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It is my pleasure to welcome more than 3,000 participants and 4,500 spectators from across the United States and around the world to Wichita! Whether you're taking on the marathon, half marathon, 5K, or Mayor's Friendly 5K, we're excited to have you here.

Every runner has a different reason for being at the starting line. Whether this is your first race, you're chasing a personal best, or you're simply here to enjoy the experience, we hope this weekend is one you'll remember.

The Prairie Fire Fall Races are more than a race—they're a celebration of fitness, community, and the people who make this event so special. Thank you to our sponsors, operations team, and hundreds of volunteers who make race weekend possible.

Thank you for being part of Prairie Fire! We look forward to seeing you on the course, cheering you on, and celebrating with you at the finish line!

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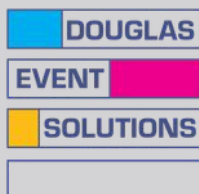
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Thank You Volunteers!

Hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers make race day possible by encouraging runners, creating an unforgettable atmosphere, and give back to the community. Every volunteer plays a vital role in helping thousands of participants achieve their goals.



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2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 10

8:00 AM

Shake-out Run at Exploration Place parkrun

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Packet Pickup at Equity Bank Park

10:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Meet and Greet with the Great World Race Finishers

Sunday, October 11

All events start/finish at Equity Bank Park

6:30 A.M.

Morning Kick Start

7:10 AM

Marathon & Half Marathon Starts

7:30 AM

5K & Mayor's Friendly 5K Starts

8:30 AM

5K Awards

9:45 AM

Half Marathon Awards

11:10 AM

Marathon Awards

11:30 AM

Half Marathon Course Closes

1:30 PM

Marathon Course Closes

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PARKING

Downtown Wichita provides ample parking.:
<http://www.parkdowntown.org/>

- WichitaWalk has two parking garages that are free to the public.
- Please obey all no parking signs as your vehicle may be towed.

Saturday Parking

- Please note you must pay to park in the Century II Convention lot, the City of Wichita lot, and the parking garage (Sycamore) on Saturday.
- The Delano parking lot is available on Saturday.
- Enter Equity Bank Park from the Delano entrance. ➤

Sunday Parking

- The Delano parking lot **will not be** accessible on race day.
- Enter Equity Bank Park from Delano or McLean entrance. ➤



PACKET PICKUP

Packet Pickup

- Packets must be picked up at Equity Bank Park - 275 S McLean Blvd on **Saturday, October 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
 - Packet pickup will be located on the concourse.
 - Back-To-Back is located in front of the Maple St. entrance
 - 5K, Half, and Marathon behind home plate.
 - 50 States Half Marathon packet pick-up is located along first base.
 - There is NO race day packet pickup.
 - Packets cannot be mailed to participants.
 - In case you are unable to pick up your packet someone else can pick it up for you.
 - The person picking up the packet must show authorization to claim the packet.
- New registration is located at Guest Service.
- Volunteer and race information is located inside the Delano entrance.

WELCOME to WICHITA!



The 50 States Half Marathon Club is the official organization for runners aiming to complete a half marathon in all 50 states. The club welcomes runners and walkers of all abilities and offers a variety of challenges, including the original 50 States Half Marathon Challenge, the 100 Half Marathon Challenge, and the 7 Continents Endurance Challenge. Membership provides recognition, community support, and access to resources for planning races across the country.



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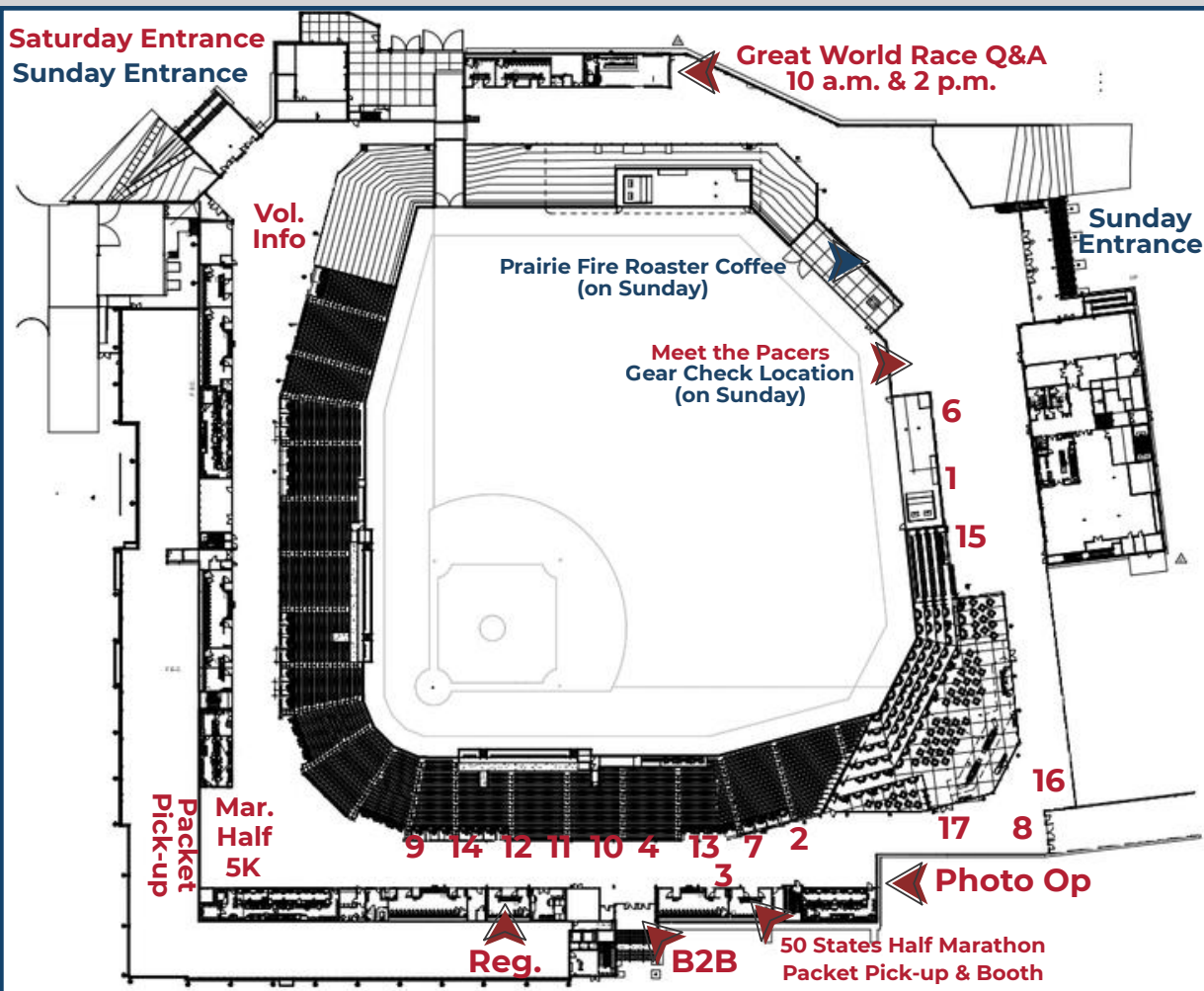
[50 States Half Marathon Club .com](http://50StatesHalfMarathonClub.com)

VENDOR EXPO MAP

Gear up, stretch out, get your shoes blessed, and grab some great giveaways! There's something for everyone at the vendor booths, so be sure to stop by and check them out on Saturday and Sunday!

Vendors

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Prairie Fire Merchandise | 10. IdeaTek |
| 2. 1st United Methodist | 11. JNSPortz |
| 3. 50 States Half Marathon | 12. Planet Fitness |
| 4. D1 Training | 13. Recover Wellness |
| 5. Davis-Moore | 14. Scheels |
| 6. Fartleks | 15. Select PT |
| 7. Fleet Feet | 16. Unity Studio Yoga |
| 8. Guiding Paws | 17. Wichita Festivals |
| 9. Heartland Credit Union | |



*Note: not all vendors will be present both days.

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Morning Kick Start

- Prairie Fire Roasters will be providing coffee - located on the concourse by the McLean entrance.
- Stretch it out with Select PT starting at 6:15 a.m.
- Port-a-pots will be available at the start line.

Race Day Information and Volunteer Check-in

- Race day information and volunteer check-in will be located inside Equity Bank Park at the Pumphouse.
- The information area is where Lost and Found items are taken.

Gear Check

*Thank you to **Run Wichita!***

Gear check will be available inside Equity Bank Park - McLean entrance, beginning at 6:00 a.m.

Race Bib

- Race bib must be worn on the front of your shirt or shorts for easy viewing.
- Race bibs must be worn on the front of the shirt or short to ensure participants can be identified in race photos. Bibs worn elsewhere are not guaranteed to be captured or identifiable in photographs.
- Do not fold or damage your race bib, this is your timing chip.
- Race numbers are non-transferable and may only be worn by the person to whom it is assigned.

Emergency Contact

- Please take the time to write out emergency contact information, medical conditions and any allergies on the back of your race bibs for medical personnel should you need assistance on the course.



**Good Luck 2026
Participants!**

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COURSE INFORMATION

Race Course

- The marathon, half marathon and the 5K course are USATF sanctioned and certified.
- The marathon is a Boston Qualifying race.
- The races will be timed using a chip timing system for both the start and the finish of the race. Your race number is your “chip” for timing.

Course Time Limits

- The marathon course will be open for six hours beginning at 7:10 a.m.
- The half marathon course will be open for four hours beginning at 7:10 a.m.
- If runners are still on the course after the time limit and choose to continue you will be asked to move to from the street to the sidewalk and obey all traffic signals along the course.

Course Rules

- No bicycles, roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, or animals will be allowed on the race course at any time.
- Assistance received from a non-race official could result in disqualification.
- Individuals caught participating in the race who are not registered may be banned from future events.

Medical Aid

- A medical team with official medical aid tent will be at the finish line.
- Basic first aid and minor emergency supplies (i.e. Band-Aids, Vaseline, etc.) will be available at each hydration/aid station along certified trainers.
- *Should you need medical attention on the course, please inform the closest volunteer and they will call for assistance.*

Course Safety

- This is a traffic controlled course.
- The Wichita Police Department will be assisting at all major intersections, and volunteers will be in the neighborhoods.
- In many areas, only one side of the road will be blocked off for a running lane. Please make sure you are running on the correct side of the cones as to avoid serious injury.
- There is always a possibility that a driver will not obey the barricades.
- We highly recommend you do not run with headphones as they may distract you from observing your surroundings.

COURSE LOGISTICS

Start Line Information

- All races begin on McLean, just south of Douglas.
- Please line up in the start area according to your expected pace, with faster runners in the front, slower runners and walkers in the back.

Pace Groups

- **Line up according to your pace.**
- Marathon pacer times: 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 6:00
- Half marathon pacer times: 1:30, 1:45, 2:00, 2:15, 2:30, 3:00 and 3:30.
- Pacers will be wearing official Prairie Fire pacer shirts.
- Cyclist will lead the top three male and female in the marathon, half marathon, and the 5K distance.

*Thank you to our pacers
and cyclist crew!*



Split Times

- Mile 6.2 (10K) of full and half marathon course
- Mile 12 of full and half marathon course
- Mile 17.3 and 24.5 (approx.) of marathon course

Dropping Out

- If you are unable to finish the race, please notify someone at the nearest aid station.
- Sweepers will be on the course to provide assistance to runners unable to finish.

Finish Line

- Races are chip timed and runners must pass over the timing pads at ALL designated spots to assure an official time.
- All races finish in Equity Bank Park along the third base foul line.
- Spectators will need to remain in the stands to cheer on participants.



HYDRATION & AID STATIONS

**A big shout-out to our Hydration & Aid Station Volunteers
for keeping runners hydrated, energized, and
smiling all the way to the finish line!**

Hydration and Aid Station Information:

- There are 12 hydration and aid stations on the marathon course.
 - ***Six of the locations are utilized twice for a total of 18 stations.***
 - Nine of the stations will serve the half marathon course
 - One of the stations will serve the 5K course.
- Hydration stations include fully filtered water provided by Culligan.
- We are proud to serve Gatorade at all hydration stations.
- GU will be available at six hydration stations.
- There will be port-a-pots at each hydration station.
- One certified first aid volunteer will be at each hydration station.

5K Location:

- 1.5 (Marathon station 15.7)

Marathon and Half Marathon Locations:

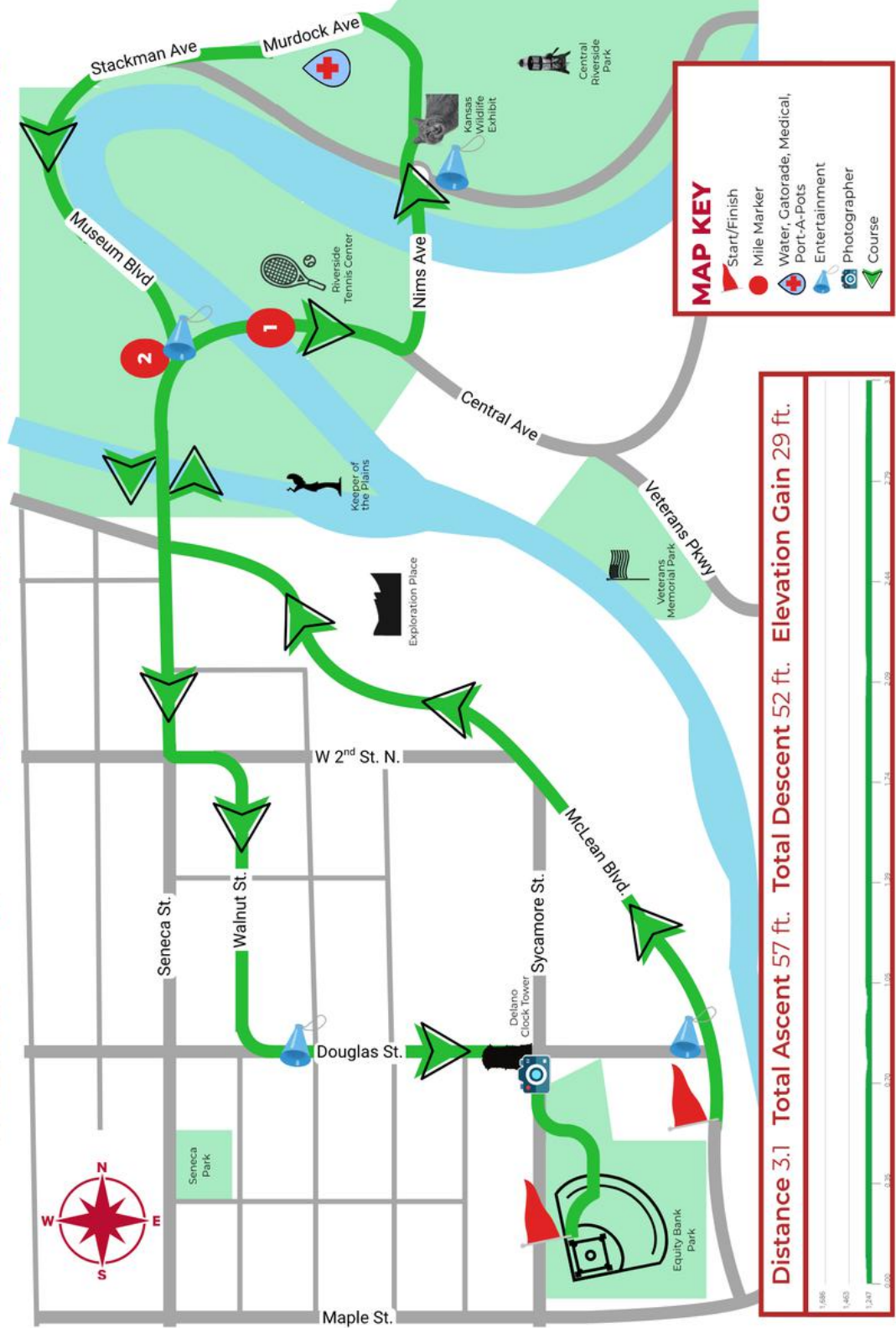
- Mile .85 and Mile 12.10
- Mile 2.5 and Mile 10.45*
- Mile 4.1 and Mile 8.85
- Mile 4.95 and Mile 8*
- Mile 5.85
- Mile 13.30*
- Mile 15.7
- Mile 17.4 and Mile 24.45*
- Mile 18.8 and Mile 23.05*
- Mile 20*
- Mile 22
- Mile 25.50

***GU**

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- Elite Training Solutions
- CrossFit Wichita
- Starkey
- Planet Fitness
- Wichita State Bowling

2026 FALL 5K & MAYOR'S FRIENDLY 5K



COURSE ENTERTAINMENT

From the starting line to the finish line,
you'll be surrounded by exciting entertainment that
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motivated, inspired, and smiling all the way to the finish!



Entertainment:

- **DJ4TW**
 - Douglas and McLean
- **She Runs This Town**
 - Douglas and Waco
- **Craig Owens Bodo Ensemble**
 - Wichita East High School Lawn
- **DJ Fate**
 - College Hill
- **Great Plains Jazz Orchestra**
 - City of Eastborough
- **wear blue: run to remember**
 - Mile 6 and 7
- **Riverside Central Association and Kansas Wildlife Exhibit**
 - Nims and Stackman
- **DJ Carbon**
 - Seneca and Central
- **Honey Bee Brass**
 - 13th & McLean
- **DJ Kenton & Brad's Banana Break**
 - 21st St and West St
- **Brass Knot**
 - Douglas and Handley
- **Friends University Cheer**
 - Equity Bank Park

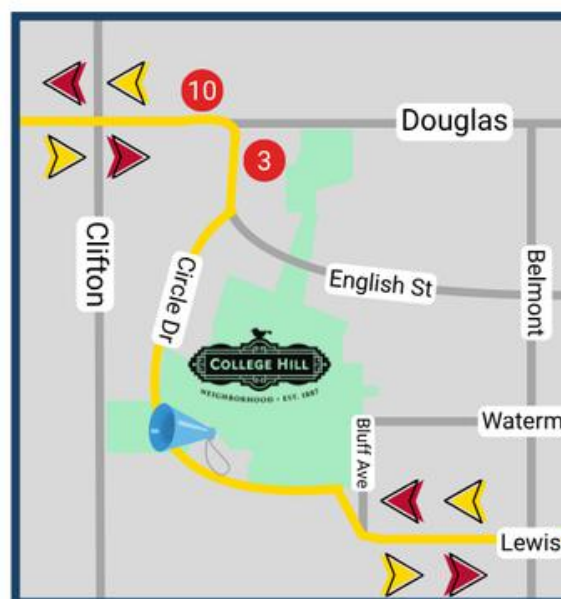
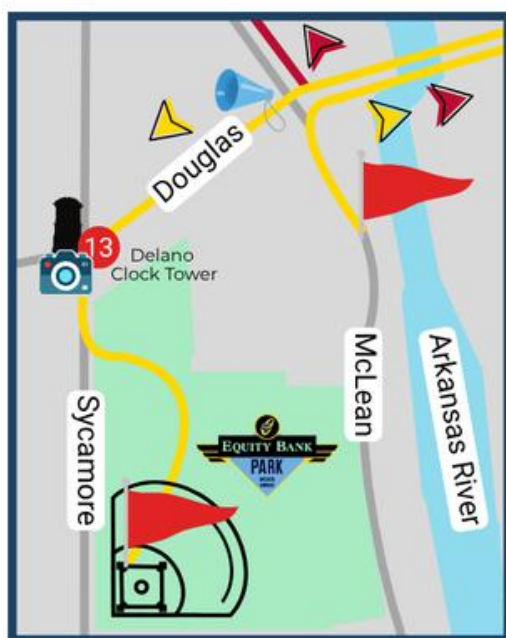
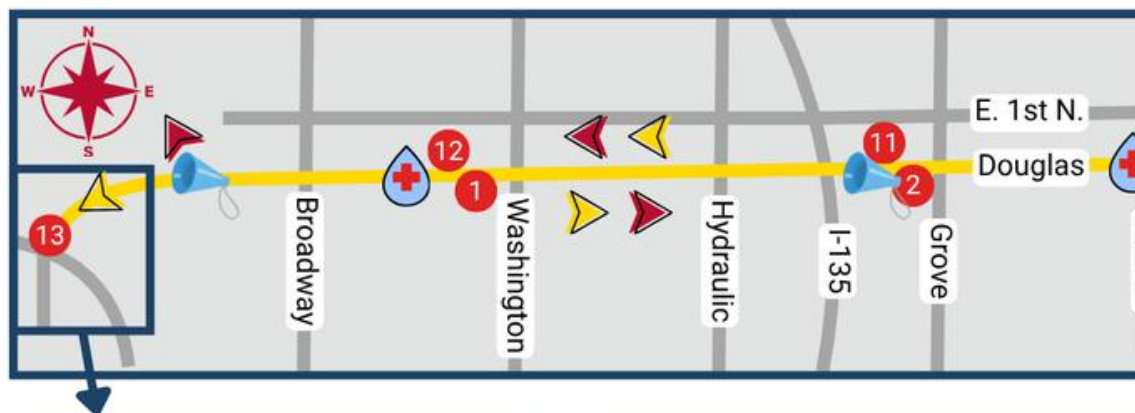


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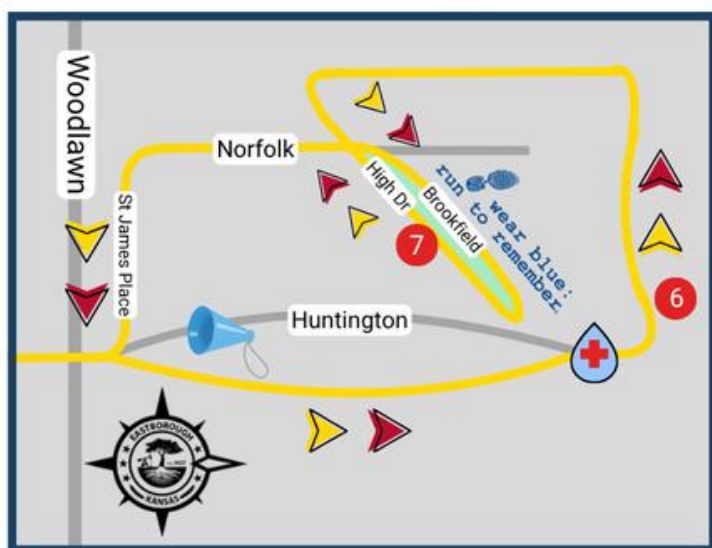
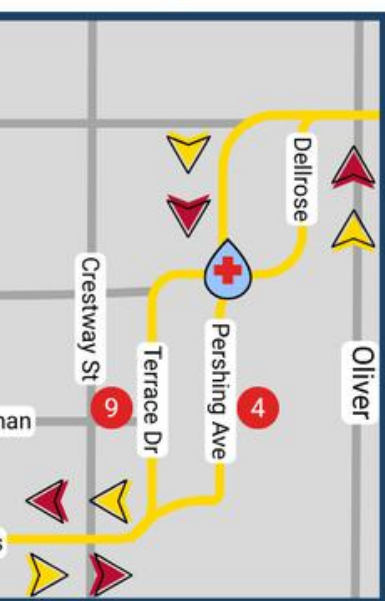
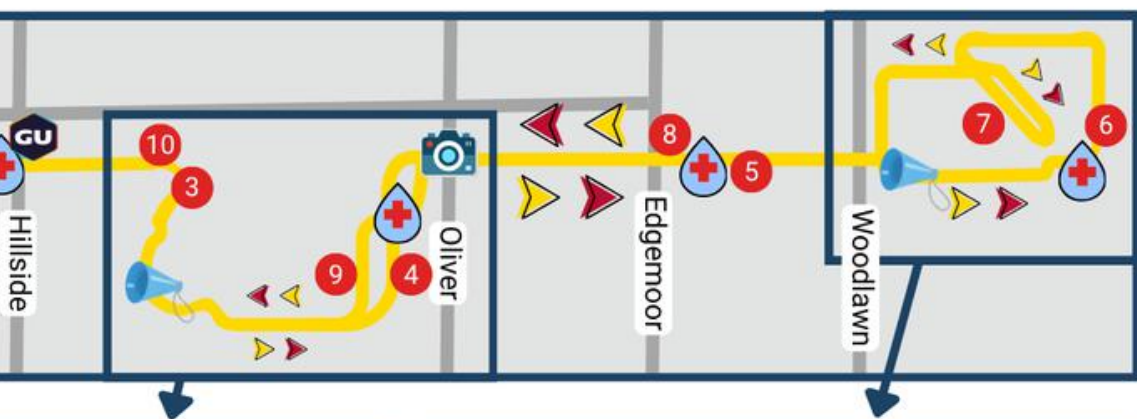


Distance 13.1 Total Ascent 273 ft. Total Descent 2



**The marathon utilizes the half marathon route for the first 13 miles. Marathon participants will turn north on McLean to continue.*

HALF MARATHON & MARATHON*



67 ft. Elevation Gain 294 ft.



MAP KEY

- Start/Finish
- Mile Marker
- Water, Gatorade, Medical, Port-A-Pots
- GU
- Entertainment
- Photographer
- Half Marathon Course
- Marathon Course



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***Marathon and Half Marathon participants will be given the name of a
fallen Service Member to honor with their steps.***

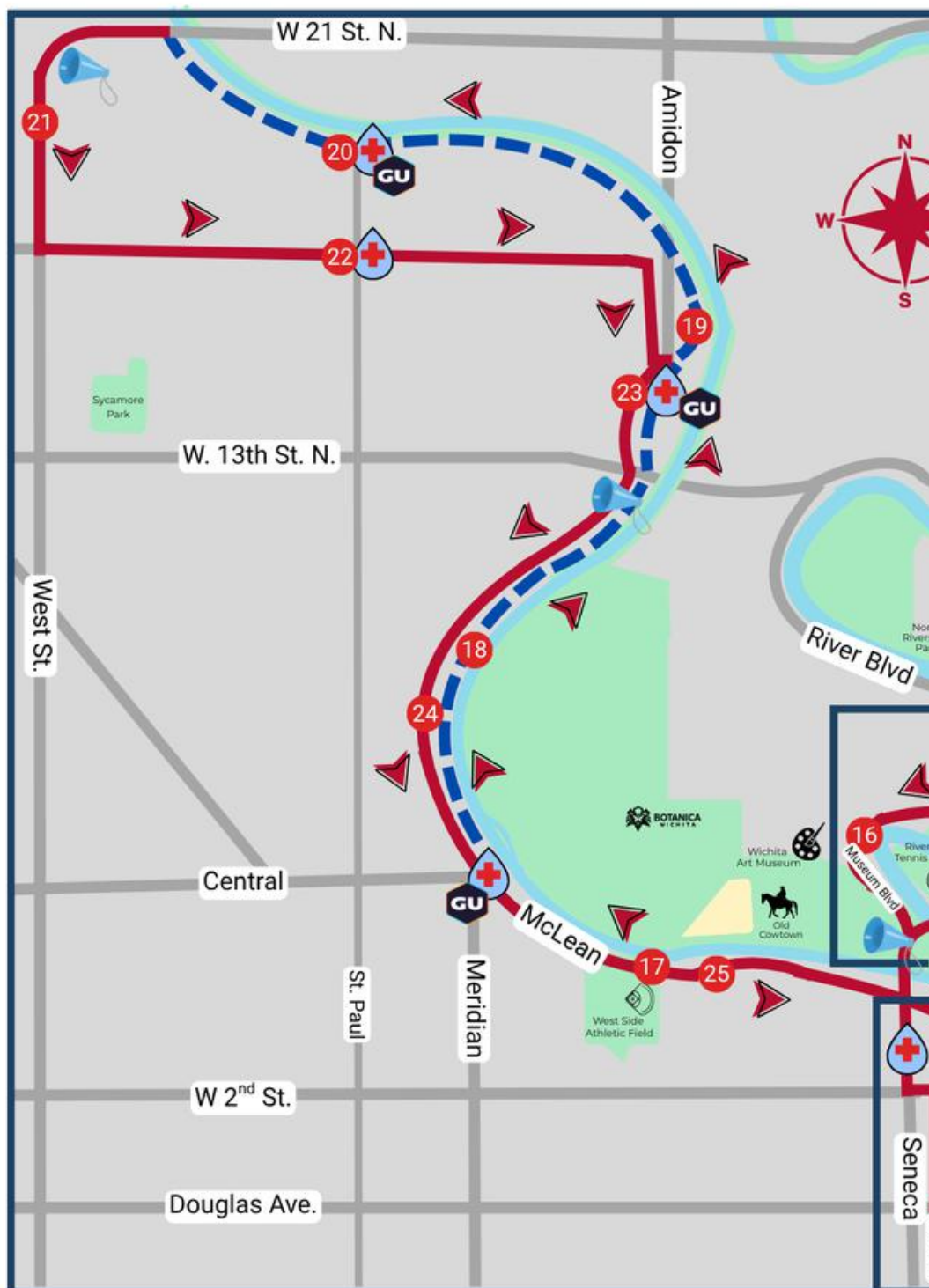


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Miles 26.2 Total Ascent 362 ft. Total Descent 360 ft. Elevation

Elevation
1,500
1,480
1,460
1,440

Course Profile

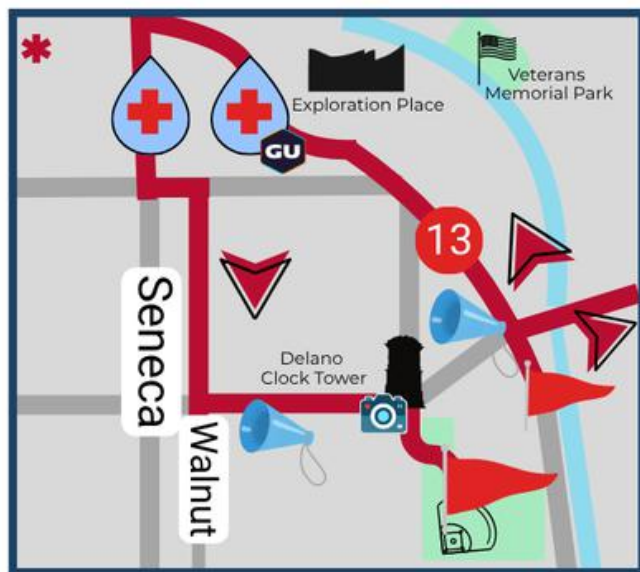
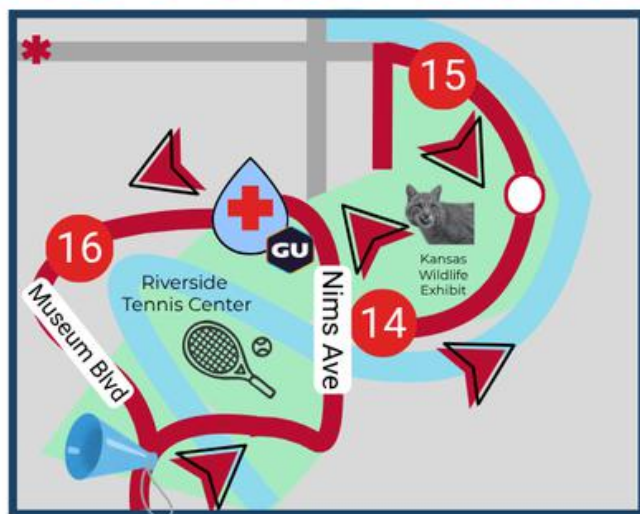
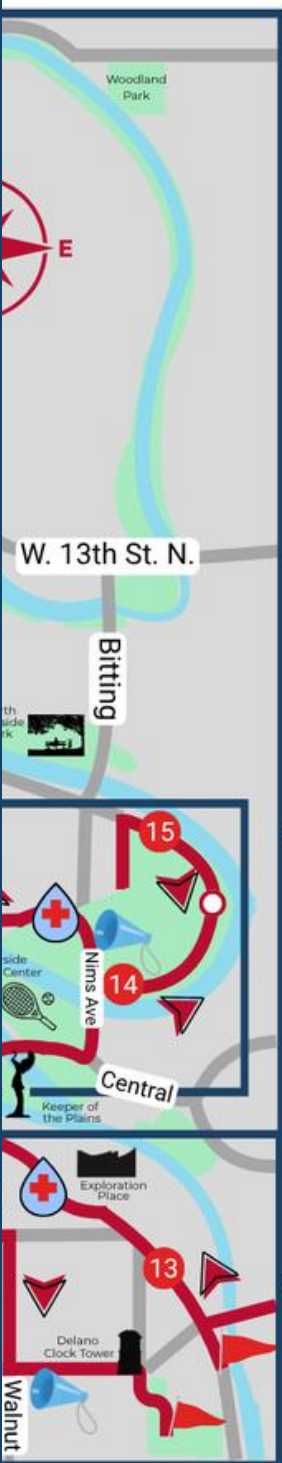


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Start/Finish



Mile Marker



Water, Gatorade, Medical,
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Road



River Path



Course

**Miles 13 through 26.2

*See 5K for more detail

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SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Bring the energy with you!

Invite your family and friends to cheer you and your fellow runners on throughout the course.

We encourage music, signs, or noisemakers to keep the motivation going.

Spectators are welcome along the course as long as it does not impede the runners on the race route.

The Entertainment Locations (pg. 17) along the course are lively spots where spectators can enjoy music and other fun activities.



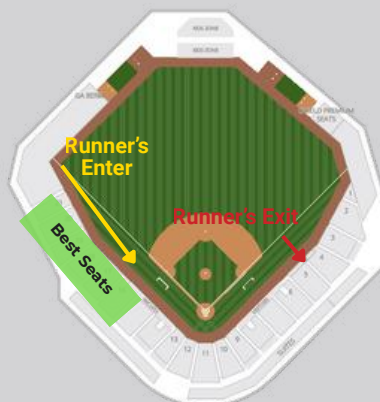
- Dress in layers, the day can start of chilly and quickly warm-up.
- Be sure to pack drinks, snacks, sunscreen, a chair, and a camera.
- Share your race day photos and videos on social media with #RunPFM or tag RunPFM.
- Checkout the PFM [Cheer Guide](#) for more spectator cheer tips.

Equity Bank Park Guideline for Spectators

Spectators will be allowed to cheer on runners as they cross the finish line.

The best seats will be along the third base dugout and foul line (highlighted area).

For safety purposes spectators will not be allowed on the field.



RACE WEEKEND POLICIES



Equity Bank Park has a clear bag policy. Graphic provides information to the type of items permitted.

Outside food, drink, or tumblers are not permitted inside Equity Bank Park.

Concession stand will be open for spectators (located between home plate and third base).

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RESULTS AND PHOTOS

Results

- Unofficial results available on the Mtec app and Timer Guys during the race.
- After completion of the races the results will be posted on the Wichita Sports Commission Prairie Fire Race Series result page.

Track Your Runner!

- Be sure to download the Mtec Results app on your Apple & Android devices to track your runner!
- <https://www.mtecreresults.com/>



Photos

- **Thank you Visit Wichita!**
 - All runners receive complimentary photos after the race.
- Photos will be posted after the race.
- **Reminder** - bibs need to be worn on the front to be identified in the photos.

A promotional banner for Star Lumber & Supply. It features a large red and white checkered flag at the top. In the center is the Star Lumber & Supply logo, which consists of a blue star with a red swoosh and the word "Star" in a bold, blue, italicized font. Below the logo, the text "HELPING BUILDERS GET TO THE" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the phrase "FINISH LINE FASTER!" is enclosed in a red rectangular box with white text. Below the box, the text "GOOD LUCK RACERS!" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of this text is a smaller black and white checkered flag on a pole. At the bottom of the banner, there is a dark blue horizontal bar containing the website "www.starlumber.com" and the location "Wichita, KS" in white text. Below this bar, the company name "Star Lumber & Supply" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by the address "325 S West Street • 2621 N Greenwich Rd" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

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AWARDS AND SWAG

Swag

- Participants receive a race t-shirt at Packet Pickup.
- Upon finishing the race participants receive a finisher's medal.
- Back-to-Back participants receive exclusive swag at Packet Pickup.
- Back-to-Back participants receive a B2B medal upon finishing the race.

Awards Presentation

Awards will be presented inside the museum in Equity Bank Park.

- 5K Awards - **8:30 a.m.**
- Half Marathon Awards - **9:45 a.m.**
- Marathon Awards - **11:10 a.m.**

Category Awards

- Awards will be presented for the 5K, Half Marathon, & Marathon.
- Overall event winners in male, female, master, and non-binary categories are excluded from age group awards.
- Participants cannot win multiple awards.

Prize Money

Open and Masters

- Prize money is awarded to the first three male and first three female finishers in the Marathon, Half Marathon and 5K.
- Open and Master's awards are based on gun time.
- Master's awards are age graded.
- Participants placing in both overall top three and Masters division (Age 40 and over) will receive the higher of the two prize awards (when a cash prize is awarded).
- For more information - <https://wichitasports.com/events/prairie-fire-race-series/results/>

Open	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Masters	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Full	\$400	\$200	\$100	Full	\$100	\$75	\$50
Half	\$200	\$100	\$50	Half	\$75	\$50	\$25
5K	\$100	\$75	\$50	5K	\$75	\$50	\$25

AWARDS AND SWAG

Non-Binary Prize Money

- The top three non-binary finishers will receive prize money made possibly by a gift from Wichita's running community.
- Note: other than what is outlined, non-binary participants will not be eligible for other prize money or time incentives.

Marathon	1st	2nd	3rd
	\$400	\$200	\$100

Race Record Awards

- Prize money is awarded to any runner who sets a new open record for the marathon, half marathon, and 5K based on gun time.
- If more than one person breaks the record, only the top time will receive the award.

Race Record

Full \$1000	Men's - 2:18:08*	Women - 2:39:47
Half \$750	Men's - 1:03:28	Women - 1:14:35
5K \$250	Men's - 14:38	Women - 17:44

*This result is from the Wichita Marathon in 1982. The Wichita Marathon began in 1980 and was renamed The Prairie Fire Marathon in 2010. Race results and records bearing the name Wichita Marathon are recognized as part of the Prairie Fire Marathon official race records.

Age Group Awards

- Awards for each race are based on electronic time and age graded for male and female.

5K

9 and under / 10-12 / 13-15 / 16-19 / 20-24 / 25-29 / 30-34 / 35-39 / 40-44 / 45-49 / 50-54 / 55-59 / 60-64 / 65-69 / 70-74 / 75-79 / 80- 84 / 85+

Marathon and Half Marathon

19 and under / 20-24 / 25-29 / 30-34 / 35-39 / 40-44 / 45-49 / 50-54 / 55-59 / 60-64 / 65-69 / 70-74 / 75-79 / 80- 84 / 85+

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