

September 29-30, 2023

RUN THE BLUE LINE®

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

FRIDAY

Health and Fitness Expo:

John S. Knight Center
77 E. Mill St, Akron
11:00 a.m. - Doors Open
8:00 p.m. - Doors Close

Kids Fun Run:

Start: 214 W Bowery St, Akron
Finish: 300 S. Main St, Akron
5:30 p.m. - Race Start
6:15 p.m. - Course Closes
7:00 p.m. - Venue Closes



SATURDAY

FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay:

Start: Akron Art Museum
1 S. High St, Akron
Finish: 300 S. Main St, Akron
6:00 a.m. - Opening Ceremony
6:59 a.m. - Wheelchair Division & Push Team Start
7:00 a.m. - Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay Start
1:40 p.m. - Course Closes
1:45 p.m. - Finisher Festival Closes

RACE WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

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RACE SERIES APP

Participant tracking, race information, and course maps can be displayed in the palm of your hand with the Akron Marathon Race Series app. The app also features a real-time leaderboard, post-race results, and links to the latest race news. Participant tracking will update when participants cross over the timing mats located at each relay exchange zone, mile 2, mile 13.1, 25.7 (full/relay), and the finish line.

Available on [Google Play](#) or the [Apple App Store](#).

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

*Watch the start of the race north of the starting line. Spectators are not allowed inside the start line corrals.
*Walk east one block on Market St towards Mile 3.7 (corner of Broadway St and Market St).
*Walk south 3 blocks and turn left on University Ave. near mile 11.1
*Walk 2 blocks west to Main St. to see participants as they approach the finish, with the Finisher Festival two blocks south on Main St.

AKRON MARATHON HEALTH AND FITNESS EXPO the

PRESENTED BY THE AKRON AREA YMCA



You will receive an email/text message race week with your bib number. Please know your bib number prior to arriving.

All participants MUST pick up their packets on Friday, September 29, 2023. Participant shirts are located at the end of the Expo Hall. Each participant should pick up their own packet. There is NO packet pick up the day of the race. If you are unable to attend, race packets may be picked up by a friend or family member who must verify the participant's registration information: bib number, sex, age & emergency contact phone number.

Bib Information

Make sure to pin your bib on the front of your shirt with the provided safety pins. This is crucial for accurate timing and the best race photos. And remember: take care of your bib! Any creases or cuts could ruin your timing device.

Your race number is linked to your registration data, so it MUST be yours. Participating under someone else's number could create serious consequences for participants and organizers alike. Correct information allows medical staff to identify and treat participants if necessary, and it also helps ensure accuracy in race results and awards are correct.

**Location: John S. Knight Center
77 E. Mill St, Akron, OH 44308**

**Date: Friday, September 29
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Expo Stage Schedule

11:00 AM	Akron Area YMCA Welcome
11:15 AM	Meet the 2023 Akron Marathon & Half Marathon Elite Field
12:00 PM	Past Champion & Elite Athlete Discussion
12:30 PM	Keira D'Amato, Akron Marathon Ambassador, Half Marathon & Marathon Record Holder
1:30 PM	Jeannie Rice, Masters World Record Holder
2:00 PM	Slow is the New Fast Panel Discussion with Martinus Evans, 300 Pounds Running Podcast & Author of the Slow AF Run Club and Theo Kahler, Runners World
2:30 PM	The Importance of a Running Group Panel Discussion
3:00 PM	Running & Mental Health with Dr. Mary Moran, Summa Health
3:30 PM	Pre-Race Tips & Post-Race Recovery with Dr. Blossom Heindel, Summa Health Orthopedics & Sports Medicine
4:00 PM	Finding the Right Training Plan Panel Discussion
5:00 PM	26.2 Akron Marathon 4, 10, & 15 Year Pinning Ceremony
6:00 PM	Closing & Good Luck Message

Expo Meet & Greet Times

Keira D'Amato (Lower Level) - 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM
Martinus Evans (Booth 14) - 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Series Participants

Series participants will pick up their medal rack with their shirt at the Expo. You will receive your series medal at the finish line after the race.

Kids Fun Run Presented by Akron Children's Hospital



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Date: Friday, September 29
Start: 214 W Bowery St, Akron
Finish: 300 S. Main St, Akron

- Kid's Fun Run Schedule
 - 4:30 p.m. Bib pickup opens
 - 5:30 p.m. Race Start/post-race activities
 - 7:00 p.m. Post-race activities close
- Course map on page 12
- FREE fun run for children 12 years of age and under
- All participants receive a slap-bracelet, medal & healthy snack.

START

Wave Start

The race will start in 6 waves. Each wave will walk up to the Start Line and have their own starting commands.

Each participant will have a designated wave based on pace submitted during registration. Wave number will be indicated on your race bib.

Corrals

Participants should begin loading into their respective corral 30 minutes before race start; race starts at 7:00 a.m. There will be wave and pace signs which indicate where to line up inside the corral.

Participants' times begin when they pass over the Start Line timing mats. Wave placement will not affect the final race time or place in the race (except for overall winners which is based on gun time).

The timing mats are removed shortly after the final participant in wave 6 crosses the starting line. If you are not at the start line at this time, you will not have an official race time.

	WAVE	PACE
	Elite	Assigned
Blue Corral	Seeded	Assigned
	Wave 1	5:00 - 7:59
	Wave 2	8:00 - 8:59
Red Corral	Wave 3	9:00 - 9:29
	Wave 4	9:30 - 10:29
Orange Corral	Wave 5	10:30 - 11:29
	Wave 6	11:30 - plus

Location: 1 S. High St, Akron

6:00 a.m. - Opening Ceremony

6:59 a.m. - Wheelchair Division & Push Team Start

7:00 a.m. - Marathon, Half Marathon & Team Relay Start

Parking

Free parking, at designated city decks and lots, is available throughout downtown on race day. It is recommended to be downtown before 6:00 a.m. See page 14.

If you are a relay member coming into town after 6:50 a.m., roads will start to close along the course route. Please plan accordingly and park in the recommended decks and lots. Also, keep in mind that certain lots and decks along Broadway and High St will have delayed exiting of 10:30 a.m.

Spectators

The starting corrals are for participants only! We ask that all spectators view the start north of the Starting Line. This will reduce congestion and allow ample space for participants and spectators alike.

Medical

For any medical needs Summa Health will be at the start line near the Information Booth on the plaza at the John S. Knight Center.

Gear Check

Gear Check drop-off and pick-up will be located on the corner of High St and Buchtel in the Finisher Festival. You can drop your gear before heading to the start line. **DO NOT PLACE MONEY, KEYS, OR VALUABLES IN YOUR GEAR CHECK BAG.** Clear bags will be available at the Health and Fitness Expo and at the Gear Check tent on race morning. Only items in clear bags will be accepted.

Information Booths: Will be located at the Health and Fitness Expo, Start Line, and Finish Line to help with any race related questions or issues.

COURSE

Provisions

Restrooms: Portable restrooms will be available throughout the course, including the Start and Finish Lines, fluid stations, Relay Exchange Zones, and Shuttle Loading Area. Of those restrooms, half will be designated for women and equipped with tampons.

Fluids: As you approach a fluid station, lemon lime Gatorade will be available first followed by water. It is recommended to carry your own fluid. There will be an area to refill bottles at the end of each fluid station. We do not recommend taking food or fluids from non-official locations.

Energy: GU Salted Caramel and Tri-Berry Energy Gel and Strawberry Energy Chews will be provided at 3 locations along the Marathon course, miles 7.4, 16.9, 22.6. There will be pretzels and Twizzlers at miles 16.9 & 22.6. Participants that require energy gel earlier or at different times should plan to be self-supported.

Medical: There will be 7 medical aid stations available to participants throughout the course in addition to stations at the Start Line, and Finish Line. Summa Health will coordinate all medical assistance during this event.

There will be NON-MEDICAL aid shuttles to transport participants, who choose not to continue the race, from the aid tents back to the Finish.

NSAID's (Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs such as Advil, Aleve, Ibuprofen, etc.) are not recommended the few days before the race and will NOT be provided at aid tents. NSAIDs, especially in a dehydrated runner, can adversely affect the kidneys and can increase the risk of hyponatremia (low blood sodium). Tylenol will be available.

Prohibited

For the safety of our participants, the Akron Marathon does not permit: pets, skateboards, scooters, strollers, bicycles, roller blades, baby carriers, or any other types of vehicles (other than official Marathon vehicles and bicycles) on the course. The Akron Marathon reserves the right to disqualify and remove anyone from the course who has any of the above items or does not act in a safe manner.

Non-registered participants are not permitted to run or walk within the boundaries of the official marathon course. Non-registered participants pacing a registered runner goes against USATF rules and could result in disqualification. It is important that family and friends NEVER cross the Finish Line or enter the finish zone which begins approximately 2/10 mile before the finish. Course monitors and police will be stationed throughout the course; ensuring only registered participants are on the course.

Closure

Course Limit: The marathon course is officially open for six and a half hours after the last person crosses the Start Line; equivalent to approximately 15:00 minute per mile marathon pace. The half marathon route will remain open for three and a half hours, equivalent to a 16:00 minute per mile pace. Participants slower than this pace will be asked to move to the sidewalk or board the SAG - course closure vehicle. The Finish Line, medical aid stations and fluid stations will remain open for a six-and-a-half-hour pace and close on schedule.

Full marathon and relay teams need to be at the split at mile 11.3 by 10:00 a.m. to continue on to the full course.

Pace Team

Pacers will be available for many of the Boston qualifying times. Pacers will follow the Full Marathon route. Half Marathon runners can join the pace team up to the split at mile 11.3. Pace teams are led by experienced pacers who run a steady pace so the group can achieve their goal of finishing the marathon at a particular time. There is no cost to run with the pace group. Find pace groups at the Start Line before the race.

Signage

Located at each medical aid station, as well as each Relay Exchange Zone, there will be a color-coded flag system to update participants on the course alert level. Please see chart for details.

ALERT LEVEL	EVENT CONDITIONS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
EXTREME	Extreme & Dangerous Event Cancelled	Participation stopped Follow event official instructions
HIGH	Potentially Dangerous	Slow down Observe course changes Follow official instruction Consider stopping
MODERATE	Less than ideal	Slow down Be prepared for worsening conditions
LOW	Good	Enjoy the event Be alert

As you approach all Relay Exchange Zones and the split for the Half Marathon you will see color coded signs that match your bib color. Please stay to the side of the road that corresponds to your bib color for a hassle-free transition through these critical points.

M	MARATHON
H	HALF MARATHON
R	TEAM RELAY

FINISH LINE

The finish on Main - 300 S. Main St

After you cross the Finish Line continue on Main St to receive your water, medal and series medal, for series participants. Marathon and Half Marathon participants will be given a Heatsheet to keep warm. If you are in need of medical attention there will be a medical tent on S. Main St.

Family Reunion

It is encouraged to designate a reunion location and meeting time (i.e. 30 minutes after your anticipated finish time) prior to starting your race.

Lost and Found

Lost items will be taken to the Information Booth located at the finish line. Items left at the race will be taken to the Akron Marathon office and kept for 2 weeks.

Shower Facilities

Showers and changing facilities will be available, free of charge, courtesy of the Downtown YMCA located at 477 E. Market Street (1.5 miles from the finish line). Please bring your bib and photo ID for access.



KultureCity: Sensory Inclusion

The Akron Marathon has teamed up with KultureCity to help those who may need additional support in the race environment. Sensory bags will be available at the Information Booths located at the Health and Fitness Expo, Start Line, and Finish Line.



Results and Awards

For final results and live updates visit AkronMarathon.org/results.

Prize Money

Marathon				
	Open Men	Open Women	Masters Men	Masters Women
1st Place	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$500	\$500
2nd Place	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$375	\$375
3rd Place	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$250	\$250

Ohio Resident		
This prize money is awarded to the first 3 men and women to finish the marathon who are residents of the state of Ohio at the time of the race regardless of age.		
	Open Men	Open Women
1st Place	\$750	\$750
2nd Place	\$500	\$500
3rd Place	\$250	\$250

Half Marathon				
	Open Men	Open Women	Masters Men	Masters Women
1st Place	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$400	\$400
2nd Place	\$750	\$750	\$300	\$300
3rd Place	\$500	\$500	\$200	\$200

Corporate Challenge

Visit the [Corporate Challenge page](#) to see all the Corporate Challenge awards: akronmarathon.org/corporate-challenge/

Overall Awards

An award ceremony will take place at 8:50 a.m. for the Half Marathon and 10:45 a.m. for the Full Marathon.

Age Group Awards

Top three Male and Female Marathon and Half Marathon finishers in all age categories will receive awards: 19 and under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 and 70+. You can win only one award. Overall and masters winners are taken out of age group awards.

Team Relay Awards

Top three teams in the Men's, Women's, Mixed, Masters Men's, Masters Women's, and Masters Mixed categories of the 5-Person Team Relay will receive awards.

Wheelchair Division Awards

Top Male and Female Marathon will receive awards.

All age group, team relay, and wheelchair awards will be mailed 4-6 weeks after the race.

FINISHER FESTIVAL

As you enter the Finisher Festival, there will be an Information Booth, medal engraving, merchandise tent and restrooms. Redeem your beer and food tickets while enjoying the live band.

Visit the Acme food tent located in the Finisher Festival to also receive your finisher food bag and fluids.

Ritchie's Sporting Goods is providing medal engraving service for a \$15 fee inside the Finisher Festival. You may pre-order, through 9/24, during registration. You can pay for the service during registration or onsite. You can view your finisher time by visiting AkronMarathon.org/results.

NEW FOR 2023 Food Trucks

Participants will receive a food truck ticket valid for one item at our food trucks inside the Finisher Festival. Participants may pick from Swensons, Chick-fil-A, OH Donut Co., and Sandy Bottom Bowls; additional items may be purchased. Gluten free and vegan bags can be picked up at the Acme food tent.

Food trucks are available to participants and spectators.

Sustainability

Please support our sustainability efforts by utilizing the waste stations within the Finisher Festival. Green team members will assist you in properly disposing of any items.



Food Trucks at the Finish

Items listed below can be purchased by participants and spectators

Credit card accepted at all trucks

SEPTEMBER 30		FirstEnergy MARATHON HALF RELAY
 <p>Swensons <i>Also accept cash</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Cheeseburger *Galley Boy *Salad Boy <p>Sides: Onion Rings, Potato Teezers</p>	 <p>Sandy Bottom Bowls <i>Also accept cash & Apple Pay</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The Original (6oz): smoothie base (açai, banana, strawberry, apple juice) topped with granola, banana, drizzle of Ohio Honey The Original: smoothie base (açai, banana, strawberry, apple juice) topped with granola, banana, drizzle of Ohio Honey The PB&A: smoothie base (açai, banana, strawberry, apple juice) topped with granola, creamy peanut butter, banana, strawberries, cacao nibs, drizzle of Ohio Honey Sandy Bottom Bowl: smoothie base (açai, banana, strawberry, apple juice) topped with granola, banana, strawberries, blueberries, goji berries, drizzle of Ohio Honey Red, White, & Blue: smoothie base (açai, banana, strawberry, apple juice) topped with granola, strawberry chunks, coconut flakes, blueberries, drizzle of Ohio Honey 	
 <p>OH Donut Co. <i>Also accept cash & Apple Pay</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Donut Cinnamon Rolls Bacon in a Cup Hot or Iced Coffee (traditional & other flavors) Bottled Water 	 <p>Chick-fil-A <i>No cash sales</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Chick-fil-A Original Chicken Sandwich 	

Food tickets are only redeemable for items marked with a *, one ticket per participant



TEAM RELAY

Transportation

The provided shuttle service is highly encouraged as driving and parking are extremely limited in some areas. Relay legs 1, 2 & 3 will walk to the start of their legs in downtown. Relay legs 4 & 5 should park downtown and take the shuttle to the start of their relay leg.

Shuttle Times:

Leg 4 - Downtown to Sand Run:
7:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Leg 5 - Downtown to Firestone CLC:
7:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

[View the full Team Relay Guide on our website](#)

akronmarathon.org/team-relay

Arriving

Once you arrive at your Relay Exchange Zone take time to familiarize yourself with the corrals, visit the restrooms, and prepare for your leg of the relay. When your team member is approximately 10 minutes from the Exchange Zone please proceed to the numerical staging area, based on your bib number. Spotters will be calling out the last three numbers on your bib as your teammate approaches the exchange zone. PLEASE KNOW YOUR BIB NUMBER. Once your bib number is called please move to the front row of your corral to meet your teammate, receive your team slap bracelet, and start your leg of the relay. There will be bottled water available for participants both starting and finishing at each exchange zone. Do not cross over a timing mat other than at a relay leg or the finish. To be a valid finisher in the team relay, participants must cross the Finish Line with the bib attached and your team slap bracelet. No bib or slap bracelet will result in race disqualification without an official time.

Exchange Zone Procedures

As you finish your leg of the relay, you will be directed to run over a timing mat. Continue for a short distance beyond the timing mat where race volunteers will assist you in finding your teammate. Upon finding your teammate clear the racecourse. Finishing participants will receive their medal at the Relay Exchange Zone and can head to the Finisher Festival. Relay leg 5 will finish on Main St and receive their medal before entering the Finisher Festival.

ARRIVAL TIMES TO RELAY LEG (30 MINUTES BEFORE ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL)

LEG	DISTANCE	START LOCATION	7 MIN PACE	9 MIN PACE	11 MIN PACE	13 MIN PACE	15 MIN PACE
#1	4.2	1 S. High St	6:30 am	6:30 am	6:30 am	6:30 am	6:30 am
#2	6.7	250 E. Mill St	7:00 am	7:05 am	7:20 am	7:30 am	7:35 am
#3	5.8	245 Wolf Ledges Pkwy	7:45 am	8:10 am	8:30 am	8:50 am	9:15 am
#4	4.5	1300 Sand Run Pkwy	8:30 am*	9:00 am*	9:35 am*	10:10 am*	10:45 am*
#5	5	1565 Fairfax Rd	9:00 am*	9:50 am*	10:30 am*	11:15 am*	11:45 am*

***RECOMMENDED TO BOARD RELAY BUS 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL TIME FOR RELAY LEGS 4 & 5**

2023 Marathon & Half Course

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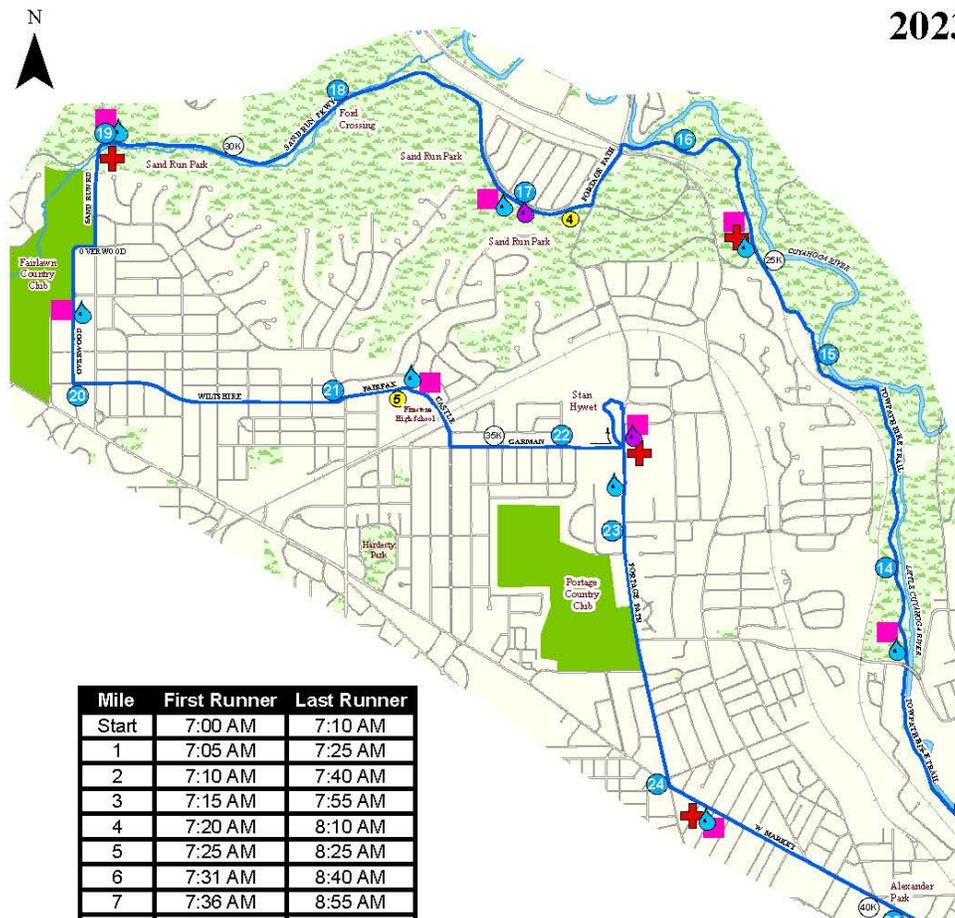


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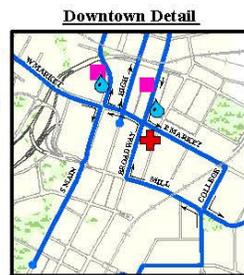


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Mile	First Runner	Last Runner
Start	7:00 AM	7:10 AM
1	7:05 AM	7:25 AM
2	7:10 AM	7:40 AM
3	7:15 AM	7:55 AM
4	7:20 AM	8:10 AM
5	7:25 AM	8:25 AM
6	7:31 AM	8:40 AM
7	7:36 AM	8:55 AM
8	7:41 AM	9:10 AM
9	7:46 AM	9:25 AM
10	7:51 AM	9:40 AM
11	7:56 AM	9:55 AM
12	8:02 AM	10:10 AM
13	8:07 AM	10:25 AM
14	8:12 AM	10:40 AM
15	8:17 AM	10:55 AM
16	8:22 AM	11:10 AM
17	8:27 AM	11:25 AM
18	8:33 AM	11:40 AM
19	8:38 AM	11:55 AM
20	8:43 AM	12:10 PM
21	8:48 AM	12:25 PM
22	8:53 AM	12:40 PM
23	8:58 AM	12:55 PM
24	9:04 AM	1:10 PM
25	9:09 AM	1:25 PM
26	9:14 AM	1:40 PM
26.2	9:15 AM	1:43 PM

Mile	First Runner	Last Runner
Start	7:00 AM	7:10 AM
1	7:04 AM	7:26 AM
2	7:09 AM	7:42 AM
3	7:14 AM	7:58 AM
4	7:19 AM	8:14 AM
5	7:24 AM	8:30 AM
6	7:29 AM	8:46 AM
7	7:34 AM	9:02 AM
8	7:39 AM	9:18 AM
9	7:44 AM	9:34 AM
10	7:49 AM	9:50 AM
11	7:54 AM	10:06 AM
12	7:59 AM	10:22 AM
13	8:04 AM	10:38 AM
13.1	8:05 AM	10:40 AM



Starting Line
1 S. High St.
Akron Art Museum

Finish Line
Canal Park Stadium
300 S. Main St.



- Start/Finish Lines
- Mile Marker
- Relay Leg
- Kilometer Marker
- Fluid Station
- Energy Gel Station
- Medical Aid Station
- Restroom
- Marathon Course
- Half Marathon Course

2023 Half Marathon Course

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Mile	First Runner	Last Runner
Start	7:00 AM	7:10 AM
1	7:04 AM	7:26 AM
2	7:09 AM	7:42 AM
3	7:14 AM	7:58 AM
4	7:19 AM	8:14 AM
5	7:24 AM	8:30 AM
6	7:29 AM	8:46 AM
7	7:34 AM	9:02 AM
8	7:39 AM	9:18 AM
9	7:44 AM	9:34 AM
10	7:49 AM	9:50 AM
11	7:54 AM	10:06 AM
12	7:59 AM	10:22 AM
13	8:04 AM	10:38 AM
13.1	8:05 AM	10:40 AM



- Start/Finish Lines
- Half Mile Marker
- Relay Leg
- Kilometer Marker
- 💧 Fluid Station
- 💧 Energy Gel Station
- + Medical Aid Station
- Restroom
- Half Marathon Course



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START LINE MAP

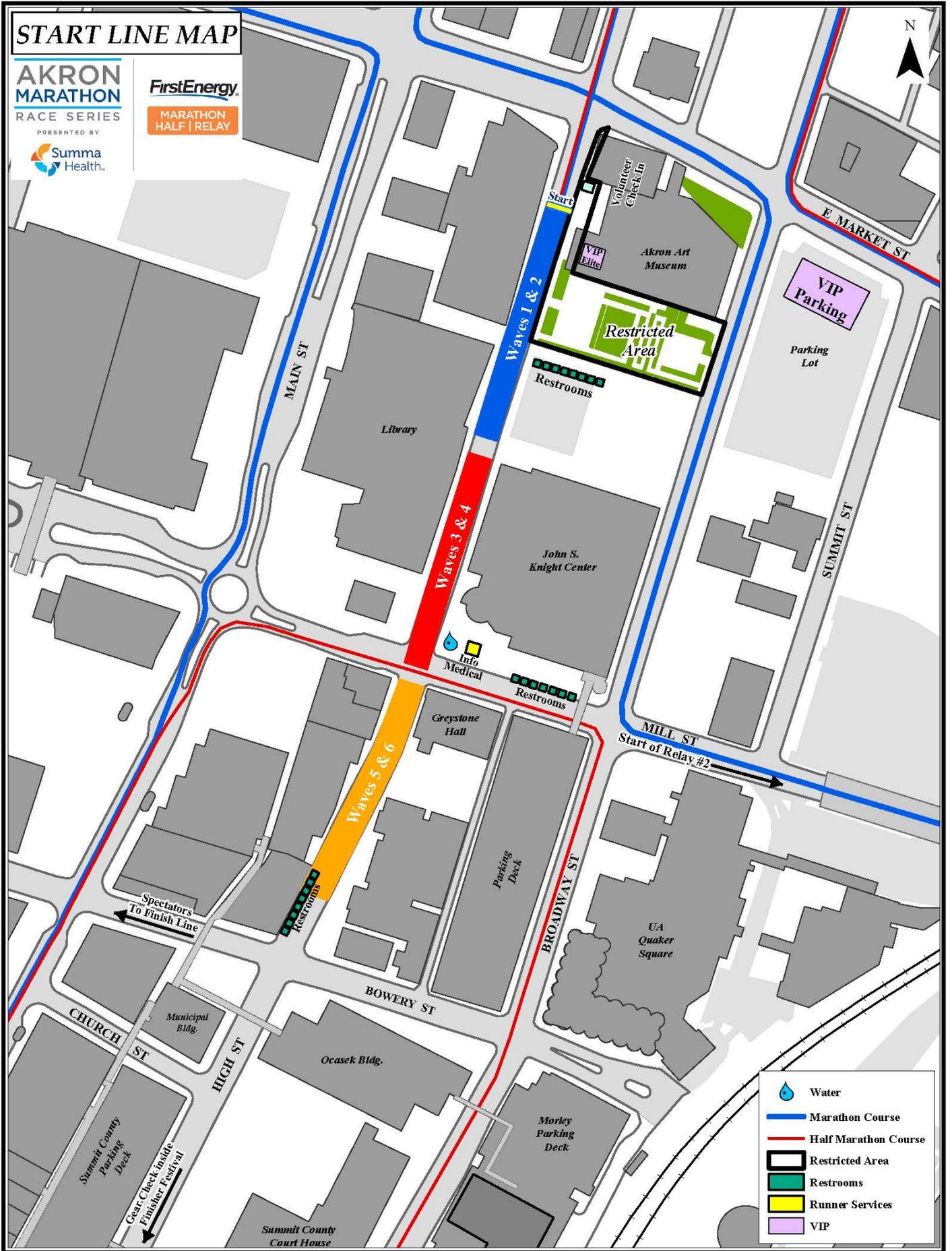
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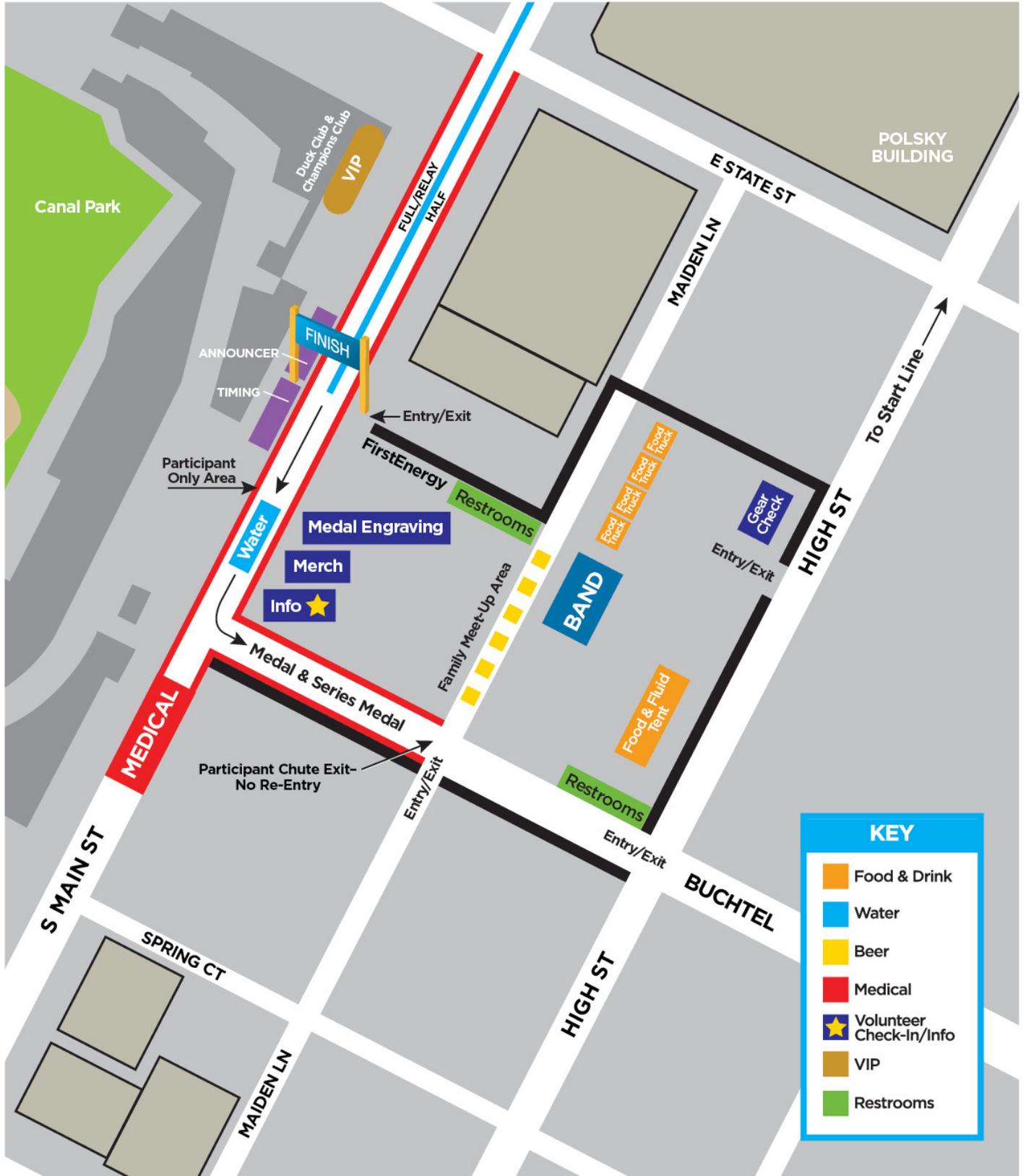
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	Water
	Marathon Course
	Half Marathon Course
	Restricted Area
	Restrooms
	Runner Services
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2023 Finisher Festival Map



Kids Fun Run Course

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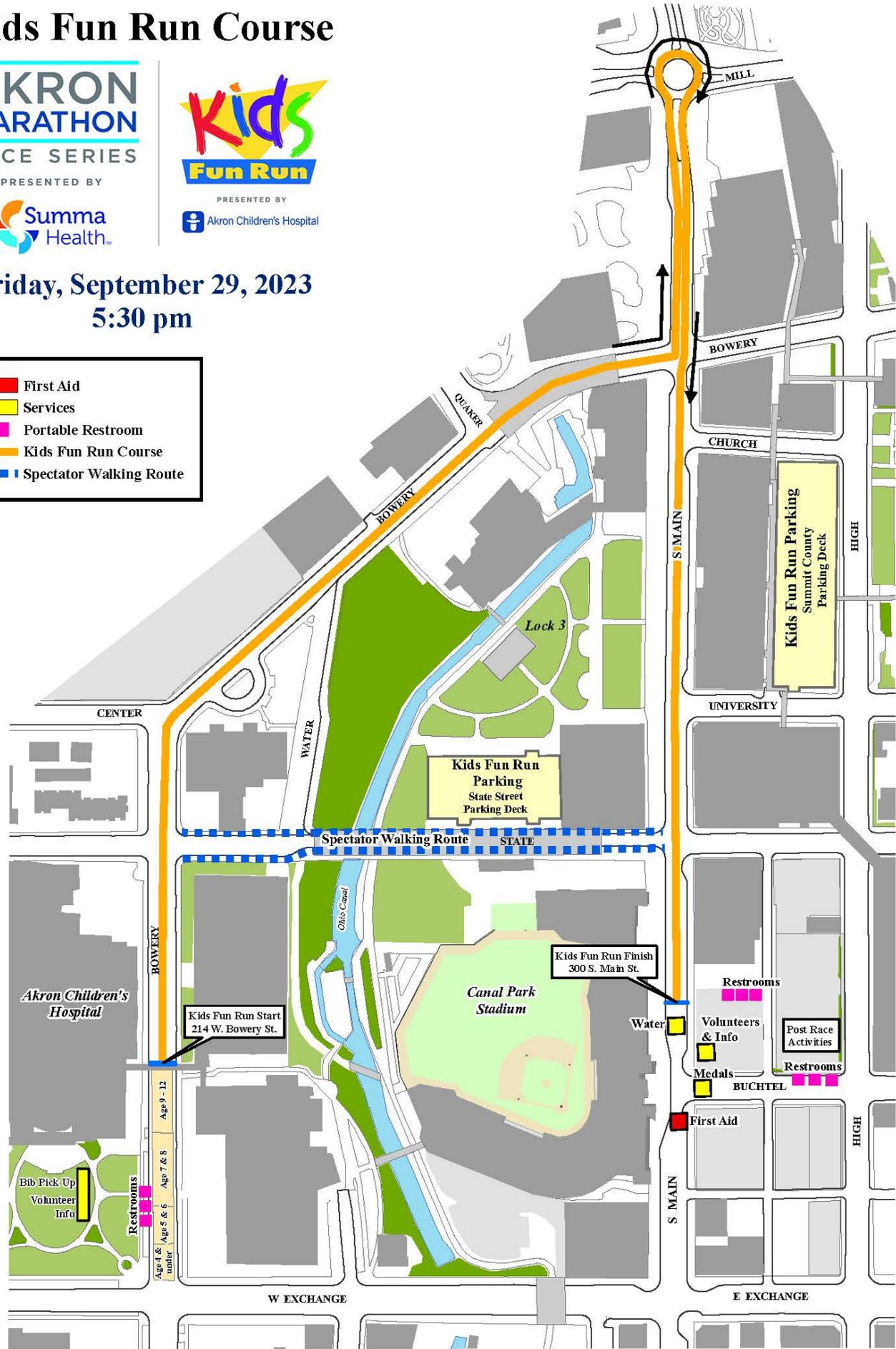


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**Friday, September 29, 2023
5:30 pm**

- First Aid
- Services
- Portable Restroom
- Kids Fun Run Course
- Spectator Walking Route



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ROAD CLOSURES

ROAD CLOSURES - Friday, September 29, 2023

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. High St.	Between E. Mill St. and E. Market St.	Beginning at 6:30 p.m.
S. Main St.	Between State St. and Exchange St.	Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
W. Bowery St.	Between W. Exchange St. and W. State St.	2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

ROAD CLOSURES – Saturday, September 30, 2023

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. High	Between Bowery St. and Martin Luther King Blvd.	5:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Y-Bridge southbound	Between Martin Luther King Blvd. and N. Main St.	7:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
N. Main St. southbound	Between Olive St. and E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave.	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Tallmadge Ave.	Between Cuyahoga St. and N. Main St.	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave.	Between N. Main St. and Carpenter St.	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
N. Main St. northbound	Between E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave. and Olive St.	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Y-Bridge northbound	Between N. Main St. and Martin Luther King Blvd.	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
S. Broadway St.	Between Martin Luther King Blvd. and Exchange St.	7:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Market St. (eastbound lanes only)	Between Rand Ave. and Forge.	6:55 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.
S. College St.	Between E. Market St. and Buchtel Ave.	7:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
E. Mill St.	Between S. Main St. and Fir Hill	7:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Fir Hill	Between S. Forge St. and E. Buchtel Ave.	7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
E. Buchtel Ave.	Between Goodkirk St. and Hill St.	7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Spicer St.	Between E. Buchtel Ave. and E. Thornton St.	7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Power St.	Between Spicer St. and Brown St.	7:15 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.
Brown St.	Between E. Exchange St. and W. Wilbeth Rd.	7:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
N. Firestone Blvd.	Between Brown St. and E. Firestone Blvd.	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Girard St.	Between N. Firestone Bl. and Lindenwood Ave.	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Lindenwood Ave.	Between Aster Ave. and N. Firestone Blvd.	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Aster Ave.	Between S. Firestone Blvd. and N. Firestone Blvd.	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
S. Firestone Blvd. (Westbound lanes only)	Between E. Wilbeth Rd. and N. Firestone Blvd.	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
E. Firestone Blvd. (Westbound lanes only)	Between Firestone Blvd. and S. Main St.	7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
S. Main St. northbound	Between E. Wilbeth Rd. and Thornton St.	7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
E. Thornton St.	Between S. Main St. and Grant St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Wolf Ledges Pkwy. southbound	Between Thornton St. and University Ave.	7:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Wolf Ledges Pkwy northbound	Between Arc. Dr. and University Ave.	7:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
University Ave.	Between S. High St. and Hill St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Hill St.	Between S. Forge St. and University Ave.	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
E. Buchtel Ave.	Between Hill St. and S. College St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
S. College St.	Between E. Buchtel Ave. and E. Market St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Carroll St.	Between Wolf Ledges Pkwy and U of A Campus	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Buckeye St.	Between Carroll St. and E. Exchange St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Exchange St. (Northern westbound lane only)	Between Buckeye St. and W. Bowery St.	7:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
N. Main St. (Southbound lanes only)	Between Market St. and Martin Luther King Blvd.	8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
N Howard St. (Southbound lanes only)	Between N. Main St. and Cuyahoga St.	8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
W. North St.	Between N. Howard St. and N. Maple St.	8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Merriman Rd.	Between Treaty Line and N. Portage Path	8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
N. Portage Path	Between Treaty Line and Merriman Rd.	8:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Sand Run Pkwy.	Between N. Portage Path and Revere Rd.	8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sand Run Rd.	Between W. Market St. and Smith Rd.	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Overwood Rd.	Between Sand Run Rd and Wiltshire	8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Wiltshire Rd.	Between Overwood Rd. and N. Hawkins Ave.	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Fairfax Rd.	Between N. Hawkins Ave. and Castle Blvd.	8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Rampart Ave.	Between Fairfax Rd. and Bond St.	8:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Castle Blvd.	Between Fairfax Rd. and Garman Rd.	8:40 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Garman Rd.	Between Melbourne Ave. and N. Portage Path	8:40 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
N. Portage Path southbound	Between Mayfair Rd. and W. Market St.	8:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
W. Market St. eastbound	Between Portage Path and S. Main St.	8:50 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.
S. Main St.	Between Market St. and Exchange St.	9:00 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.
IR 76 W / Exit 22 (Downtown) (Total Closure)	Detour to Dart Ave. exit.	7:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

On race day use the WAZE app for directions around the road closures.

Downtown Akron Locations - 2023

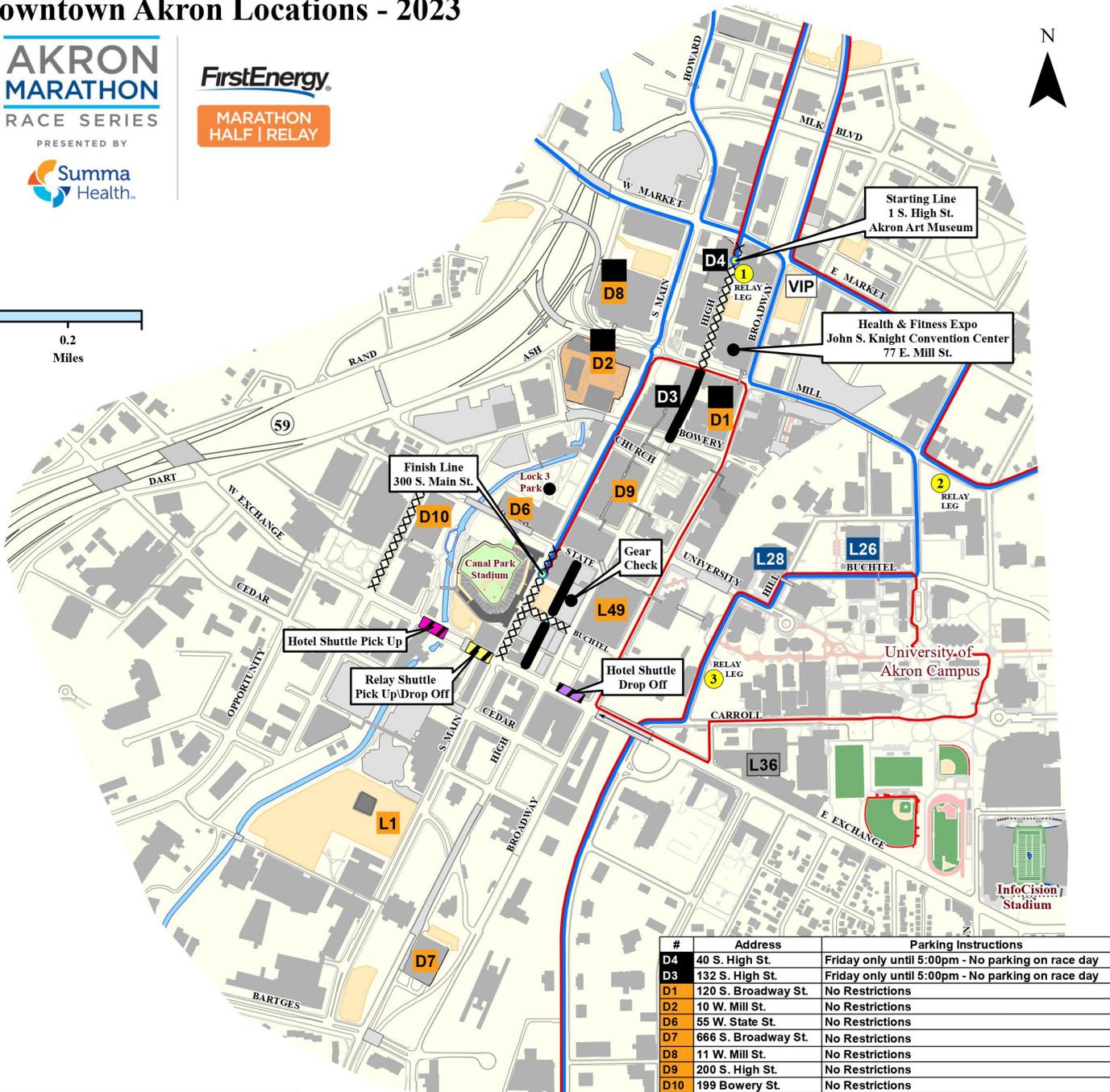
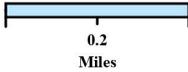
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Relay Shuttle Schedule

To Relay Leg 4: 7:15 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.
To Relay Leg 5: 7:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

#	Address	Parking Instructions
D4	40 S. High St.	Friday only until 5:00pm - No parking on race day
D3	132 S. High St.	Friday only until 5:00pm - No parking on race day
D1	120 S. Broadway St.	No Restrictions
D2	10 W. Mill St.	No Restrictions
D6	55 W. State St.	No Restrictions
D7	666 S. Broadway St.	No Restrictions
D8	11 W. Mill St.	No Restrictions
D9	200 S. High St.	No Restrictions
D10	199 Bowery St.	No Restrictions
L1	500 S. Main St.	No Restrictions
L49	275 South High St.	No Restrictions
L26	229 E. Buchtel Ave.	Delayed exit 10:30am
L28	198 Hill St.	Delayed exit 10:30am
L36	261 E. Exchange St.	Delayed exit 8:30am

XXXXXX Road Closures – Friday

Buchtel from Main to High (beginning at 8:00am)
Main from Exchange to State (beginning at 8:00am)
High from Market to Mill (beginning 6:30pm)
Bowery from Exchange to State (3:00pm – 6:00pm)

— Road Closures – Saturday Morning 5:00am

High from Mill to Bowery (beginning 5:00am)
Maiden Lane from State to Exchange (beginning at 5:00am)

— Road Closures – Saturday Morning 6:50am

* For complete list of road closures visit AkronMarathon.org

● Start/Finish Lines

● Points of Interest

● Relay Leg

XXXX Road Closures - Friday

— Road Closures - Saturday Morning 5:00 am

— Road Closures - Saturday Morning 6:50 am

— Marathon Course

— Half Marathon Course

■ Suggested Parking for Packet Pickup

▨ Hotel Shuttle Bus Drop Off

▨ Hotel Shuttle Bus Pick Up

▨ Relay Shuttle Pick Up/Drop Off

*Map Created By Wendy Doyle - GIS Cartographer, City of Akron

Directions and Parking

Please note that we are expecting 7,000 participants as well as thousands of volunteers and spectators making their way to downtown Akron on race morning.

Please reference the Downtown Akron Map on page 14 for color coded parking. Please follow this carefully designed parking system as special care has gone into matching available parking spaces by participants.

The routes below offer minimal road closing interference and include directional signage to suggested parking based on race day arrival times.

Additional signage will be placed downtown to direct foot traffic to the Start Line, Finish Line, relay legs 2 & 3, and relay shuttle buses.

Arriving before 7:00 a.m.

Decks along High St, Broadway, and Exchange St are suggested for participants planning to race/watch the start. Decks along the course close at 7:00 a.m.

From the north or west Via I-77 (Cleveland/Fairlawn):
I-77/I-76 (they run concurrently) to Main/Broadway/Downtown. Stay to the left after you exit and make a left turn at the first light onto Main St. Main St. becomes Broadway.

From the east Via I-76:
I-76/I-77 (they run concurrently). Exit at Broadway/Main/Downtown. Continue onto Broadway.

From the south Via I-71:
I-71 to I-76 east, continue onto 224 east to I-77 north and continue on Rt 8 north.
From there follow options 1&2 below.

From the south Via I-77 & east Via I-76:
I-77/I-76 to Rt 8 north.

Option 1: To High/Broadway decks: Exit at Perkins. Turn left on Perkins, turn left on Main St. Left on Bowery St. Right on High St.

Option 2: To Buchtel/Exchange St decks: Exit at OH-18/Carroll St/Buchtel Ave (Exit 1A). Continue onto Fountain St. Turn left on Carroll St. Route differs from here based on which deck you choose.

Important Addresses

Please note, once you get into downtown, road closings may detour you.

- Start Line/ Akron Art Museum:
1 S. High St, Akron, 44308
- Relay Leg #2:
250 E. Mill St, Akron, 44308
- Relay Leg #3:
245 Wolf Ledges, Akron, 44325
- Shuttle Buses:
9 W Exchange St, Akron, 44308
- Finish Line:
300 S. Main St, Akron, Ohio 44308

Arriving after 7:00 a.m.

Decks and lots on the west side of Main St and South of Exchange St are suggested for relay legs 2-5 arriving after 7:00 a.m. Please note roads along the course will close at 7:00 a.m.

From the north or west Via I-77: (Cleveland/ Fairlawn):
I-77/I-76 (they run concurrently). Take Exit onto 59 east/Downtown. Route differs from here based on which deck you choose.

From the south taking I-71 to I-76 east: Continue onto 224 east. Exit 2 onto OH-93/Manchester Rd. Left on Waterloo. Left on Manchester Rd. Continue right on East Ave. Turn right on Vernon Odom BLVD.

From the south Via I-77:
I-77 to 224 west (Exit 122B). Exit at OH-93 (Exit 2). Right onto OH-93. Continue right on East Ave. Turn right on Vernon Odom BLVD.

From the east taking I-77/I-76 west: I-77/I-76 (they run concurrently) to Rt 59/Dart Ave (Exit 21C). Turn right after you exit onto Boulevard St. Stay left to continue on Dart Ave. Route differs from here based on which deck you choose.

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