real time throughout the Puffing Billy Running Festival.  
These results will be available via the Results page:  
<https://puffingbillyrunningfestival.com.au/events/results/>

START PROCESS

Please be early and dressed ready to run, with your Race Bib affixed to the front of your clothing.  
On Saturday, there are no seeded starts.  
On Sunday, seeding groups will begin forming from 7:45am onwards, look for the signs!  
Seeded starts will ensure a safer event by having the faster runners at the front.

START AREAS

1km and 5km events:

No start waves will be implemented.

13.5km Classic event:

13.5km Start will begin with the first wave commencing at 8:45am:

WAVE Start times:

WAVE 1: 8:45am – ELITE

Fastest 25% of entrants based on their estimated 13.5km Finish time.

WAVE 2: 8:50am – MID PACK A

Second fastest 25% of entrants based on their estimated 13.5km Finish time.

WAVE 3: 8:55am – MID PACK B

Third fastest 25% of entrants based on their estimated 13.5km Finish time.

WAVE 4: 9:00am – BACK OF PACK

Fourth fastest 25% of entrants based on their estimated 13.5km Finish time.

Wave start times are designated through the registration based on the entrant’s expected finisher time.  
You MUST start in your designated START WAVE on the day for the safety and enjoyment of all participants

WITHDRAWING DURING THE EVENT

If you wish to withdraw at any stage during the event, you need to do so at a water or aid station and notify the attendants of your intention to withdraw. We will then do what we can to get you away from the water aid station as soon as we can, but given the length of the event, seeking a lift from a friend or family may be your best method of transport.

If you do not start – you will be listed as a Did Not Start (DNS).





RACE BIB INFORMATION

We will be using a disposable chip system that is stuck to the back of your race number or bib.

BIB COLOURS

- 1.2km Kids Dash: PINK bibs
- 5km Family Fun Run: ORANGE bibs
- 13.5km Classic: GREEN bibs

BIB POSTAGE / COLLECTION

13.5km Classic Race Bibs:

- Race Bibs for 13.5km Classic entrants who entered prior to 31st of July will be lodged with Australia Post on Friday 29th of August 2025 and are expected to reach those athletes well before the event.
- If you do not receive your bib by post prior to the event, simply come to bib collection on Sunday morning and we will allocate you a new one on the spot.
- Replacement Race Bibs will be available for collection on Sunday 14 September 2025 morning from 6:30am from the Belgrave CFA in Bayview Road in Belgrave (right next to the start line for the 13.5km Classic).
- Please note due to parking constraints there is to be NO bib collection for the 13.5km Classic on the Saturday.
- Please note that race bibs WILL NOT be posted internationally / overseas. Overseas entrants must collect their bib from the event during the below times.

WATER STATIONS & CUT OFF TIMES

WAVE Start times:

Course Cut Off Time is 2 hours from the start of the final wave (11:00am)  
This is based on an average pace of 8:00 min/km.

Designated course timing / cut-off points have been implemented to minimise the disruption to local traffic. Runners will be required to reach these points within the time limit to continue in the race.

Please note: A Race Official will inform runners at these points if they have not made the cut-off time. Runners will need to move to the footpath to complete the event on their own.

WATER STATIONS	DISTANCE	CUT OFF TIME
Selby-Aura Rd	4km	n/a
Menzies Creek CFA Station	6.7km	9:55am
Emerald Station	10.1km	10:20am
FINISH - Emerald Lake Park	13.5km	11:00am



PRIZE LIST 2025

13.5KM CLASSIC

PRIZE NAME	SPONSOR / PARTNER	VALUE
1ST PLACE FEMALE	Prize Pack Value =	\$1,231
2-night stay for 2 people	The Chen Hotel - Art Series Melbourne	\$380
Entry for 2 adults	Zoos Victoria	\$106
1 x mid-week Yarra Valley balloon flight	Global Ballooning Australia	\$495
Pair of New Balance Shoes	NewBalance	\$250
1ST PLACE MALE	Prize Pack Value =	\$1,231
2-night stay for 2 people	The Chen Hotel - Art Series Melbourne	\$380
Entry for 2 adults	Zoos Victoria	\$106
1 x mid-week Yarra Valley balloon flight	Global Ballooning Australia	\$495
Pair of New Balance Shoes	NewBalance	\$250
2ND PLACE FEMALE	Prize Pack Value =	\$632
1 Night's accommodation with breakfast for two people	Sage Hotel Ringwood	\$300
\$240 Dining Voucher for two people	The Independent Gembrook	\$240
Family Pass	Arthurs Seat Eagle	\$92
2ND PLACE MALE	Prize Pack Value =	\$632
1 Night's accommodation with breakfast for two people	Sage Hotel Ringwood	\$300
\$240 Dining Voucher for two people	The Independent Gembrook	\$240
Family Pass	Arthurs Seat Eagle	\$92
3RD PLACE FEMALE	Prize Pack Value =	\$508
1 Night's Accommodation	Alkira Glamping Retreat	\$300
Family Pass	Arthurs Seat Eagle	\$92
4 x Australian Sports Museum Entry + MCG Tour	Melbourne Cricket Club	\$116
3RD PLACE MALE	Prize Pack Value =	\$508
1 Night's Accommodation	Alkira Glamping Retreat	\$300
Family Pass	Arthurs Seat Eagle	\$92
4 x Australian Sports Museum Entry + MCG Tour	Melbourne Cricket Club	\$116



PRIZE LIST 2025

5KM FUN RUN

PRIZE NAME	SPONSOR / PARTNER	VALUE
RACE WINNER 1ST PLACE FEMALE	Prize Pack Value =	\$538
Pair of New Balance Shoes	New Balance	\$250
4 Ultimate Experience passes	Melbourne Skydeck	\$288
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Pair of New Balance Shoes	New Balance	\$250
4 Ultimate Experience passes	Melbourne Skydeck	\$288
RACE WINNER 2ND PLACE FEMALE	Prize Pack Value =	\$314
2 Ultimate Experience passes	Melbourne Skydeck	\$144
Entry for 2 adults	Zoos Victoria	\$106
Entry for 2 people - Penguin Parade General Viewing + Penguin plush toy	Phillip Island Penguin Parade	\$64
RACE WINNER 2ND PLACE MALE	Prize Pack Value =	\$314
2 Ultimate Experience passes	Melbourne Skydeck	\$144
Entry for 2 adults	Zoos Victoria	\$106
Entry for 2 people - Penguin Parade General Viewing+ Penguin plush toy	Phillip Island Penguin Parade	\$64
RACE WINNER 3RD PLACE FEMALE	Prize Pack Value =	\$252
Entry for 2 people - Penguin Parade General Viewing+ Penguin plush toy	Phillip Island Penguin Parade	\$64
1 Ultimate Experience Pass	Melbourne Skydeck	\$72
4 x Australian Sports Museum Entry + MCG Tour	Melbourne Cricket Club	\$116
RACE WINNER 3RD PLACE MALE	Prize Pack Value =	\$252
Entry for 2 people - Penguin Parade General Viewing+ Penguin plush toy	Phillip Island Penguin Parade	\$64
1 Ultimate Experience Pass	Melbourne Skydeck	\$72
4 x Australian Sports Museum Entry + MCG Tour	Melbourne Cricket Club	\$116

ON THE DAY SPOT PRIZES

PRIZE NAME	SPONSOR / PARTNER	VALUE
2x Penguin Parade General Viewing	Phillip Island Nature Parks	\$32 EACH
1 x Ultimate Experience pass	Melbourne Skydeck	\$72 EACH
2 x adult entry	Zoos Victoria	\$52 EACH
10 x Penguin Plush Toy	Phillip Island Nature Parks	

2024 WINNERS

13.5KM CLASSIC

Male – Michael Kernahan – 47:27  
Female – Sarah Klein – 49:18

5KM FAMILY FUN RUN

Male - Jackson Addicott - 18:10  
Female - Holly Makaay - 20:46

1.2KM JUNIOR DASH

Male - Ace Dean - 04:47  
Female - April Hayward - 04:41



RACE RECORDS

13.5KM CLASSIC			
GENDER	NAME	TIME	YEAR
Male	Steve Kelly	42:27	2015
Female	Melissa Duncan	48:27	2018
5KM FAMILY FUN RUN			
GENDER	NAME	TIME	YEAR
Male	Jackson Addicott	18:10	2024
Female	Holly Makaay	21:45	2023
1.2KM JUNIOR DASH			
GENDER	NAME	TIME	YEAR
Male	Chase Makaay	04:15	2023
Female	Anni Clarke	04:45	2023





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