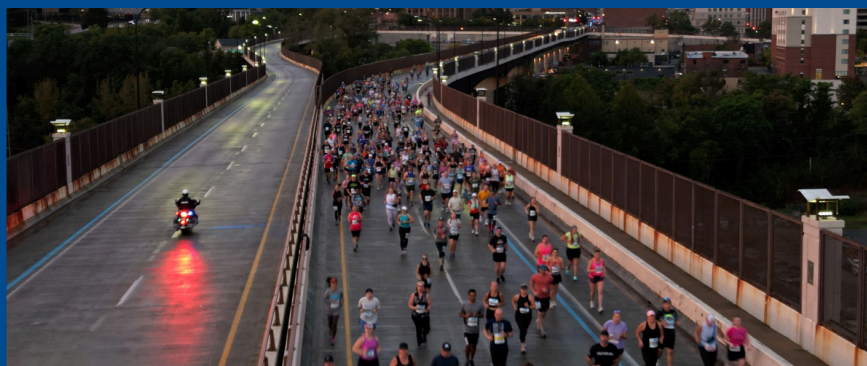


# FIRSTENERGY AKRON MARATHON, HALF MARATHON, & TEAM RELAY

September 26-27, 2025

## FINAL INSTRUCTIONS



### RACE WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

#### FRIDAY

Health & Fitness Expo presented by the Akron Area YMCA:

John S. Knight Center

77 E. Mill St, Akron

Packet Pickup, Official Merchandise Store presented by Fleet Feet, Expo Vendors, and more.

11:00 a.m. - Doors Open

8:00 p.m. - Doors Close

The Mandel Family Kids Fun Run presented by Akron Children's Hospital:

Start: Akron Children's Hospital

214 W. Bowery St, Akron

Finish: Lock 3

200 S. Main St, Akron

5:00 p.m. - Bib Pickup Opens

6:00 p.m. - Race Start

6:45 p.m. - Course Closes

7:30 p.m. - Venue Closes

#### SATURDAY

FirstEnergy Akron Marathon, Half Marathon, & Team Relay:

Start: Akron Art Museum

1 S. High St, Akron

Finish: Lock 3

200 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

1:45 p.m. - Course Closes

2:00 p.m. - FirstEnergy Finisher Festival Closes

#### RACE SERIES APP

Download the app in the Apple or Google store by searching Akron Marathon Race Series. The app features bib lookup and tracking. Be sure to enable Event Announcement notifications.



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# HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO

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 26, 2025. 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 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.



## Series Participants

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



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

**Date: Friday, September 26  
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

## Explore the Health & Fitness Expo:

While you pick up your bib and participant shirt, explore the various features at the Expo, including:

- Contribute to the RunAkron collaborative mural, sponsored by The Fuchs and Kranz Family Foundations. Make your mark on a community art piece that will later be displayed at the Finisher Festival.
- Meet 2025 Ambassador Butch Reynolds at his booth from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Look and feel your best! Explore the Ready, Set, PR Zone. This area has complimentary experiences like hair braiding, custom shoe charms, glitter freckles, and inspirational temporary tattoos.
- Purchase Akron Marathon merchandise at the Official Store presented by Fleet Feet.
- Donate gently used sneakers and pick up your HydraPak Speed Cup that can be used on race day at fluid stations.
- Swing through the Runners' Lounge with NormaTec boots and massages, and the spectator sign-making station.



# The Mandel Family Kids Fun Run

presented by Akron Children's Hospital

The Mandel Family



PRESENTED BY



Akron Children's Hospital

Date: Friday, September 26  
Start: Akron Children's Hospital  
214 W. Bowery St, Akron  
Finish: Lock 3  
200 S. Main St, Akron

## Kids Fun Run Schedule

- 5:00 p.m. On-site registration and Bib Pickup opens
- 6:00 p.m. Race Start, post-race activities begin
- 7:30 p.m. Post-race activities close
- 8:00 p.m. Akron Children's Museum closes

FREE fun run for children 12 years of age and under. All participants receive a pair of wristbands, goodie bag, medal, & healthy snack. After the run, enjoy kid friendly music at the Lock 3 stage, interact with community partners at the finisher festival, participate in games and activities, and grab ice cream from Henry's Creamery. All participants can access the Akron Children's Museum, free of charge, until 8:00 p.m.

**View the course map on page 14**



For additional Kids Fun Run information visit the Akron Marathon website.

# START

## \*NEW\* Corral Location

In 2025, participants will encounter a reversed start line experience. Although the start line structure remains in the same location as 2024, participant corrals will extend north from Market St to MLK BLVD. See map on page 12. The race will head south on High St.

Participants should begin loading into their respective corral 30 minutes before race start. Corrals will close 15 minutes before race start. There will be wave and pace signs which indicate where to line up inside the corral.

Each participants' time begins 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 7 crosses the starting line. If you are not at the start line at this time, you will not have an official race time.

## Wave Start

The race will start in 7 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. Your wave number will be indicated on your race bib.

	WAVE	PACE
Blue Corral	Elite	Assigned
	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 - 9:59
Orange Corral	Wave 5	10:00 - 10:59
	Wave 6	11:00 - 11:59
	Wave 7	12:00 - plus

## Medical

For any medical needs, Summa Health will be near the Information Booth just south of the start line.

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

## Restroom Locations

Restrooms will be located on Market St. for those in Waves 1-4. For those in waves 5-7 there will be restrooms located in the parking lot close to your corral.

## 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.

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 will have delayed exiting.

## Spectators

The starting corrals are for participants only! We ask that all spectators view the start near Mill St. south of the Start Line. This will reduce congestion and allow ample space for participants and spectators alike. For spectator viewing information, see page 6.

## Prohibited Items

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 participant goes against USATF rules and could result in disqualification. It is important that family, friends, and teammates 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.

Information Booths will be located at the Health & Fitness Expo, Start Line, and Finish Line to help with any race related questions or concerns.



# COURSE

## \*NEW \* Course

The 2025 course features a dynamic downtown start, a new South Main Street finish, and a high-energy Finisher Festival at the newly revitalized Lock 3. Participants can look forward to a smoother, faster experience with reduced elevation in the first half, while preserving Akron's signature hills for those taking on the challenge of 26.2 miles. See pages 10 & 11 for the maps.

## 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:** \*NEW for 2025! For the first time, all race participants will receive a reusable, event-branded HydraPak SpeedCup™ at the Health & Fitness Expo. While recyclable paper cups will still be available at fluid stations, the addition of the SpeedCup™ offers participants multiple hydration options. Participants can choose to use the SpeedCup™, their own hydration pack, or the provided paper cups.

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 and your SpeedCup™ at the beginning of each fluid station. Volunteers will assist in refilling your SpeedCup™ or bottle. We do not recommend taking food or fluids from non-official locations.

**Energy:** Salted Caramel (w/caffeine) & Raspberry Lemonade (no caffeine) GU Energy Gel and Blueberry Pomegranate (no caffeine) GU Energy Chews will be provided at 3 locations along the Marathon course for full and half marathon participants only. In addition, pretzels & Nerds Gummy Clusters will be provided at the last 2 locations. 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, 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 dehydrated participants, can adversely affect the kidneys and can increase the risk of hyponatremia (low blood sodium). Tylenol will be available.

## 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 minutes per mile pace. The half marathon route will remain open for 3.5 hours, equivalent to a 16:00 minutes 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 12.5 by 10:20 a.m. to continue on to the full course.

## Pace Team

Provided by On Pace, pacers will be available for many of the Boston Marathon qualifying times. Pacers will follow the Full Marathon route. Half Marathon runners can join the pace team up to the split at mile 12.5. 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.



## Signage

Located at each 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	M	MARATHON
HIGH	Potentially Dangerous	Slow down Observe course changes Follow official instruction Consider stopping	H	HALF MARATHON
MODERATE	Less than ideal	Slow down Be prepared for worsening conditions	R	TEAM RELAY
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.

## \*NEW \* Course Split

New in 2025, the Half Marathon will follow the Full Marathon course until mile 12.5. When participants come off the Y-Bridge onto High St shortly after mile 12.4, the Half Marathon will shift to the left side of the road, Full Marathon and Relay participants will shift to the right side of the road. At Market St, the Half Marathon will turn left to separate from the Full Marathon course. The Full Marathon and Relay will turn right on Market St. Please pay attention to signs and volunteers at this location to make sure you stay on the appropriate course.

# SPECTATORS & ACCESSIBILITY

## 1 Viewing Point #1 (Start Line)

Watch the start of the race south of the starting line near Mill St. Spectators are not allowed inside the start line corrals.

## 2 Viewing Point #2 (Mile 8.7)

From Start Line: ●●●●

- Walk east one block on Mill St.
- View runners at mile 8.7 on Broadway.

## 3 Viewing Point #3 (Mile 12.6)

### \*Marathon & Relay only

From Broadway: ●●●●

- Walk north on Broadway.
- Left on Market St. walk west 2 blocks.
- View runners on Market St. near Main St.

## 4 Viewing Point #4 (Finish Line)

From Broadway: ●●●●

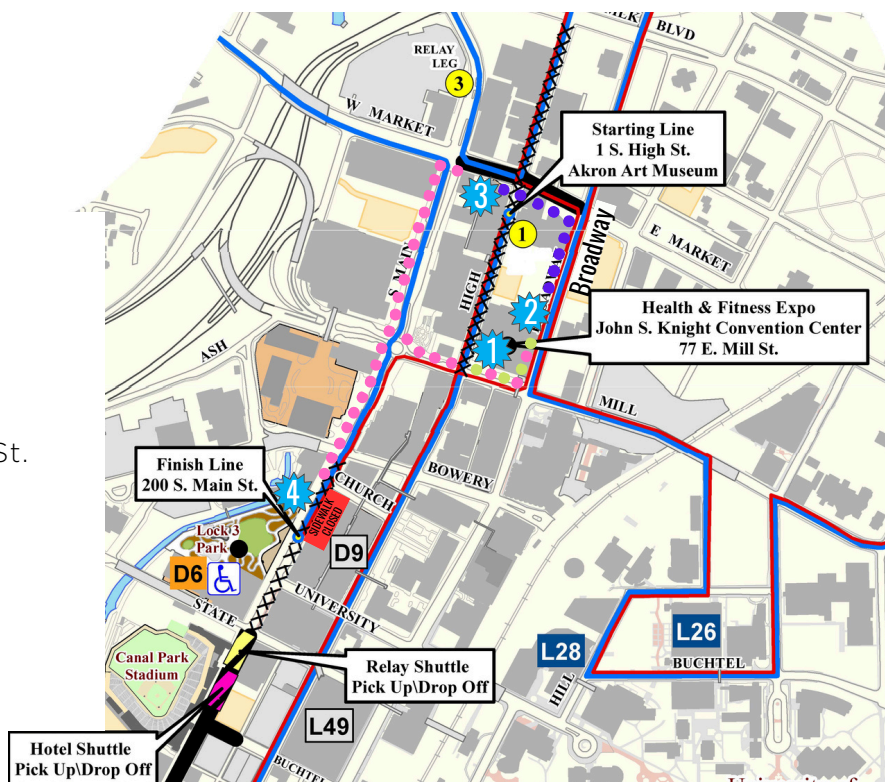
- Right on Mill St.
- Cross Main St. at Mill. Left on Main St. to reach the Finish Line / enter the Finisher Festival.

From Market St:

- Cross Main St. at Market St. Left on Main St. to reach the Finish Line / enter the Finisher Festival.

\*Due to sidewalk CLOSURE near the Finish Line on Main St. use the western, righthand, sidewalk as you head to the Finish Line.

## 2025 Spectator Map



\*Spectators: Please stay on sidewalks. Please be aware of participants as you cross the roads. Please note some roads remain open for traffic.

\*Participants and spectators should choose a meeting location prior to the race, to meet up at after the race.

## Accessibility Information

### Guide Dogs & Service Animals

Pets are not permitted on the course or at the Finisher Festival, however, approved guide dogs and service animals are permitted.

### 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 Booth located at the Health & Fitness Expo, Start Line, & Finish Line.

### Restroom Accommodations

Portable restrooms with wheelchair accessibility are located near the front entrance of the Art Museum and on Market St. at the Start Line. At the Finish Line they are located in the Finisher Festival and inside the medical tent and indoor restrooms are available inside of Lock 3.

### Adult Changing Tables

Adult changing tables are available inside Lock 3 at the FirstEnergy Finisher Festival and at Akron Children's Hospital at the Start of the Kids Fun Run.

### Parking Accommodations

Accessible parking for the finish line viewing area is available at the State Street Deck, 51 W. State St. For parking at the start line, accessible parking is available with a VIP pass by request.



### Transportation

A UDS van with wheelchair accessibility will be located on the corner of Main St. and Buchtel from 7am - 12pm for any race day needs.

### Accessibility Accommodations

For volunteer or spectator accommodation requests, please reach out to us at [info@akronmarathon.org](mailto:info@akronmarathon.org).



# FINISH LINE

## \*NEW\* Finish Line Location

The Finish Line will be located on S. Main St just outside the newly renovated Lock 3.

Participants will receive water, their medal and their series medal, for race series finishers, after crossing the finish line. 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 available 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 inside the Finisher Festival. 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 St (1.5 miles from Lock 3). Please bring your bib and photo ID for access.



## Results and Awards

For final results and live updates visit [AkronMarathon.org/results](http://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



Achieve a Personal Record? Ring the PR Bell in the Finisher Festival to celebrate!

## 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, 70-74, 74-79, and 80+. 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.

## Non-Binary Awards

Top three overall finishers in the Marathon and Half Marathon will receive an award. These awards are based on chip time.

## Wheelchair Division Awards

Top finishers in each division will receive an award. These awards are based on gun time.

Age Group, Team Relay, Non-Binary, and wheelchair awards will be mailed 6-8 weeks after the race.

# FINISHER FESTIVAL

As you enter the FirstEnergy Finisher Festival at the newly renovated Lock 3, there will be an Information Booth, medal engraving, merchandise tent and indoor restrooms. Celebrate your accomplishment by enjoying the live band on the Maynard Performance Pavilion, redeeming food and drink tickets, and relaxing on the lawn with family & friends!

For medal engraving visit [AkronMarathon.org/results](http://AkronMarathon.org/results) to view your finish time. Ritchie's Sporting Goods is providing the service for a \$15 fee. You may pre-register, through 9/21, and pay for the service during registration or pay onsite.

Participants in multiple legs or events can pick up their relay and series medal at the information booth.

Drink tickets can be redeemed for your choice of two drinks- beer, soda, or Akron Honey cold brew tea. Beer cannot be taken outside of the Finisher Festival area.

Food truck tickets are valid for one item at one of our food trucks inside the Finisher Festival. Participants may pick one item from any of the trucks, City Barbeque, Sandy Bottom Bowls, or Swensons.

Sandy Bottom Bowls & Swensons are available to participants and spectators, City Barbeque is only available for participants.

You can get your ACME food bag in the Lock 3 Commons and visit the hydration tent for your chocolate milk, sports drink, or additional water.



## Sustainable Recycle Stations

Please help support our sustainability efforts by placing all trash and recycling items on a table at any of our Recycle Stations in the Finisher Festival. Green team volunteers will assist in diversion of each item to the correct bin. Your efforts help us strive towards keeping this a Zero Waste event!

## Food Trucks

Items listed at Sandy Bottom Bowls and Swensons can be purchased by participants and spectators.

Credit card is accepted at all trucks.

Food truck tickets are only redeemable for items marked with a \* from the list below, one ticket per participant.

### City Barbeque



\*Chicken topped Mac & Cheese

\*Pork topped Mac & Cheese

\*Coleslaw topped Black Bean Burger (vegan & gluten free)

### Sandy Bottom Bowls



Also accept cash & Apple Pay

\*The Original (6oz): smoothie base (açai, banana, strawberry, apple juice) topped with granola, banana, drizzle of Ohio Honey (Gluten-free/vegan options available upon request)

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

### Swensons

Also accept cash

\*Double Cheeseburger

\*Galley Boy

\*Salad Boy

Sides: Onion Rings, Teezers







# TEAM RELAY

## Transportation

The provided shuttle service is highly encouraged as driving and parking are extremely limited and restricted 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.

For additional information, visit the [Akron Marathon website](#) and read the [Team Relay Guide](#).

## 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 and start your leg of the relay. There will be bottled water available for participants starting at the exchange zone and for all participants finishing at each exchange zone.

## Relay Exchange Zone Procedures

As you finish your leg of the relay, you will be directed to cross 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 FirstEnergy Finisher Festival at Lock 3. 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 FINISH OF PRIOR LEG)

LEG	DISTANCE	START LOCATION	7 MIN PACE	9 MIN PACE	11 MIN PACE	13 MIN PACE	15 MIN PACE
#1	7	1 S. High St	6:30 am	6:30 am	6:30 am	6:30 am	6:30 am
#2	5.7	300 Spicer St	7:15 am	7:35 am	7:50 am	8:00 am	8:20 am
#3	4.6	30 N. Main St	8:00 am	8:25 am	8:50 am	9:15 am	9:45 am
#4	4.4	1300 Sand Run Pkwy	8:30 am*	9:00 am*	9:45 am*	10:15 am*	10:45 am*
#5	4.5	1565 Fairfax Rd	9:00 am*	9:45 am*	10:30 am*	11:10 am*	11:45 am*

\*NEW\* Shuttle Location  
  
Located on Main St. at State St.  
  
See Downtown Map on Page 17

- \*RECOMMENDED TO BOARD RELAY BUS 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL TIME FOR RELAY LEGS 4 & 5
- \*FINAL SHUTTLE TO START OF RELAY LEG 4 IS 10:15AM.
- \*FINAL SHUTTLE TO START OF RELAY LEG 5 IS 11:15AM.



# 2025 Marathon Course

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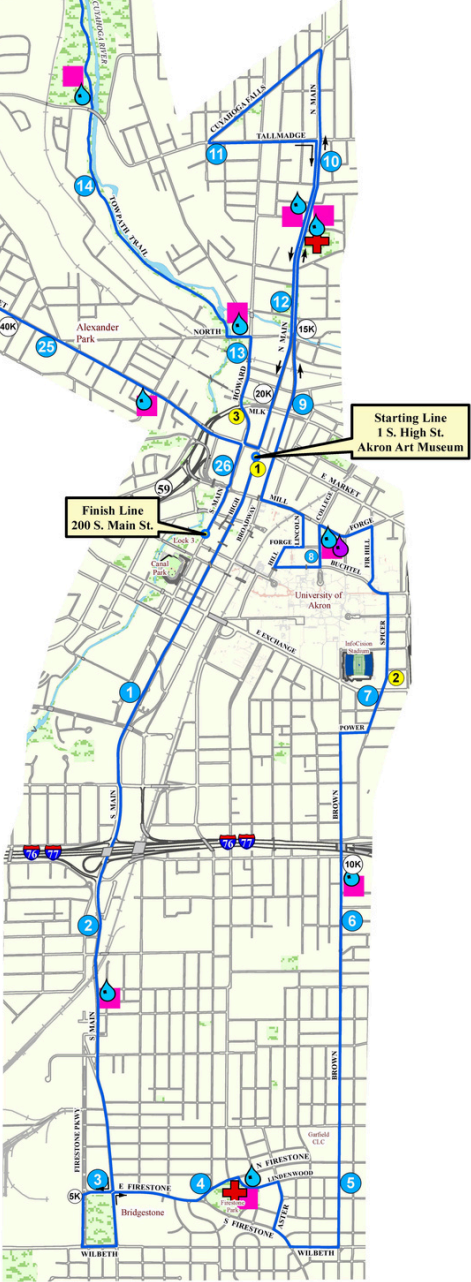
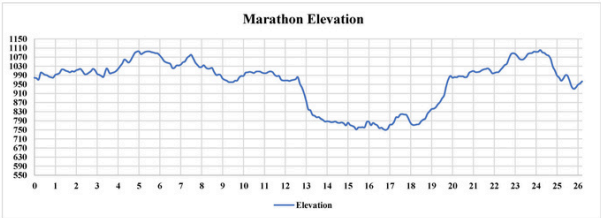


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Mile	First Runner	Last Runner
Start	7:00 AM	7:12 AM
1	7:05 AM	7:27 AM
2	7:10 AM	7:42 AM
3	7:15 AM	7:57 AM
4	7:20 AM	8:12 AM
5	7:25 AM	8:27 AM
6	7:31 AM	8:42 AM
7	7:36 AM	8:57 AM
8	7:41 AM	9:12 AM
9	7:46 AM	9:27 AM
10	7:51 AM	9:42 AM
11	7:56 AM	9:57 AM
12	8:02 AM	10:12 AM
13	8:07 AM	10:27 AM
14	8:12 AM	10:42 AM
15	8:17 AM	10:57 AM
16	8:22 AM	11:12 AM
17	8:27 AM	11:27 AM
18	8:33 AM	11:42 AM
19	8:38 AM	11:57 AM
20	8:43 AM	12:12 PM
21	8:48 AM	12:27 PM
22	8:53 AM	12:42 PM
23	8:58 AM	12:57 PM
24	9:04 AM	1:12 PM
25	9:09 AM	1:27 PM
26	9:14 AM	1:42 PM
26.2	9:15 AM	1:45 PM

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







Mile	First Runner	Last Runner
Start	7:00 AM	7:12 AM
1	7:04 AM	7:28 AM
2	7:09 AM	7:44 AM
3	7:14 AM	8:00 AM
4	7:19 AM	8:16 AM
5	7:24 AM	8:32 AM
6	7:29 AM	8:48 AM
7	7:34 AM	9:04 AM
8	7:39 AM	9:20 AM
9	7:44 AM	9:36 AM
10	7:49 AM	9:52 AM
11	7:54 AM	10:08 AM
12	7:59 AM	10:24 AM
13	8:04 AM	10:40 AM
13.1	8:05 AM	10:42 AM



## 2025 Half Marathon Course

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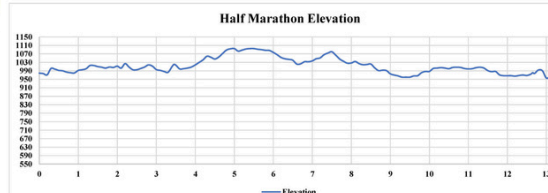
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- Start/Finish Lines
- Half Mile Marker
- Relay Leg
- Kilometer Marker
- Fluid Station
- Energy Gel Station
- Medical Aid Station
- Restroom
- Half Marathon Course



# 2025 START LINE MAP

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Start of  
Relay Leg #3

Akron Public  
Schools

W MARKET ST

MAIN ST

Library

S HIGH ST

Info  
Medical

John S.  
Knight Center

MILL ST

Greystone  
Hall

Spectator Viewing  
Area

Akron Art  
Museum

Restricted  
Area

Volunteer  
Check In

VIP  
Elite

Start

Wave 1

Wave 2

Waves 3 & 4

Waves 5, 6 & 7

Restrooms

Restrooms

Restrooms

Restrooms

E MARKET ST

VIP  
Parking

Parking  
Lot

BROADWAY ST

SUMMIT ST

- Water
- Restricted Area
- Restrooms
- Runner Services
- VIP



# 2025 Finish Line Map

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Finisher Festival at  
**Lock 3**  
AKRON



# Kids Fun Run Course

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

**Friday, September 26, 2025**

**6:00 pm**

**5:00pm - Bib Pick-Up Opens**

**6:00pm - Race Start**

**7:30pm - Event Ends**

\* Kids Fun Run Course is just under 1 mile



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# ROAD CLOSURES

**Friday, September 26, 2025**

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. Main St.	Between Bowery St. and State St.	Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
W. Bowery St.	Between W. State St. and W. Exchange St.	2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Rt. 59 East	I-76 East to N. Main St.	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
S. High St.	Between MLK Blvd and E. Mill St.	Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. Main St.	Between State St. and Exchange St.	6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
E. Market St.	Between S. Main St. and Broadway St.	4:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
E. Mill St.	Between S. Main St. and Broadway St.	4:00 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
S. High St.	Between Mill St. and E. Bowery St.	4:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
S. High St.	Between E. Bowery St. and E. Thornton St.	6:50 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
S. Main St. under S. High St. Bridge	Between Rosa Parks Dr. and E. Thornton St.	6:50 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.
S. Main St. (northbound lanes only)	Between E. Thornton St. and E. Wilbeth Rd.	6:50 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
W. Firestone Blvd.	Between S. Main St. and Firestone Pkwy	7:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
Firestone Pkwy	Between W. Firestone Blvd. and W. Wilbeth Rd.	7:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
W. Wilbeth Rd. (Westbound lanes only)	Between Firestone Pkwy and S. Main St.	7:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
S. Main St.	Between W. Wilbeth Rd. E. Firestone Blvd.	7:00 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
E. Firestone Blvd.	Between S. Main St. and N. Firestone Blvd.	7:10 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
N. Firestone Blvd.	Between E. Firestone Blvd. and Lindenwood Ave.	7:10 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Lindenwood Ave.	Between N. Firestone Blvd. and Aster Ave.	7:10 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
Aster Ave.	Between N. Firestone Blvd. and S. Firestone Blvd.	7:10 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
S. Firestone Blvd.	Between Aster Ave. and E. Wilbeth Rd.	7:10 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.
E. Wilbeth Rd. (Westbound lanes only)	Between S. Firestone Blvd. and Brown St.	7:10 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.
Brown St. (Southbound lane to Archwood; full road north of Archwood)	Between E. Exchange St. and E. Wilbeth Rd.	7:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Power St.	Between Brown St. and Spicer St.	7:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Spicer St.	Between E. Buchtel Ave. and E. Thornton St.	6:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
E. Buchtel Ave.	Between Goodkirk St. and Hill St.	7:25 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
Fir Hill	Between S. Forge St. and E. Buchtel Ave.	7:25 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.
E. Mill St.	Between Fir Hill and S. Broadway St.	7:25 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
S. College St.	Between E. Market St. and Buchtel Ave.	7:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.
Hill St.	Between S. Forge St. and University Ave.	7:30 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.
S. Forge St.	Between Hill St. and S. College St.	7:30 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.
Lincoln	Between S. Forge St. and Mill St.	7:30 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.
S. Broadway St.	Between MLK Blvd. (Route 59) and Exchange St.	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Market St.	Between Rand Ave. and Forge St.	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
All American Bridge (northbound)	Between N. Main St. and MLK Blvd. (Route 59)	7:35 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
N. Main St. (northbound)	Between E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave. and Olive St.	7:35 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave.	Between N. Main St. and Carpenter St.	7:40 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.
Tallmadge Ave.	Between Cuyahoga St. and N. Main St.	7:40 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
N. Main St. (southbound)	Between E. Cuyahoga Falls Ave. and Olive St.	7:40 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
All American Bridge (southbound)	Between MLK Blvd. (Route 59) and N. Main St.	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Martin Luther King BLVD (Route 59)	Between Broadway and West Center St.	7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
N. Main St.	Between Market St. and MLK Blvd. (Route 59)	7:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
N Howard St. (Southbound lanes)	Between N. Main St. and Cuyahoga St.	7:55 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
W. North St.	Between N. Howard St. and N. Maple St.	7:55 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.	12:00 p.m. (Fri) – 12:00 p.m.
Sand Run Rd.	Between W. Market St. and Smith Rd.	8:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.
Overwood Rd.	Between Sand Run Rd and Wiltshire	8:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
Wiltshire Rd.	Between Overwood Rd. and N. Hawkins Ave.	8:30 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.
Fairfax Rd.	Between Rampart Ave. and Castle Blvd.	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 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. – 12:55 p.m.
N. Portage Path (southbound)	Between Mayfair Rd. and W. Market St.	8:50 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
W. Market St. (eastbound)	Between Portage Path and S. Main St.	8:55 a.m. – 1:40 p.m.
S. Main St.	Between Market St. and E. Buchtel Ave.	7:50 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
IR 76 W / Exit 22 (Downtown) (Main Street)	Detour to Broadway	6:50 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.

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

# Directions and Parking

Please note that we are expecting 8,000 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 17 for color coded parking plan.

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.

## Important Addresses

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

- Start Line/ Akron Art Museum:  
1 S. High St, Akron
- Relay Leg #2:  
300 Spicer St, Akron
- Relay Leg #3:  
30 N. Main St, Akron
- Shuttle Buses:  
300 S. Main St, Akron
- Finish Line:  
200 S. Main St, Akron

## 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.

From the north Via I-77 (Cleveland): I-80 to Rt 8. Follow Rt 8 south.

Option 1: Take Perkins St exit (1B). Turn right on Perkins St; turn left on Main St.

Option 2: Take Goodkirk St. exit (1A). Turn right on Buchtel Ave or Exchange St.

## 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):  
Take the 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:  
Continue on I-77 north/ I-76 west. From there follow directions below.

From the east taking I-77/I-76 west:  
I-77/I-76 (they run concurrently) Take Exit 21C for 59/Dart Ave.. 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.



# Downtown Akron Locations - 2025

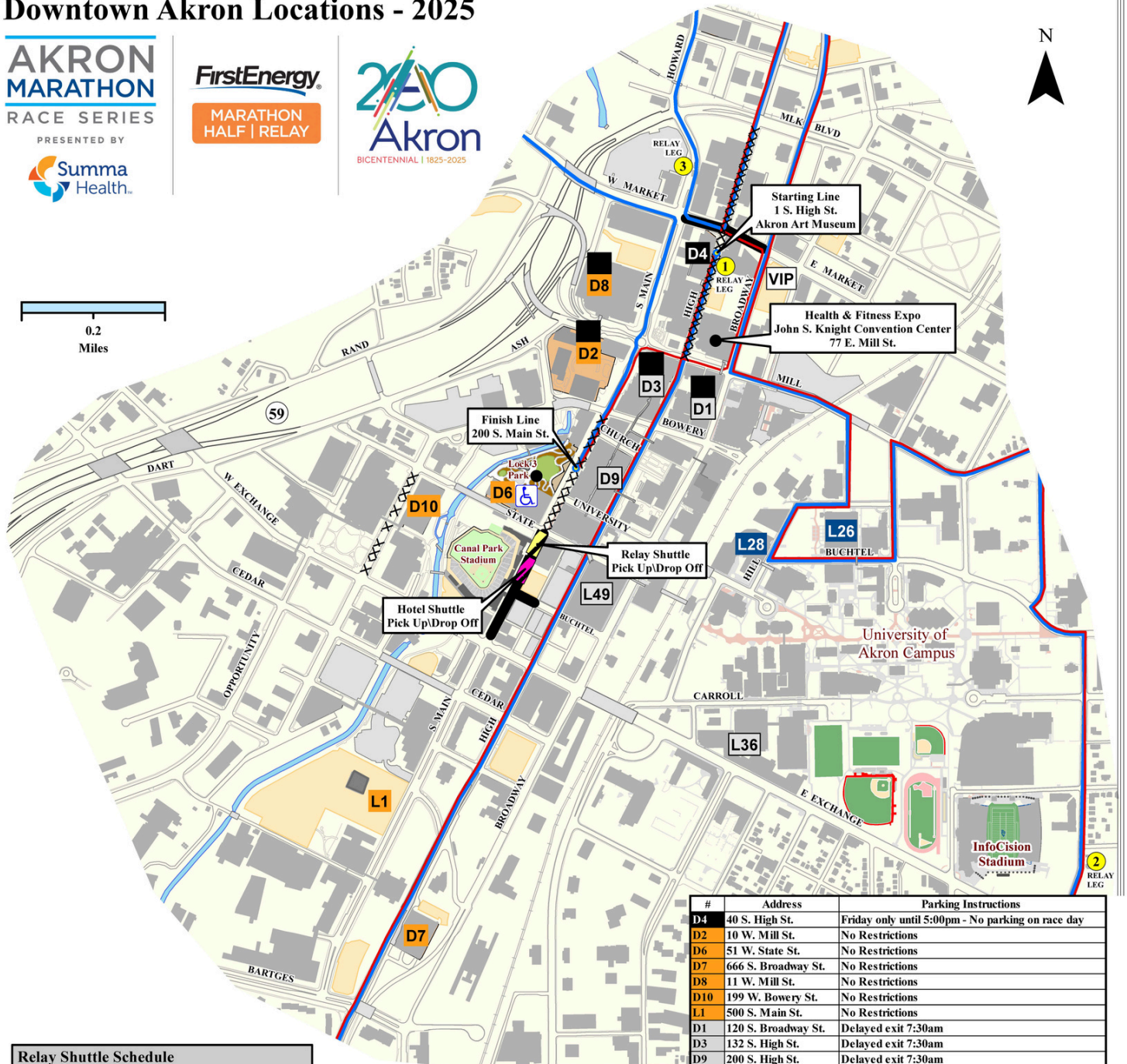
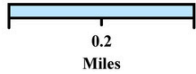
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## Relay Shuttle Schedule

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.

## XXXX Road Closures – Friday

Main from Bowery to State (beginning at 8:00am)  
High from Mill to MLK (beginning 6:30pm)  
Bowery from Exchange to State (2:30pm – 7:00pm)

## — Road Closures – Saturday Morning

Market from Main to Broadway (beginning at 4:00am)  
Main from Exchange to State (beginning 6:00am)  
Buchtel From Maiden Lane to Main (beginning at 6:00am)

## — Road Closures – Saturday Morning 6:50am

\* For complete list of road closures visit [AkronMarathon.org](http://AkronMarathon.org)

#	Address	Parking Instructions
D4	40 S. High St.	Friday only until 5:00pm - No parking on race day
D2	10 W. Mill St.	No Restrictions
D6	51 W. State St.	No Restrictions
D7	666 S. Broadway St.	No Restrictions
D8	11 W. Mill St.	No Restrictions
D10	199 W. Bowery St.	No Restrictions
L1	500 S. Main St.	No Restrictions
D1	120 S. Broadway St.	Delayed exit 7:30am
D3	132 S. High St.	Delayed exit 7:30am
D9	200 S. High St.	Delayed exit 7:30am
L36	261 E. Exchange St.	Delayed exit 7:30am
L49	275 S. High St.	Delayed exit 7:30am
L26	255 E. Buchtel Ave.	Delayed exit 9:30am
L28	198 Hill St.	Delayed exit 9:30am

- Start/Finish Lines
- Points of Interest
- Relay Leg
- ♿ Handicap Parking
- Suggested Parking for Packet Pickup
- ▨ Relay Shuttle Pick Up/Drop Off
- ▨ Hotel Shuttle Bus Pick Up/Drop Off
- XXX Road Closures - Friday
- Road Closures - Saturday Morning 6:50 am
- Road Closures - Saturday Morning
- Half Marathon Course
- Marathon Course



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