

Santa Dash



9am, Sunday 14th December,
Worcester Woods Country Park



St Richard's
Hospice

Caring for life

Frequently Asked Questions

What time and where does the event start?

Sunday 14th December, St Richard's Hospice, Wildwood Drive, Worcester, WR5 2QT. Registration from 9am, dash at 10am.

What is the terrain?

It will be a mix of pavement and woodland path, which tends to be very muddy at this time of year. Please ensure you wear suitable footwear – no fashion trainers.

What are my parking options at the event?

Free parking will be available at County Hall's lower car parks– there will be marshals guiding you.

How far is the route?

One lap of the woods is 2.5km, you have the choice to do one or two laps making it 5km – the choice is yours!

There will be marshals and first aiders around the route, please alert them of any problems.

Is the Santa Dash a timed event?

No, it's definitely not a race. We suggest self-timing for anyone wanting a finish time. After all, this isn't a competitive run!

What are the facilities onsite?

There are toilet's available to use at the hospice and the Worcester Countryside Centre.

We will also have a coffee van on-site serving hot and cold drinks with a portion of the profits being donated towards our care.

What do I wear?

We advise you wear clothing suitable for running or walking and of course suitable running shoes, not fashion trainers. Please also refer to the weather forecast on the day and that it will be muddy and slippery around the woods. And of course, your festive outfit or Santa Suit!

Does everyone receive a Santa suit?

We know some of you take part in our festive fundraiser every year so may have a suit you can reuse from a previous year. To reduce our waste, we have added on a ticket option with and without a Santa suit. Or, if you would rather dress up in your own festive costume you are more than welcome to! Child's tickets include a Santa hat – so feel free to dress up as you wish!

Are spectators welcome?

Yes of course!

Will there be storage facilities to leave things?

Unfortunately, there are no lockers or storage facilities available for this event, so we'd advise that you don't bring anything more than you can comfortably carry.

Is this event suitable for wheelchair users and pushchairs?

Although the event starts and finishes on a paved path as you enter the woods, the route can get very muddy if we have had a lot of rain. Please bear this in mind before entering as the route may difficult for wheelchair users and pushchairs.

Are dogs allowed?

Yes, but only well-behaved dogs, please. Dogs should be kept on a lead at all times and be mindful of other participants. You also have the option to add on a doggy accessory.

Will water be provided on the route?

We are consciously trying to reduce our plastic waste, so please bring your own refillable water bottles.

Do I have to raise sponsorship money?

We suggest a fundraising target of £100. The ticket price only covers the cost of the event, so it is through sponsorship that you can make a real difference to the lives of those we support each year. To set up a page or donate visit: www.justgiving.com/campaign/srhsantadash2025 Or, if you would prefer a paper sponsorship form please email Sofia, sgunster@strichards.org.uk.

Why has the event been moved from around the river?

Due to unpredictable river levels and the risk of flooding, we have taken the decision to relocate our much loved Santa Dash to Worcester Woods to prevent last-minute changes in location and to ensure smoother running of the event.

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