

A Pocklington Runner's Account of the Rosedale Ultra

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Bit of a disaster for me really.

With the words 'well marked course' ringing in my ears I was off and doing well, unfortunately where I should have turned left off the road at about 4 miles there was no obvious tape and I turned right where there was some, followed sadly by some poor other souls.

Imagine my angst when about 30 minutes later I arrived back at the start.....

Failed, D'oh.



Had a cuppa and then started out on the half marathon instead, lovely sunshine by this time instead of the mist that hadn't helped an hour earlier.

Enjoyed the half as well and finally finished, again, after doing about 21 miles. Some of the others who had mistakenly followed me seemed to get a lift back into the race which was good of the organiser.

Someone told me that some marines on the 40 miler had similar troubles, some of them had the sense to give up and enjoy a fry-up instead:-)

Don't know what to make of the organisation really, 'Race Adventure', definitely well intentioned, and there's no doubt should have looked at my map, but excited when was leading and clearly following just markers was a bad idea on my part, that's a lesson for me. As I say, don't think can criticise Race Adventure for it and I still enjoyed my day.

Feel sorry for those who followed me, it must have been hard to get back into the race for them. Adele Shipley, Patrick Piggot and Debbie Cahill people from the club really enjoyed it and were buzzing. Soup was good at the end, shame about the burnt rice pudding;-) No

goodie bag was a bit sad for some finishers, e.g., Sharron and Dianne Thompson who did brilliantly finishing the half, they were a bit surprised to see me bound up at mile 12 to join them:-)

Was back home for 13.00 too so excellent time-wise. £20 value? Probably. I do hope they do it again, I'd like to try once moor;-) I might know where I'm going next time.