Mostly Unofficial parkrun Tools, Apps and Websites V2

This is not official parkrun correspondence.

We are all aware of some of the unofficial tools, apps and websites that are out there but I am sure we are not aware of all of them. Use of these tools can add greatly to your enjoyment of parkrun especially as you try and achieve some of the unofficial challenges out there. All of the items described here are free.

I make no warranty as to the accuracy or suitability of any particular tool. Just detailing them here for your personal enjoyment. Comments are my own

So here goes . . . .

1. **Running Challenges**



This is the original of them all and is an extension that can be added to the desktop versions of Google Chrome or Firefox and the latest version of Microsoft Edge. Or the Android version of Firefox
It provides details of your progress towards completion of most of the major challenges and provides full details of your parkrun.

What is it?: Browser Extension

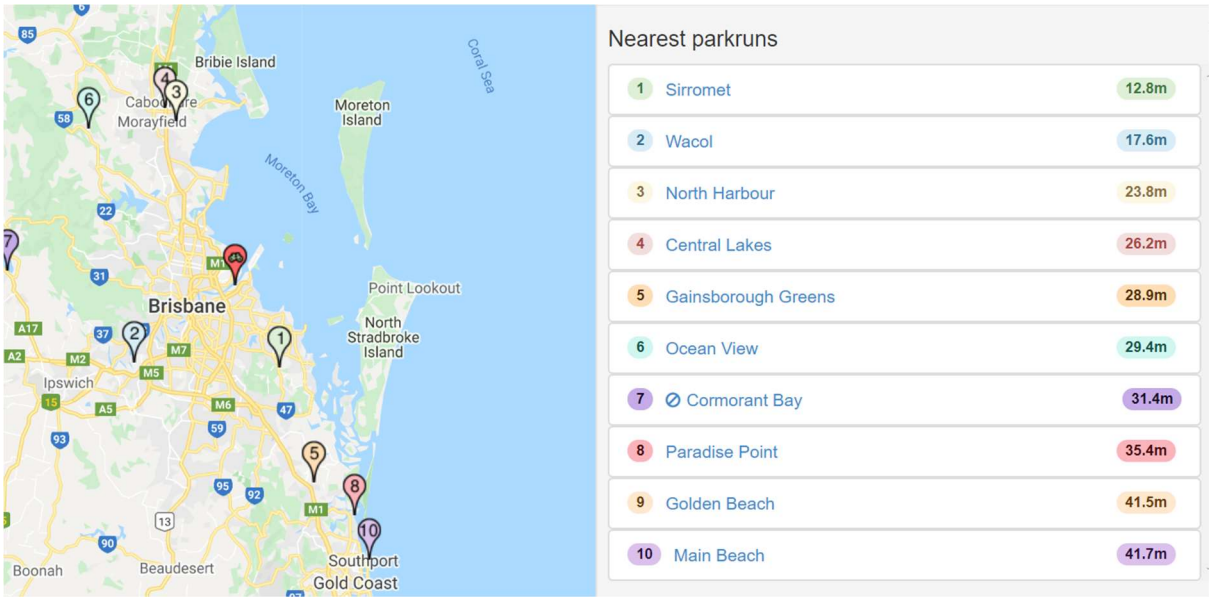
Where do I get it?: https://running-challenges.co.uk/

Developer: https://running-challenges.co.uk/

Pros: Simple, comprehensive, professional and visual

Cons: Only works with Chrome and Edge. Does not work on iPhone, iPad or Android devices. A little UK centric.

2. **Parkrun Tourist Tool**



A must have tool for parkrun tourists anywhere in the world. It works out where you are or you can tell it where you are going to be and it will tell the nearest parkruns to that location. Even better if you give it your Athlete Id it will only show you events you have not done yet.

What is it?: A web page

Where do I get it?: https://touristtool.mybluemix.net/#000000000000

Developer: https://twitter.com/timdp

Pros: Simple, map based. Just does the job very well. Works on all devices.

Cons: When you return to it for the second or subsequent time you may need to refresh the screen to only show you events you have not done yet.

3. **5k parkrunner results (or just 5K)**



Very similar to Running Challenges and provides a comprehensive run down on your parkrun history and progress towards challenges. It also includes some volunteering detail. The big add on though is that you can enter the athlete id of your friends and compare your results and progress to your friends. It is also App based

What is it?: An App that comes in Apple and Android flavours

Where do I get it?: Apple App Store or Google Play Store

Developer: Michael Clayton

Pros: Comprehensive. Allows comparison to other runners

Cons: Not quite as visual as other tools. Very text based. Not available on desktops or laptops

4. **Running Achievements**



Once again very similar to Running Challenges and the 5k App. It is an App with a very comprehensive record of your parkrun progress. It only provides your results not your friends. It also has comprehensive detail of your volunteering.

What is it?: An App that comes in Apple and Android flavours

Where do I get it?: Apple App Store or Google Play Store

Developer: hollettgaming.com

Pros: Comprehensive. Includes volunteer detail. Very graphical presentation. Not quite as UK centric as others

Cons: Not available on desktop or laptop. Can't compare yourself to your friends.

5. **Prapp**



A very simple web page that shows where you stand in the overall parkrun standings based on number of events you have run/walked in.

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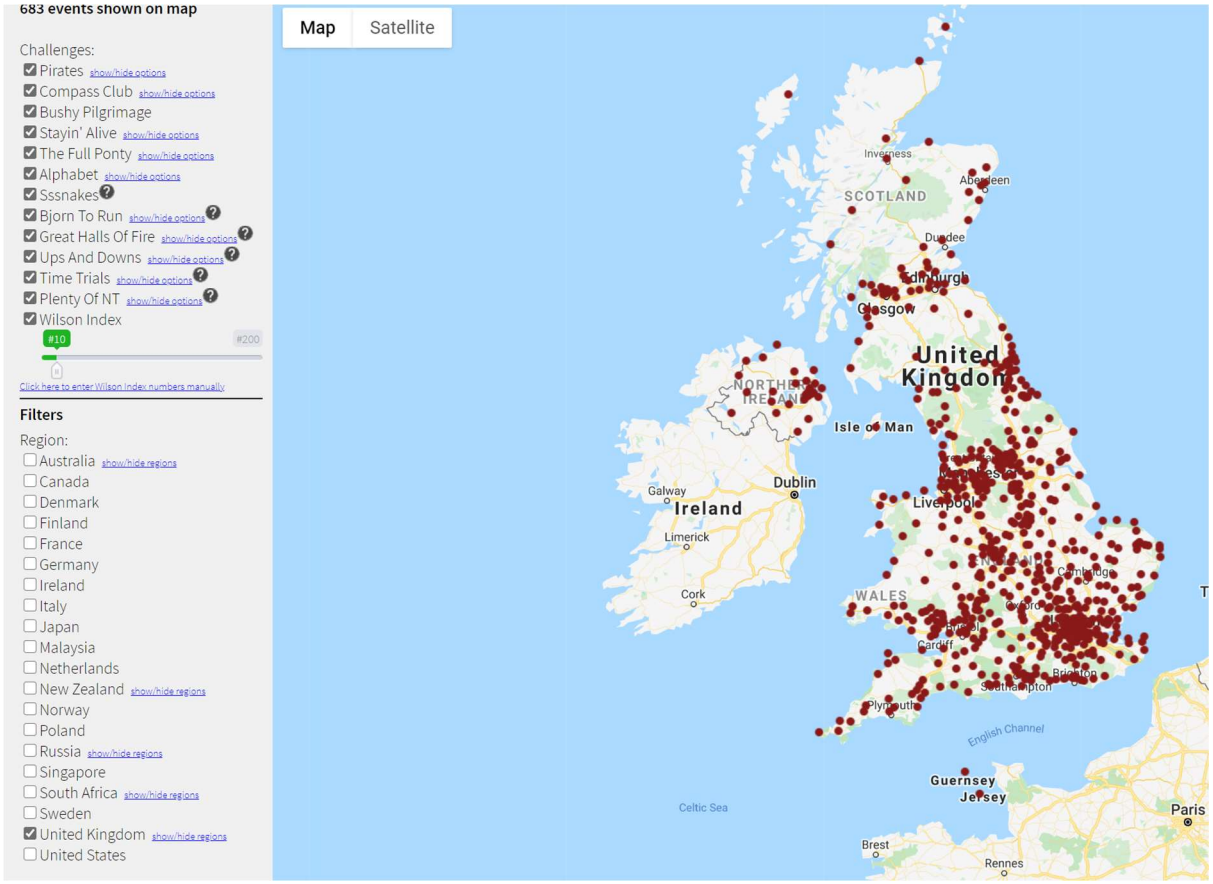
Where do I get it?: https://prapp.pythonanywhere.com/form

Developer: prApp

Pros: Very simple. Mildly interesting. Works on anything

Cons: Doesn't do much

6. **Challenge-Chaser**



A complex but comprehensive tool to help you find events needed to further your progress towards a particular challenge. EG If you want to know where you can complete an event 10 this Saturday (for your Wilson Index) it can tell you.

What is it?: A webpage

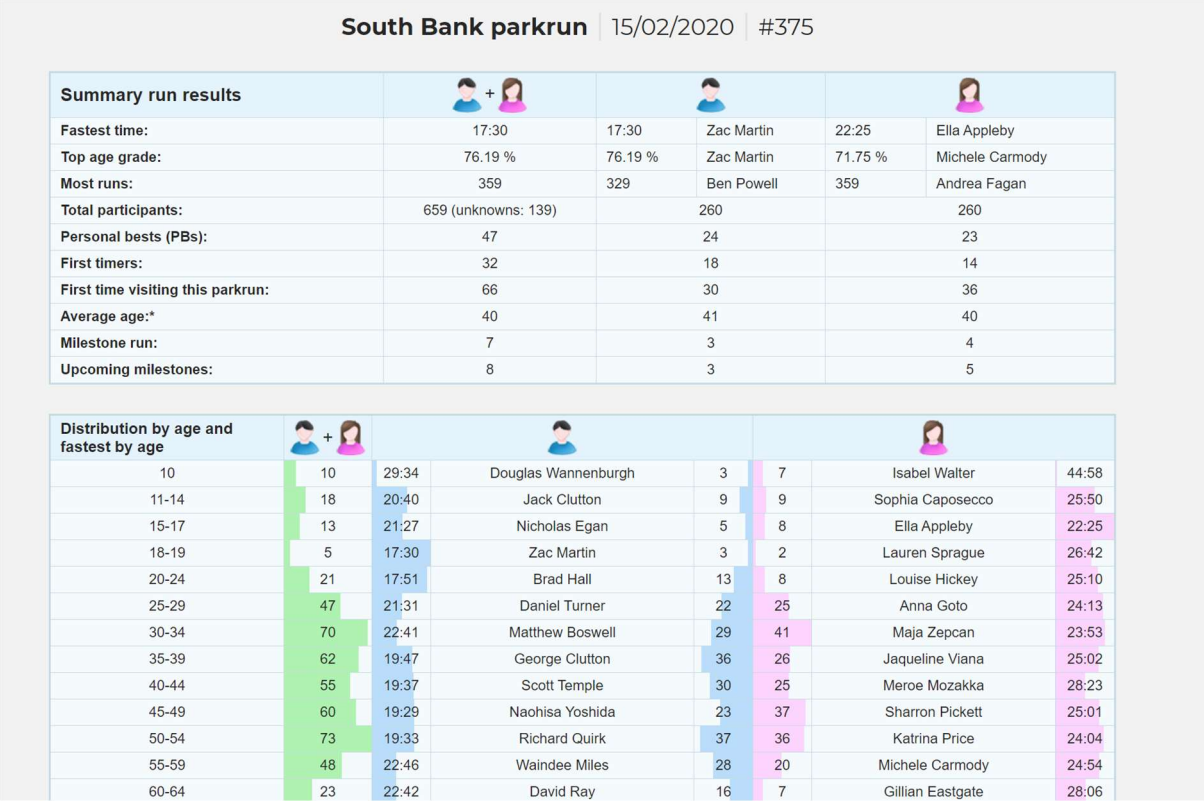
Where do I get it?: http://www.challenge-chaser.com/map

Developer: Mark Pinney

Pros: Very comprehensive. If you are a serious Challenge Chaser then you will find this indispensable.

Cons: Can be quite complex

7. **parkrun Extended info**



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Summary run results					
Fastest time:	17:30	17:30	Zac Martin	22:25	Ella Appleby
Top age grade:	76.19 %	76.19 %	Zac Martin	71.75 %	Michele Carmody
Most runs:	359	329	Ben Powell	359	Andrea Fagan
Total participants:	659 (unknowns: 139)	260		260	
Personal bests (PBs):	47	24		23	
First timers:	32	18		14	
First time visiting this parkrun:	66	30		36	
Average age:*	40	41		40	
Milestone run:	7	3		4	
Upcoming milestones:	8	3		5	

Distribution by age and fastest by age							
10	10	29:34	Douglas Wannenburgh	3	7	Isabel Walter	44:58
11-14	18	20:40	Jack Clutton	9	9	Sophia Caposecco	25:50
15-17	13	21:27	Nicholas Egan	5	8	Ella Appleby	22:25
18-19	5	17:30	Zac Martin	3	2	Lauren Sprague	26:42
20-24	21	17:51	Brad Hall	13	8	Louise Hickey	25:10
25-29	47	21:31	Daniel Turner	22	25	Anna Goto	24:13
30-34	70	22:41	Matthew Boswell	29	41	Maja Zepcan	23:53
35-39	62	19:47	George Clutton	36	26	Jaqueline Viana	25:02
40-44	55	19:37	Scott Temple	30	25	Meroe Mozakka	28:23
45-49	60	19:29	Naohisa Yoshida	23	37	Sharron Pickett	25:01
50-54	73	19:33	Richard Quirk	37	36	Katrina Price	24:04
55-59	48	22:46	Waindee Miles	28	20	Michele Carmody	24:54
60-64	23	22:42	David Ray	16	7	Gillian Eastgate	28:06

Another extension that adds additional information to an events or runners results page to break them down by gender and performance.

What is it?: Browser Extension

Where do I get it?: https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/parkrun-extended-info/heoheakodfgnfnedhacmholponhafjcm

Developer: Sergei Churin

Pros: Does what it does quite well. Pretty interface

Cons: Only runs on Chrome or Edge browsers. No app version.

8. **parkrun Virtual Volunteer**



The official parkrun App for time events and scanning barcodes.

You should have this app if you are going to volunteer as a timekeeper or barcode scanner and who wouldn't want to.

What is it?: An App that comes in Apple and Android flavours

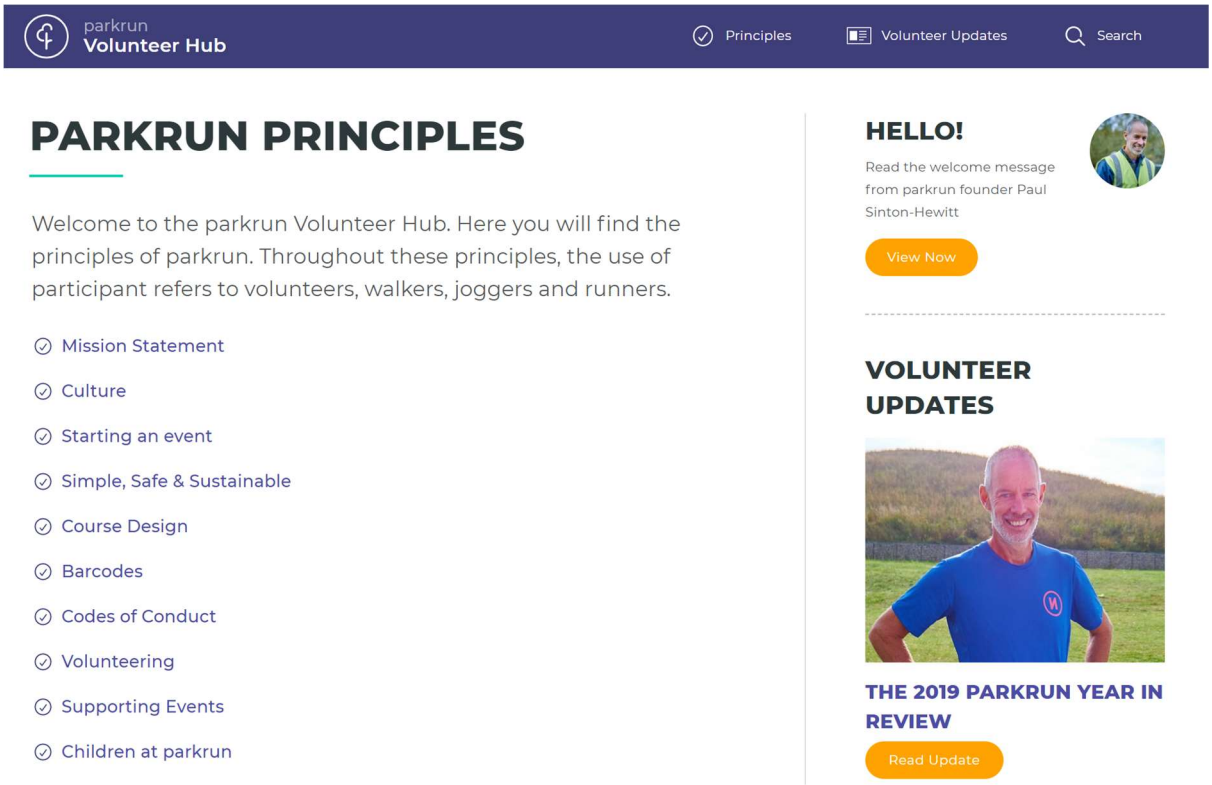
Where do I get it?: Apple App Store or Google Play Store

Developer: parkrun

Pros: Simple and effective at what is does. Allows for quicker results processing; cleaner interface for checking if barcode has scanned; interface does not allow incorrect scanning order

Cons: Has room for considerable development and inclusion of new functionality but give it time.

9. **parkrun Volunteer Hub**



Online repository of all of the Guiding Principles that govern how parkrun operates for all volunteers at parkrun (and we all are aren't we). Will also include updates sent to all volunteers in future.

If you want to know how or why something is why it is look it up here.

What is it?: A series of Web pages

Where do I get it?: https://volunteer.parkrun.com/

Developer: parkrun

Pros: Simple clean interface. Comprehensive information. This resource is being updated regularly

Cons:

10. **parkrun App**



Last but very much least a very old app which I believe is no longer supported by parkun. It has not been updated since 2015. I mean it hasn't even been updated to the current color scheme. It is pretty buggy.

I have only included it here in order to be comprehensive. I recommend you do not use it.

Yes, I know some of you will want to try it just because of this description. Rated 1.5 stars out of 5 on the Apps Store

What is it?: Apple only app

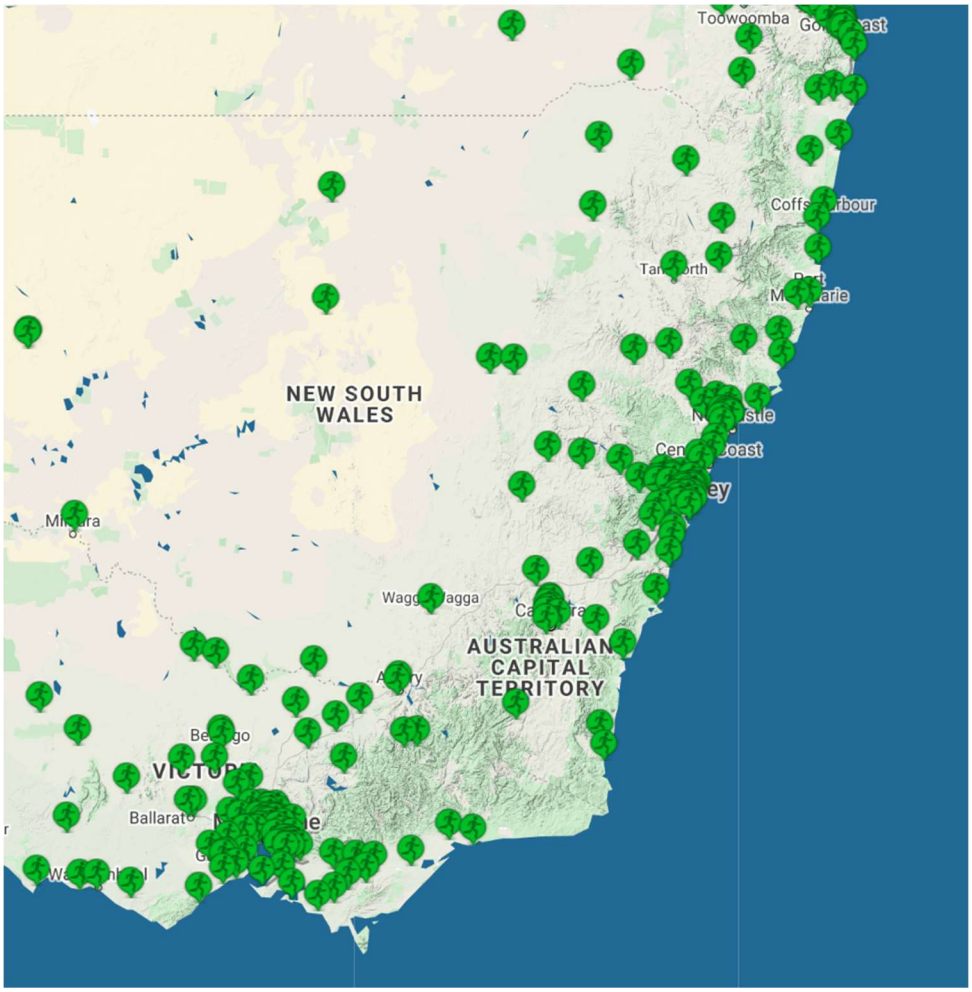
Where do I get it?: Apple App Store

Developer: parkrun

Pros: Only works on Apple devices. (Lucky Android peeps)

Cons: The fact that it exists at all. Why have they not withdrawn it from the App store?

11. **ParkrunMap** (their spelling not mine)



A Google map that highlights all parkruns worldwide, lets you indicate which events you have done and navigate directly direct an events Course page

What is it?: A webpage

Where do I get it?: https://www.parkrunmap.com/

Pros: Works as described. You have to select each event individually to mark them as completed.

Cons: You need a Google account to be able to save your map once you have flagged those you have completed.

Developer: mattwalkerden@gmail.com

12. **My 5k Run Results**

Tracks your running, volunteering and touring history. Appears to be a similar to the other apps but seeing as it is Android only and I don't have an Android device I have not been able to run it myself I cannot offer anymore than that.

What is it: An Android only App

Where do I get it: Google Play Store

Developer: smart.clive.w@gmail.com

Pros: Seems to be comprehensive but note my disclaimer above

Cons: Android only

13. **parkrunner**

Keep track of your weekly 5k run results with parkrunner. Analyse your performance over time with result histories. Check your Runner and Volunteer stats.

Once again an Android only apply that I have not used myself.

What is it: An Android only App

Where do I get it: Google Play Store

Developer: parkrunnerapp@gmail.com

Pros: Seems to be comprehensive but note my disclaimer above

Cons: Android only

Conclusion

In conclusion the list is those items I have discovered. If you know of any others let me know and I will include them.

Finally I would like to thank the developers of these apps, pages and extensions. Most of you are not paid for your work and you're doing this shows the true spirit of parkrun. Volunteers of a different kind. I salute you.

My thanks also to those who have reviewed this document.

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