



Race day schedule

09.30am – 10.55am	Registration	See above map
11.00am (sharp)	Pre-Race brief	At registration
11.15am	Walkers START	In front of the mansion
11.30am	Runners START	
12.30pm (approx)	Prizes / Raffle	At registration

Race Rules (at www.waggy-races.com/rules.html)

Please keep your dogs on a lead. During the race, leads must not be longer than 2 metres (**NO EXPANDED LEADS**).

Parking

Please use the **horse car park** – it is signposted on the left hand side on the main avenue beside the entrance hut.

Registration

Registration is beside the Stable yard, a 4-5 minute walk from the horse car park (follow signs for the disabled car park). You will receive your race pack which includes your number/safety pins, wrist band, goody bag from **Pet Warehouse NI** and t-shirt if you ordered one. **Please arrive in good time, registration will close at 10.55am.**

Toilets (for humans) are in the **Stable yard**.

Pre race brief (11.00am)

Will take place as soon as registration closes – please listen to us as this is our **final chance to tell you important stuff!**

The Start

The start line is at the front of the mansion and is a 1-2 min walk from registration (it will be signposted).

WALKERS	11.15am
PRO & CASUALS	11.30pm (in waves at 1 minute intervals)

It is very important that you do not miss your start wave - you MUST start the race in the correct wave!

Your wave number and lane number will be on your orange wrist band and also displayed at registration.

Waves will be announced over the megaphone - when wave 1 is at the start line, wave 2 will fill in behind and so on. We can carry your warm clothes from the start line down to the finish line if required.

The course starts on the lawn in front of the Castle ward Mansion and takes in Winterfell, the shore of Strangford Lough, woodland trails and agricultural land. The terrain is mainly grass and trail paths but there is also a little tarmac.

Orange flags, arrows and marshals will be in place to guide you and there will be two water stops for your dogs, as well as at the start and finish - look out for the signs.

The **route map** is available here: http://gb.mapometer.com/running/route_4150064

Safety

Please take care at the **start line** - it is very loud and barky. Make sure you follow what is going on and start in your correct wave.

Overtaking - please call out (politely) and pass on the **right hand side** (as if overtaking in a car). If being passed, please leave space for the person & dog to get past - **this is especially important for walkers to note.**

You will cross a road in the Estate at one point – this will be well marshalled.

Headphones – If you wear headphones, please ensure you are aware of others around you.

Terrain – the course is mainly off-road and could be wet, muddy and uneven in places.

Toilets (dogs)

There will be bins at the start/finish, at registration and very frequently around the course - please use them!
Poo bags will also be included in your race pack.

Water

There will be 2 water stops for your dogs, as well as at the start and finish. Please carry extra water for your dog if required – there is a tap beside the mansion and at registration. On completing, humans will also get a bottle of water!

Race Timing - Please **wear your race number visibly on your front** to get an official time.

After the race please hang around for the **prizes, raffle**, meet the Guide Dogs NI team, support our stalls and cheer on your fellow Waggy Racers.

First Aid will be provided by Waggy Races medical stalwart **#DrLynnCromie**. Lynn will be at the start/finish line. If you are in trouble on the course - speak to a marshal or pass the message to another competitor.

Please let us know of any relevant medical conditions and record on the back of your race number.

Veterinary care will once again be **Anna Moore** of **Vets4Pets** in Lisburn (Longstone).

Raffle & Prizes (12.30pm, beside the finish line)

As soon as the race is over, we will walk back to the courtyard where registration took place. Prize categories are:

- **Male** (with 1 dog) (1st - 3rd)
- **Female** (with 1 dog) (1st - 3rd)
- **Pack** (2 people & 1 dog) (1st - 3rd)
- **2 dogs** (1st - 2nd)
- **Spirit of Waggy Races – best dressed**
- **Raffle**

Prizes by:

Murphy's Bark'ery.
Animal Artworks.
K9 Grooming Studio.
Nutravet.
Paws for a Splash (dog hydrotherapy)
Aurora Glass Ireland.

*If you cannot stay for the prizes - we will make sure you get your prize after the event.

Raffle

For the chance to win a 16" x 12" oil portrait of your dog by Susan from **Animal Artworks**, make sure you get some tickets!
All money will go to Guide Dogs NI.

Guide Dogs NI - We are delighted once again to have the vocal support of the **Guide Dogs NI** team at the race!

Stalls

Make sure you pay the stalls a visit - they will be beside registration/finish line.

- **Murphy's Bark'ery** - with their range of homemade baked dog treats and hampers
- The talented Susan from **Animals Artworks** will be displaying some of her brilliant **dog portraits**.
- **Vets4Pets Lisburn (Longstone)** – will be there to look after your pups!

Photography by Kalos photography and Mark Winters (Frontline Media)

They will be taking action shots along the route and at the start and finish lines. Please support our photographers and get a souvenir photo or two! Photos will be available from their websites/Facebook - we will post details later.

Castle Ward

Has excellent café facilities in the Stable yard.

Admission for all entrants, marshals and helpers is included in the entry fee.

Spectators are very welcome. There will be a member of National Trust staff in the entry hut from 10.00am. Spectators arriving after this time will be required to pay the normal admission fee (unless of course they are a member of the National Trust).

