

YOUR TOP RACES

Here are the 10 races rated most highly in 2015 on runnersworld.co.uk. Races had to have at least 20 ratings to be included. It's an eclectic list

01

LEITH HILL HALF MARATHON

Where Dorking, Surrey
Next March 6
 If you were expecting a fast PB race to top the charts you'd be wrong. Climbing to the top of the Leith Hill is tough, but you lot really loved it.

trionium.com

02

BOLTON HILL MARATHON

Where Bolton, Gtr Manchester
Next June (date tbc)
 The organisers say this is one of the country's toughest 26.2s. It takes you on a thrilling, challenging trail across the West Pennine Moors.

hillrunner.org.uk

03

GAINSBOROUGH & MORTON 10K

Where Gainsborough, Lincolnshire
Next March 20
 This country tear-em-up is a classic example of a low-key race that's more than the sum of its parts.

gainsboroughrunningclub.co.uk

04

HARVEL 5

Where Meopham, Kent
Next June (date tbc)
 More undulating than hilly, this is a real peach of a race. Over five miles, organisers Harvel Hash House Harriers, squeeze in hard climbs, fast descents and tricky corners.

harvel5.com

05

DORSET INVADER HALF

Where Blandford, Dorset
Next July 15
 The route goes over the ground crossed by Caesar's army when it overran Dorset. Finishers receive a shield-shaped medal.

whitestarrunning.co.uk

06

BEWL 15

Where Wadhurst, East Sussex
Next July 3
 Not quite flat but the climbs are no more than gentle undulations as you make your way round the tranquil Bewl Water on the border of Sussex and Kent.

bewl15.co.uk

07

MAD DOG 10K

Where Southport, Merseyside
Next February 7
 Live bands, a riotous on-course atmosphere and a stunning – if decidedly breezy – promenade-front course make this a must-do for 2,500 runners each year.

maddog10k.co.uk

08

CHIPPENHAM HALF

Where Chippenham, Wiltshire
Next September 4
 If it weren't for the fact that almost 2,000 runners turn up this would be the perfect 13.1-mile PB course: quiet roads, great facilities, no fuss.

chippenhamhalfmarathon.co.uk

09

NORTH DOWNS RUN

Where Gravesend, Kent
Next June 26
 While this 30km run has some brutal climbs, it is also a wonderful showcase for the camaraderie, beauty and excitement of running off-road.

isteadandifield.org.uk

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KENT ROAD RUNNER MARATHON

Where Gravesend, Kent
Next May 28
 We have no idea why this 20-lap race round the cyclopark in Gravesend is so popular, but it sells out every year. Try it.

kentroadrunner.com

