



Morven Hill Race 2026 Final Info

Location & parking: Race will be signed from the A97 1km south of Logie Coldstone (what3words lofts.blues.snuck). Follow race signage towards Groddie. Please park neatly along the road edge near the race registration and finish (what3words baseballs.informs.squad) or on the hard-standing by the old steading a few hundred metres further back. Please car share where possible.

Toilets: There will be no toilets at the race, please use the public facilities in Aboyne, Ballater or at Burn o' Vat visitor centre.

Registration: From 11:30 -12:30 to pick up race numbers (bring your own pins if you can) and for kit check. Any entries on the day, please bring cash (ideally the correct amount - £13 senior, £3 U18)

Mandatory kit: Full body cover, including a waterproof jacket, hat (buff acceptable), gloves, map & compass. For Half-Morven a map and compass is not required. No essential kit for Mini-Morven, but please make sure runners are suitably dressed (with good footwear especially).

Weather: This is October in the north of Scotland. The forecast is currently good – dry with a light wind – but Morven is notoriously windy and unpredictable so please do come prepared for anything and note that we don't have any indoor area or shelter at the race venue!

Start: Morven & Half-Morven races will start at 13:00. Race briefing 12:55. Mini-Morven race will start ~13:10

Courses: The full Morven Hill Race (8.8km, 660m climb) starts on the walker's access path by the roadside (1 on map below) and takes a direct route up Morven above the ruined cottage of Balhennie (2). It follows good tracks all the way to the top (4) and will be marked. On the descent the route forks right (5) to the bealach below Roar Hill (6, Grid ref NJ395033) and then NE back towards Balhennie and the finish (7, 1).

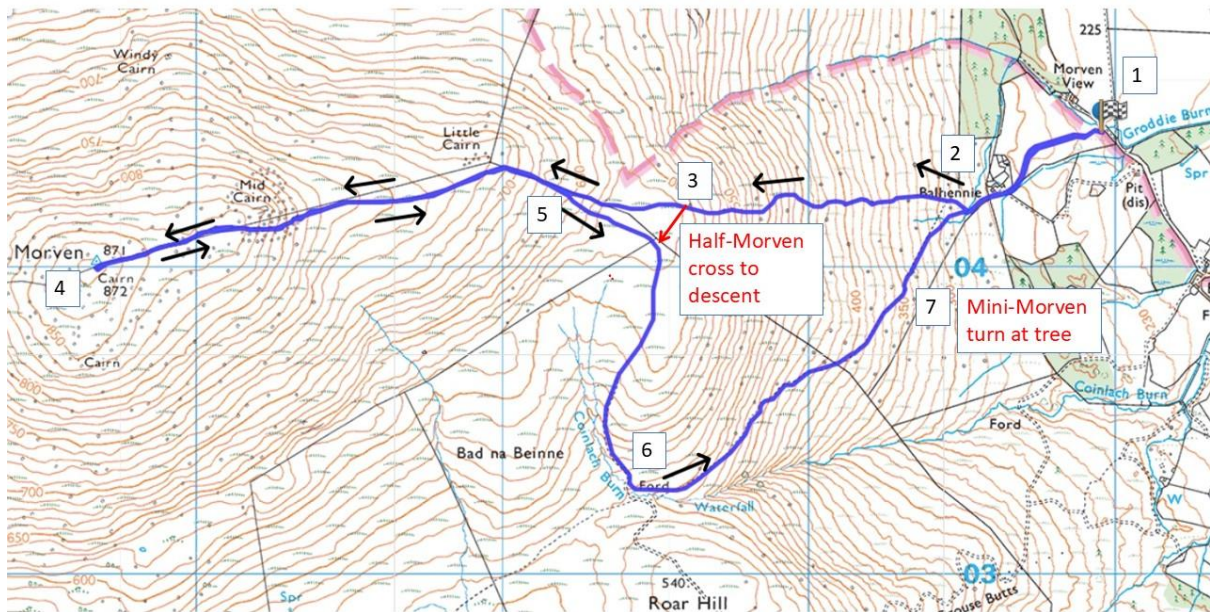
The Half Morven Race (4.0km, 400m climb) is open to Senior age groups as well as Juniors (U18 & U16). The race follows the full Morven route as far as the first plateau (1, 2, 3) before cutting left to rejoin the descent route for the full race (6, 7, 1).

The Mini Morven Race (1.8km, 125m climb) is for U14 and U12 only. It follows an out and back route as far as the lone tree on the full race descent route (1, 2, 7, 2, 1).

All courses will be marked with orange flags. Competitors are expected to visit **all** the numbered locations and to **follow the marked route** between these points.

Marshals (including first-aiders) will be on the hill at locations 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7. In the event of any problems or injuries please report to one of these people in the first instance.

Morven Hill Race Routes



Dogs: Please no dogs out on the hill and any dogs in the assembly / finish area must be kept on leads. We are on a working farm and reliant on the goodwill of the landowner and tenants to stage the race.

Refreshments: Hot drinks, cakes and snacks will be available at the finish for all runners and helpers. Please bring your own mug. We will recycle any waste so please separate into the relevant bags provided.

Prize-giving: We'll aim to hold this at 14:30 or as soon as possible thereafter. Prizes for Morven top 3 overall and M/F age category winners in all races.

Queries ?: Contact Sarah Dunn morvenhillrace@gmail.com

Have fun and don't forget to smile!