What I Think About Tagging
When I Think About Running...
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As a Leader in Running Fitness I frequently need to plan, evaluate and risk assess running routes for groups of runners, much of the information I use is stored only in my mind, but maybe some points could fit within OpenStreetMap tags?

sidewalk:right

Whilst my discipline might be called Road Running, I prefer to keep my runners away from traffic as much as possible.

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I need to be sure that the footpaths are wide enough, to accommodate not just the runners but also other innocent path users.

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For some reason a few of the runners don’t seem to enjoy the hilliest of routes, so I have a mental map of the inclines of the roads we use regularly.

highway:crossing
crossing:traffic_signals

Where ever possible I plan routes to avoid crossing major roads, but as this is not always possible I like to know where it is safe and appropriate to cross.

lit:yes

For about half the year we have to run in the dark, so between October and March I plan routes that stick to well lit roads.

emergency:defibrillator

I’ve never had to use it, but with people potentially overdoing it on the hills it is comforting to know where the nearest AEDs are located.