

RACE INFO | FAQ

Is the Montana Marathon a Boston qualifier?

YES - this USATF certified course is an official Boston qualifier event.

MONTANA MARATHON RACE DAY

Sunday, September 16, 2018

REFUND | DEFERRAL POLICY | RACE CHANGE POLICY

The Marathon is not able to give refunds.

You are able to defer your registration for a percentage off of the following year's registration. Deferred requests will not be considered on or after race day.

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

RACE START TIMES

5:00am Full Marathon Walkers and Early Start
7:00am Full Marathon Relay
7:00am Full Marathon
8:15am Half Marathon
9:15am 10K
11:00am Kids' 1ml Run

RELAY - HAND OFF LOCATIONS | REGISTRATION

Speaking of the Relay... relay teammates are responsible for their own transportation to the location. They are welcome to ride the bus to the full, half and 10k start lines.

Relay hand-off locations are:

1. Start of the full-marathon
2. Mile 6 water stop, about 6.2 miles from the full-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

Registration

One teammate will register for the relay on runsignup.com, create a Team Name and pay the full race fee. Then share the Team Name with teammates, so they can register at no charge.

KIDS' 1ML RUN

The Montana Marathon offers a free 13 week running challenge for kids. Participants will track their miles on a log sheet, provided by the YMCA. On September 16, all participants will bring their log sheet and run the kids' 1ml run to finish their full marathon and receive a Finishers medal. Register online billingsymca.org

PACKET PICK UP

Location:

Billings Family YMCA

402 North 32nd Street

Dates and Times:

Friday, September 14, noon - 8pm

Saturday, September 15, 10am - 5pm

You may have a friend pick up your packet for you.

For late arrival into Billings, please email: cmcginnis@billingsymca.org to make arrangements to pick up your packet.

There will be NO packet pick up on race day.

TEMPERATURE

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

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 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 13 water stations for the full marathon. The water stations are at approximately 3, 5, 6, 9, 13.1, 15, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, and 25 miles. Please see course map for more details. Each water station will have Gatorade and water.

Restrooms are also available before boarding the bus and at the start line of each race.

EARLY START | 5AM

Can anyone take the early start?

No. If you are able to finish before 1:00pm, you cannot take the early start. The 5:00am start is only for those who are walking or running at a slower pace. This is for the safety of all runners.

Is the early start (5am) only for walkers?

No. The early start is REQUIRED for walkers and any runner who cannot finish by 1:00pm. All early starters are required to have a light on them. It is very dark at the start, and runner's safety is always priority #1.

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

BUS TRANSPORT INFO | START TIMES

Senior High School parking lot
4:00am Full Marathon Walkers and Early Start
5:30am Full Marathon Relay
5:30am Full Marathon
6:30am Half Marathon
8:00am 10K

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

YMCA TRAINING PROGRAMS

The YMCA offers a 10k training program.
Email: klyman@billingsymca.org for more information.

RUN STRONG CLINIC

Billings Clinic offers a running school over the course of six weeks. To learn more go to billingsclinic.org
The class is free to all full and half marathon runners.

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). There is a shuttle from the hotel to the bus pick up. Busses take runners to the race start. Shuttles will get you back to the hotel and the airport. Downtown Billings is walker friendly and has many great eating establishments.

PARTNER HOTEL

[Best Western Plus ClockTower Inn](#)

2511 1st Ave N.
Billings, MT 59101
bwclocktowerinn.com
406.259.5511

Hotel provides shuttles to the bus transportation location for all race start times. Bussing is also available from the finish line to the hotel; you will need to make reservations with the Best Western ClockTower front desk. 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. Please visit [Visit Billings](#) for a list of local restaurant.

AWARDS

Awards will be held at 11:30a for the top 3 male and female in each age group in the Full, Half, and 10k. For the Relay, we are awarding first place for each of the three categories: male, female, and co-ed.

FINISHER AREA

All runners will finish near Daylis Stadium. Finishers will then proceed through the finish area, Daylis Stadium, which is limited to race participants. Spectators, family, and friends can meet up with participants in Pioneer Park.

RACE MEDALS

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

POSTRACE CELEBRATION

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

QUESTIONS

Submit race questions to Cindy McGinnis
cmcginnis@billingsymca.org
406-294-1641

Submit volunteer questions to Miranda Jellison
miranda.jellison@gmail.com