

RACE INFO | FAQ

MONTANA MARATHON RACE DAY

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Is the Montana Marathon a Boston qualifier?

Yes! This USATF certified course is an official Boston qualifier event.

RACE START TIMES

- 5:00am Marathon Walkers and Early Start
- 7:00am Marathon
- 7:00am Relay
- 8:15am Half Marathon
- 9:15am 10K
- 11:00am Kids' One Mile Run

REFUND | DEFERRAL POLICY | RACE CHANGE POLICY

The Montana Marathon is not able to issue refunds.

However, you can defer your registration till the following year. This option will apply 80% of your registration fees as a system credit to use towards future registrations. Deferred requests will not be considered on or after race day.

You can switch races on runsignup.com (most efficient) or you can switch races at packet pickup.

RELAY - HAND OFF LOCATIONS | REGISTRATION

A relay team consists of 2-4 participants. Relay teammates are responsible for their own transportation to the assigned location(s). They are welcome to ride the buses to the full, half and 10k start lines.

Relay hand-off locations are:

1. Start of the marathon
2. Mile 6 water stop, about 6.2 miles from the marathon start
3. Water stop near the half-marathon start, at Shorey Road

4. Water stop near Mile 20, corner of 46th Street West and Rangeview Drive

Relay Registration

One teammate will register for the relay online, create a Team Name and pay the full race fee. The other teammates may then register online under that Team Name at no additional charge.

KIDS' ONE MILE RUN

Ages: 4-12

When: Sept. 16 at 11:00am

Where: Pioneer Park – Post-Race Celebration Area

Cost: Free Registration – www.montanamarathon.org

This Montana Marathon event is a great way to get kids involved and excited about running by encouraging an active lifestyle at an early age. Participants receive a finisher's kids medal and a race t-shirt. Parents may register their kids at www.montanamarathon.org

PACKET PICK UP @ THE MONTANA MARATHON EXPO

Where: Billings Family YMCA

When: Saturday, September 15th

Time: 10:00am to 6:00pm

Race packets and shirts will be available for pickup in the Fortin Gyms located at the Billings Family YMCA. Entrance will be in the back along 4th Avenue and North 33rd Street.

You may have a friend pick up your packet.

THERE WILL BE NO PACKET PICKUP ON RACE DAY!

TEMPERATURE

Warm with low humidity. Expect to start the race in the mid 40's and end in the upper 60's.

COURSE | COURSE SAFETY | COURSE CLOSURE

The course is marked very well, but it is open to traffic. There will be volunteers at most of the intersections and security personal at the busier intersections. Please remain on the right side of the road unless otherwise directed. Because the course is open to traffic, we recommend that all participants wear bright colored clothing to improve visibility. Music devices and earbuds/earphones are strongly discouraged.

The course will be closed at 1:00pm on race day.

WATER STATIONS | RESTROOMS

There are thirteen water stations throughout the course at approximately 3, 5, 6, 9, 13.1, 15, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, and 25 miles. Please reference the course map for more details. In addition, each water station will include Hammer Gel energy drinks and HEED electrolyte drink mix.

Restrooms are available before boarding the buses, at the start of each race and throughout the course.

EARLY START | 5AM

The Early Start is available to those who are walking the marathon or running at a slower pace. You are required to start at this time, if you are walking the course or if your running time is longer six hours to ensure that the course is cleared by 1:00pm. This is for the safety of all runners.

All Early Start participants are REQUIRED to have a light on them. This can't be stressed enough as the course will still be dark at that time.

****Please wear reflective gear, bring flash lights or have some form of lighting for your safety as it is very dark at the early start.**

BUS TRANSPORT INFO | START TIMES

Senior High School parking lot

4:00am to 4:15am	Marathon Walkers/Early Start
5:30am to 6:15am	Marathon and Relay
6:30am to 7:45am	Half Marathon
8:00am to 8:45am	10K

We recommend taking the provided bus transportation to the start of each race in order to keep the course clear and safe for all participants. The race is not on a closed course.

CAR RENTAL

I'm flying in from out-of-town, do I need to rent a car?

Not necessarily. There is a shuttle from the airport to our partner hotel, Best Western ClockTower Inn, which then provides shuttle services from the hotel to the bus pick up point at Senior High School. Buses will then take runners to the start of each race. Hotel shuttles are then available to take you back to the hotel and/or the airport. Downtown Billings is walker friendly and has many great shops and eating establishments. Local taxi services and Uber are also means of traveling to and from the bus transportation location in the parking lot of Senior High School.

PARTNER HOTEL

[Best Western Plus ClockTower Inn](#)

2511 1st Ave N.
Billings, MT 59101
bwclocktowerinn.com
(406) 259-5511

Best Western ClockTower provides shuttles to and from the bus transportation location at Senior High School. You will need to make reservations with the hotel. Contact the front desk for more details.

PRERACE PASTA DINNER

We do not have an official Montana Marathon pasta dinner. With all the great restaurants in Billings, we want to give you a chance to experience our city. Go to VisitBillings.com for a list of local restaurants.

AWARDS

Awards will be held at 11:30am for the top 3 male and female winners in each age group for the Marathon, as well as the Half and 10K races. For the Relay, first place awards will be given to each of the three categories: male, female, and co-ed teams.

FINISHER AREA

All runners will finish near Pioneer Park and then proceed through the finish area, located in Daylis Stadium, which will be limited to race participants. Spectators, family, and friends can meet up with participants in Pioneer Park for the Post-Race Celebration.

RACE MEDALS

All finishers will receive a medal after they cross the finish line.

POST-RACE CELEBRATION

We are congratulating each runner's achievement with a postrace celebration! We will have music, food vendors, and fun games for the entire family in Pioneer Park. We are encouraging everyone to join us in cheering for the Montana Marathon Runners!

QUESTIONS

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MONTANA MARATHON EXPO – NEW 2018!

Saturday, September 15th

Join us from 10:00am to 6:00pm for the Montana Marathon EXPO located in the Fortin Gyms of the Billings Family YMCA. Entrance will be in the back along 4th Avenue and North 33rd Street. Race packet and t-shirt pickup will take place during this time. The Expo will feature numerous local vendors featuring Health, Fitness, Running Gear and Montana made products, goods and services.