

FAQS FOR STRIVE WEEKENDER

1. What is included in the entry fee?

Included:	Excluded:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1x night stay at a hotel on Friday 9th July with your fellow strivers.• Dinner (excluding drinks) on the evening of Friday 9th July.• Kit & Merchandise:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 x technical t-shirt/vest• 1 x cap• 1 x tote bag• Private transfers to the start line on Saturday 10th July.• 1 x night stay in reserved area of the overnight festival-style campsite in Windsor on Saturday 10th July.• Dinner (excluding drinks) on the evening of Saturday 10th July.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel to STRIVE hotel• Travel from finish line• Personal travel and liability insurance (if applicable)• Sports nutrition (please bring your favourite drinks, snacks and sports bars)

2. What is The STRIVE Weekender 2021?

The STRIVE Weekender 2021 is a new format and is the eighth event in the STRIVE series. Previous events have included:

- a. The Virgin STRIVE Challenge 2014: London to the summit of the Matterhorn,
- b. STRIVE 2015: The West Highland Way and Ben Nevis
- c. The Virgin STRIVE Challenge 2016: The Matterhorn to Mt Etna
- d. STRIVE Morocco: Mount Toubkal
- e. The Virgin STRIVE Challenge 2018: Sardinia to Mt. Blanc
- f. The STRIVE Weekender 2019: The Race to the King.
- g. Alpine STRIVE 2019: Chamonix to Verbier
- h. Virtual STRIVE Challenge 2020

From 9th-11th July 2021, a team of strivers will walk the Race to the Stones: a 62-mile trail across the Ridgeway - Britain's oldest path - finishing at the iconic Avebury Stone Circle; one of the greatest marvels of prehistoric England.

3. What is the STRIVE Weekender 2021 raising money for?

All funds raised by STRIVE is used by Big Change to support young people to thrive in a world of constant change.

We do this by partnering with pioneering projects tackling the root causes of problems faced by young people. Big Change funds projects at a very early stage, when no one else will. We leverage this support by providing a program of non- financial support over three years – allowing them to learn, grow, and prove their model to create long-term positive change at scale.

4. When is it taking place?

We will be gathering our strivers at a local hotel in Wiltshire on Friday 9th July to meet each other, eat together and hear from Big Change projects partners. We will then take part in the Race to the Stones and complete the route at the Avebury Stone Circle, from where our strivers will depart.

5. How many people will be involved?

Our team of up to 100 strivers will be joined by up to 2000 other participants on the Race to the Stones.

6. How much are the entry fees and fundraising targets?

- Early bird entry fee is available at £280 (regular entry at £310) and each participant has a fundraising target of £1,000.

7. I want to take part - what do I do?

Check out [this info flyer](#) and click the 'Sign Up' button at the bottom. Alternatively, get in touch with Freddie (freddie@big-change.org) who will send you the link to our [sign-up page](#). Once there, fill in your details, pay your entry fee and secure your place! Tickets are sold on a first-come-first-served basis so do be quick before they sell out.

8. I have booked and would like to book my travel arrangements

All logistical information and suggested travel plans can be found in your Event Info Guide. A link will be sent to you once you have signed up.

9. How do I meet the rest of the group? I am travelling from a destination other than the UK and would like to plan accordingly?

All participants will be responsible for making your own way to the hotel. The hotel addresses can be found in your Event Info Guide, once you have signed up.

10. What type of accommodation will I be staying in?

Hotel accommodation will be provided on the first night and is included in your entry fee. You will be allocated a twin room with a buddy. On the second night, we will each have our own tent in the reserved STRIVE area of the Windsor campsite. Sleeping mats will be provided, but you must bring your own sleeping bag.

11. Can you help me with a training plan?

Training plans can be found on the participant portal on sign-up.

12. What should I pack? What kit do I need?

We will be providing selected items of kit for each stage and sending out a comprehensive packing list in the weeks before the event. These can also be found in your Event Info Guide.

13. Will I need to buy insurance?

If you are travelling from abroad, you will need to take out travel insurance and inform your provider of the activities you are undertaking.

14. Can supporters come along to cheer me on and stay with me?

By all means, however they cannot stay overnight. Spectators are allowed into the basecamp, and limited parking will be available for them. However, all non-overnight participants will need to be off the basecamp site by 10.00pm.

15. I don't want to participate but I do want to support the Challenge - what can I do?

We are always looking for supporters of any kind to help and the best way to stay in touch is by following us on our social media channels @strivechallenge and @bigchangecharity. Or even better, if you would like to make a donation, please click on the donate button on our website.

16. It is telling me that tickets have sold out, what can I do?

I'm afraid we only have a limited number of tickets and can't promise everyone a ticket who wants one. Please do stay in touch on social media and if you are keen to hear more about the next challenge we do then send us an email titled "STRIVE 2022" to info@big-change.org.

17. Who is organising Race to the Stones?

Race to the Stones is being organised by Threshold Sports, a sports company specialising in mass participatory events.