



South West Coast 50 Ultra Challenge 25 July 2026

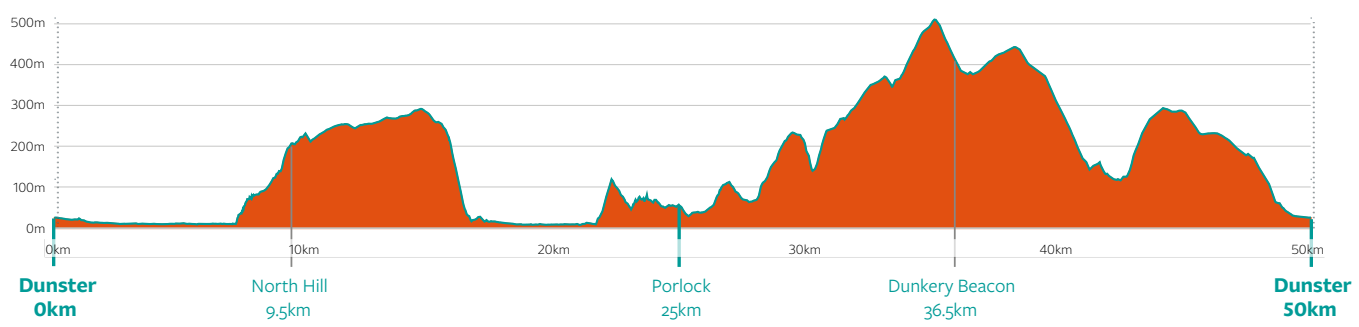
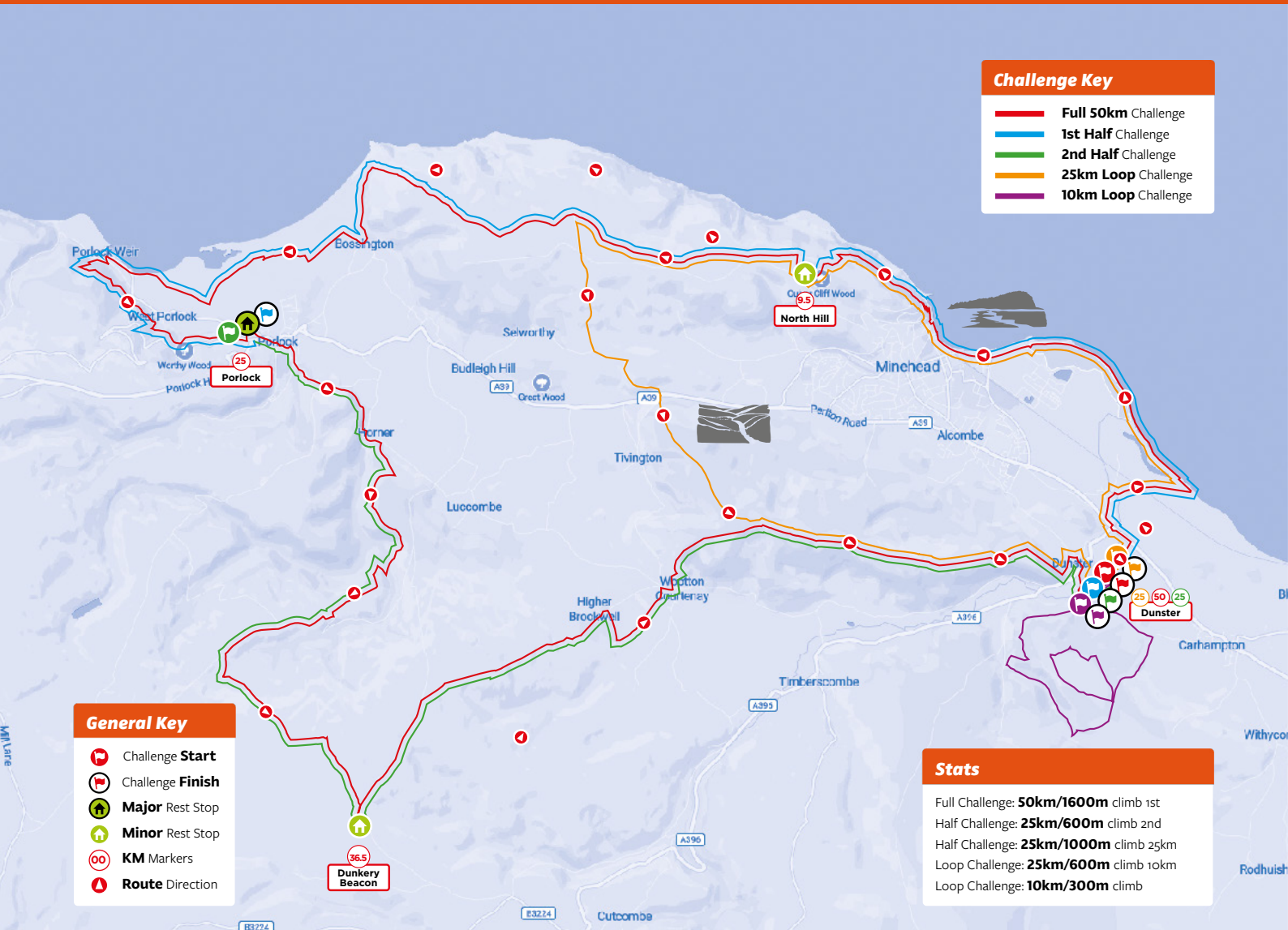
CHALLENGE

FACTSHEET



South West Coast 50 Ultra Challenge **25 July 2026**

A fantastic South West summer challenge for 2026 – with an extensive basecamp in the shadows of the impressive Dunster Castle. The 50km loop takes in the first Minehead section of the famous 630 mile coastal path, then heads over Exmoor with ups & downs and some magnificent views with over 1600 metres of climb. Experience complete support throughout the entire event, with 25km options available and a family-friendly 10K event. Weekend camping packages are open to book, with a festival-style hospitality at basecamp – making the South West Coast Ultra Challenge accessible and enjoyable for all!



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Distance options

The Full 50km loop challenge, with over 1600m of climb, starts from our basecamp beneath Dunster Castle, and heads to the coast and the official Minehead start of the famous 630 mile South West Coastal Path. The coastal path provides fantastic views across the Bristol Channel towards South Wales in the distance. The historic village of Porlock marks the half way point – then it’s through forests and into the beautiful Exmoor National Park. Across moorland and a climb up Dunkery Beacon – Exmoor’s highest point – with amazing panoramic views, before descending towards Minehead and onto the finish line on the lawns below Dunster basecamp where a very welcome finish line celebration awaits. With half (25km) options available, weekend camping packages at our basecamp, a family friendly 10K event, a bar, food, music & entertainment – there’s a summer festival feel on this challenge!

50KM Challenge Dunster Loop



Saturday 25 July
7:00-8:30am Start



DISTANCE: 50km &
~1600 metres

DETAILS:

- ✓ Start: Dunster, nr Minehead
- ✓ Start times:
 - 06:45 for Trailblazerz
 - 07:00 for runners
 - 07:00 – 08:30 for joggers & runners,
 - 08:30 for Ultra March walkers
- ✓ Finish: Dunster, nr Minehead
 - Snacks & drinks – every 10-15km
 - 25km – picnic lunch & fizzy drinks
 - 50km – Hot meal
 - Finish – glass of fizz, medal & t-shirt

25KM Loop Challenge Dunster Loop

Saturday 25 July
8:30-9:00am Start

DISTANCE:
25km & ~600 metres

DETAILS:

- ✓ Start: Dunster, nr Minehead
- ✓ Start times: – 8:30am-9am for all
- ✓ Finish: Dunster, nr Minehead
 - Snacks & drinks – every 10-15km
 - 25km (finish) – Hot meal
 - Finish – glass of fizz, medal & t-shirt

1st Half Challenge 25KM Dunster - Porlock

Saturday 25 July
8:00-8:30am Start

DISTANCE:
25km & ~600 metres

DETAILS:

- ✓ Start: Dunster basecamp
- ✓ Start times: 8am – 8:30am
- ✓ Finish: Porlock
 - Finish Picnic Lunch – glass of fizz, medal & t-shirt

2nd Half Challenge 25KM Porlock - Dunster

Saturday 25 July
10:00am Start

DISTANCE:
25km & ~1000 metres

DETAILS:

- ✓ Start: Porlock
- ✓ Start times: 10:00am
- ✓ Finish: Dunster basecamp
 - Finisher Meal – glass of fizz, medal & t-shirt

The Dunster 10K Challenge 10 KM Loop

Saturday 25 July
10:00 Start

DISTANCE:
10km & ~300 metres

DETAILS:

- ✓ Start: Dunster basecamp
- ✓ Start times: 10:00am. Runners will set off first, then joggers & walkers
- ✓ Finish: Dunster basecamp
 - Finish – bookable Finisher’s meal, glass of fizz, medal & t-shirt

FOR RAPID RUNNERS ... ULTRA TRAILBLAZERZ



A NEW CATEGORY – for competitive runners who can complete 50km in sub 7 hrs (male) / sub 7.5 hrs (female).

For seasoned Ultra runners, or accomplished marathon participants switching to trails & upping the distance – with the support services that Ultra Challenge® events are famous for!



FOR HASTY HIKERS... THE ULTRA MARCH

Join an intrepid group attempting to Walk 50km in under 12 hours.

An Ultra March® is about WALKING at a brisk & consistent pace with like minded challengers – a bit like a march! – but taking in the great rest stops & services of an Ultra Challenge!

Bookable extras

Bookable extras are designed to make the planning for your challenge as easy as possible - providing options for your joining & leaving arrangements, and are summarised below. As some participant's travel & logistics may involve parking, transfers, and maybe camping also - please check that the combination you book makes sense!

Camping Packages

Camping - Friday / Saturday night - Dunster basecamp

Inclusive Package: 1 Person

Inclusive Package: 2 Person

Pitch Only: 1 Person

Pitch Only: Extra Campers

Parking

Parking for your vehicle is available at :

- **The Major Dunster Start / Finish Venue**
- **Supporter Parking Pass** - so friends / family can park at Dunster (basecamp).

Pre Challenge Transfer

Timetabled services to take you to your start line, before your challenge. Taunton Station is the closest rail link to Dunster basecamp (it's on the Great Western line).

- >> Taunton Station > Dunster basecamp
- >> Dunster basecamp > Porlock

Post Challenge Transfer

We've a range of regular services to take you where you need to go after your challenge.

- >> Dunster basecamp > Taunton Station
- >> Porlock > Dunster basecamp

Baggage Transfers

We'll have a baggage service to store your bags safely at Dunster (basecamp) - for a change of clothes or shoes, extra layers for after your challenge, or those extra post event snacks you can't do without!

Please note the max weight limits - these are strict, and bags will be weighed. Quoted prices are per bag.

Baggage services will be paid in cash/card on the day - and you cannot pre book.

- >> 1st half 25km challengers bag transfer
 - > Dunster > Porlock
- >> 2nd half 25km challengers bag transfer
 - > Porlock > Dunster
- >> Storage at basecamp
- >> Kit Bag Drop: **Runners only - Up to 5kg bag for FREE**

Challengers Meal

- **Friday Night Dinner** - available to book for anyone staying at Dunster (basecamp) on Friday night.
- **10km Finisher's Meal** - 10km challengers can pre-book a finisher's meal, which includes a sandwich/ wrap, fruit, sweet treat, crisps & a cold fizzy drink.
- **Saturday Morning Breakfast** - available to participants beginning their challenge on Saturday morning at Dunster. Breakfast the following morning is included in the inclusive camping packages, but not in the pitch only & will need to be booked separately.
- **Sunday Morning Breakfast** - hot and cold breakfast options will be served at the campsite on Sunday morning. This is available to book online, but please note is already included in the inclusive camping package.



Funding & Cost options

OPTION 1 Self Funding Do It For Yourself

Pay for your place in full. Look forward to a great challenge with no fundraising!

50km CHALLENGE

£139 Fee paid online as & no fundraising commitment.

25km CHALLENGE

£89 Fee paid online & no fundraising commitment.

10km CHALLENGE

£49 Fee paid online & no fundraising commitment.

OPTION 2 Full Charity Sponsorship

Pay a small Reg Fee & Fundraise for a chosen Charity (who pay for your place)

50km CHALLENGE

£40 Reg Fee & at least £375 fundraising/sponsorship

25km CHALLENGE

£30 Reg Fee & at least £275 fundraising/sponsorship

10km CHALLENGE

£15 Reg Fee & at least £150 fundraising/sponsorship

OPTION 3 Mixed Funding For Charity

Pay for half your place cost & fundraise less for Charity (who pay half of your place cost)

50km CHALLENGE

£75 Reg Fee & at least £225 fundraising/sponsorship

25km CHALLENGE

£50 Reg Fee & at least £150 fundraising/sponsorship

10km CHALLENGE

£25 Reg Fee & at least £100 fundraising/sponsorship

OPTION 4 Own Place Charity Fundraising

Pay for your place & fundraise whatever you can for a Charity (with just an admin fee for the charity)

50km CHALLENGE

£139 Fee paid online & fundraise whatever you can

25km CHALLENGE

£89 Fee paid online & fundraise whatever you can

10km CHALLENGE

£49 Fee paid online & fundraise whatever you can

Fundraising Deadlines At least 50% of the Sponsorship target (for either the Sponsorship for Charity or Mixed Funding option) should be with your Charity by 3 weeks prior to the Challenge. At this time your Charity will pay a Fee for your place to the Organiser (similar to the Self Funding cost). Failure to meet the 50% target may result in cancellation by your charity. The remaining 50% should be with your Charity 4 weeks after the Challenge.