

GOODYEAR HALF MARATHON & 10K AUGUST 7-8, 2026 FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

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RACE WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

Friday, August 7

11:00 a.m. - Packet Pickup opens

7:00 p.m. - Packet Pickup closes

Saturday, August 8

5:30 a.m. - Race Announcements

6:29 a.m. - Wheelchair/push
team start

6:30 a.m. - Half Marathon & 10k
Start

10:10 a.m. - Course Closes

11:00 a.m. - Venue Closes

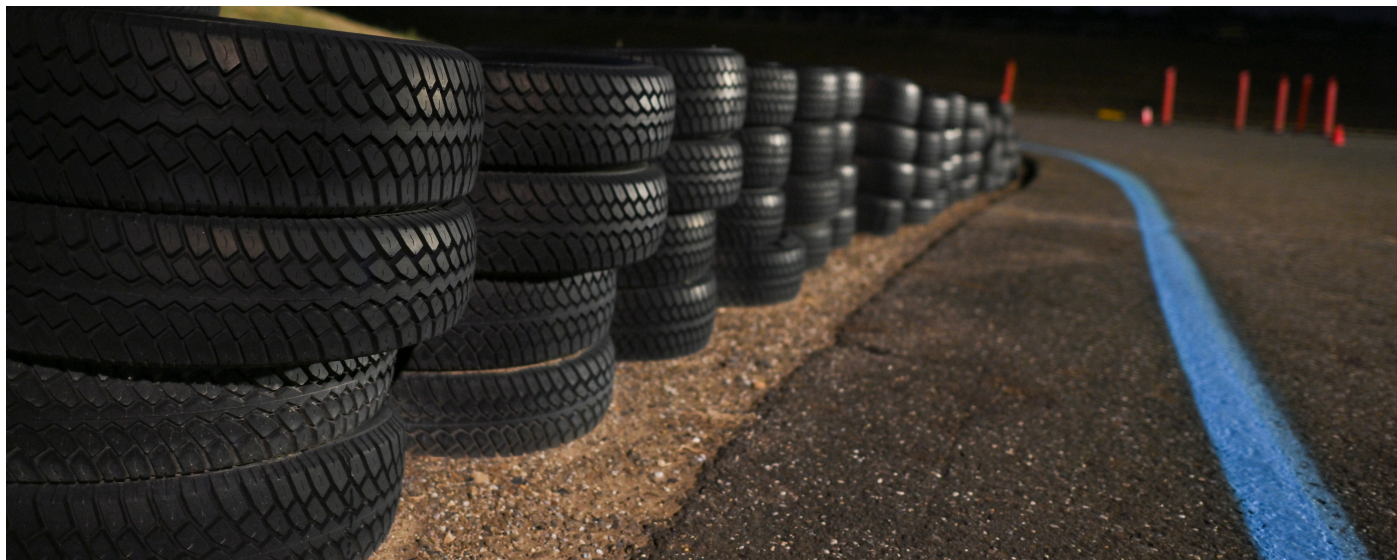
IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Packet Pickup: John S. Knight
Center - 77 E. Mill St, Akron

Race Day Parking: Goodyear
Parking Deck - 160 S. Seiberling
St, Akron

Start: Goodyear Proving Grounds
(Test Track) - S. Seiberling St

Finish: The Goodyear Tire &
Rubber Company - Innovation
Way



PACKET PICKUP

SCHEDULE

Date: Friday, August 7, 2026
Time: 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION

John S. Knight Center
77 E. Mill St, Akron

Bib Information

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.

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.

**Visit Fleet Feet at Packet Pickup
for official Akron Marathon
merchandise and nutrition!**

Participants must pick up their race packet, including race bib, on Friday, August 7. There will be no race-day packet pick up available. Each participant should pick up their own bib and confirm registration information is correct. However, if you are unable to attend, race packets may be picked up by a friend or family member who must verify your information.

**Official Goodyear merchandise available
to purchase from the Summit Group.**



Race Day Parking - Where to Park - Map on page 9

All lots and decks located at The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company are free of charge race morning. There will be parking attendants on-site to help guide you where to park.

***NO DROP-OFF AT THE GOODYEAR DECK/LOTS** due to the one-way traffic pattern into the deck until 6:30 a.m. race morning. NO cars can exit the deck/lots until after 6:30 a.m. race morning. See drop-off location below.

Direction of Travel

- *From the east (Youngstown): From I-76 West - Take exit 26 for OH-18/E. Market St. and Mogadore Rd. Take a slight right onto OH-18 W/E. Market St. Turn left onto S. Seiberling St.
- *From the north (Stow): From Route 8 South: Take I-76 East. Take exit 25B toward Brittain Rd. Continue straight onto Englewood Ave. Turn right onto S. Seiberling St.
- *From the west (Fairlawn): I-77 South: I-77/I-76 E. Take exit 25B toward Brittain Rd. Continue straight onto Englewood Ave. Turn right onto S. Seiberling St.
- *From the south (Canton): From I-77 North: Take I-76 East. Take exit 25B toward Brittain Rd. Continue straight onto Englewood Ave. Turn right onto S. Seiberling St.

Drop Off Location

From E. Market St, take Massillon Rd south to Seiberling Way. Turn right and drop off at the first circle at Eagle St and continue driving around the circle to exit the way you came. Participants will walk down Eagle St and turn left on S. Seiberling St to head to the start.

WELCOME TO THE PROVING GROUNDS

START LINE

Corrals

Both the 10k and Half Marathon participants will line up in the corral together based on pace. Pace signs will be along the corral indicating where to line up. There will be various entrance points along the corral.

Wave Start

The Half Marathon and 10k will have a combined start. The race will start in 8 separate waves. There will be 300 participants per wave. Each wave will be walked up to the start line, held for 90 seconds, and have their own starting commands. Waves are based on your estimated pace.

Restrooms

Portable restrooms will be located inside the test track and at the finish line. Portable restrooms will also be located after each fluid station along the course.

Arrival to the Start Line

For a hassle free arrival to the start line, plan to be in the parking deck prior to 5:30 a.m. to give ample time to walk to the start line located inside the test track, which is approximately 1/2 mile south of the parking deck.

Information

For our participants' convenience, an Information Booth can be found in the Goodyear parking deck on the ground level, inside the test track, and at the finish line on the plaza, once the race begins.

Lost and Found

All items left at the event will be taken to the Information Booth located in the plaza. Items will be held for two weeks following the event. The Akron Marathon is not responsible for lost items.



SPECTATORS & ACCESSIBILITY



Spectator Information

- 1) Watch the start inside the test track.
 - Watch the start of the race
 - See your participant again as they exit the test track. Please note you must remain inside the test track until the last runner exits (approximately 20 minutes after the start)
 - See your participant at mile 4.
 - Head north to see the finish.
- 2) Watch along Seiberling St.
 - See your participant as they exit the test track at mile 1.
 - See your participant again at mile 4.
 - Head north to see the finish.
 - please stay on the sidewalk / grass.
- 3) Watch near the finish line.
 - See your participant at mile 1.2
 - See your participant at mile 3.9
 - Head to the Finish Line.

*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 Start Line & Finish Line.

Parking Accommodations

Accessible parking with a wheelchair accessible elevator is available in the Goodyear parking deck.

Restroom Accommodations

Restrooms with wheelchair accessibility are located at the Start Line behind the announcers stage and in the main bank. At the finish line they are located by the plaza and in the medical tent.

Accessibility Accommodations

For volunteer or spectator accommodation requests, please reach out to us at info@akronmarathon.org.

COURSE

Details

The Goodyear Half Marathon & 10k are USA Track & Field certified courses. The course is run on paved asphalt and concrete streets. Participants are responsible for knowing the course. Please note the 10k will split off from the Half Marathon on Triplett (mile 4.9) while the Half Marathon will continue straight.

Provisions

Fluid: There are 9 fluid stations, 4 for the 10k. 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.

Gel: Salted Caramel (w/caffeine) & Raspberry Lemonade (no caffeine) GU Energy Gel and Blueberry Pomegranate (no caffeine) GU Energy Chews will be provided at mile 7.3 along the Half Marathon course. Plan to be self-supported if you require energy gel at different times.

Medical: There will be medical at the start and finish lines. There will also be 3 medical stations along the half marathon course, 2 on the 10k route. Summa Health will provide all medical assistance during this event.

The medical aid stations will be equipped to assist participants with any basic medical needs and will also have a supply of Band-Aids and Vaseline, if needed. For medical emergencies, an ambulance will be called to transport the participant to a local hospital.

There will be NON-MEDICAL aid shuttles to transport participants, who choose not to continue, from the aid tents 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 the aid tents. NSAIDs, especially in a dehydrated person, can adversely affect the kidneys and can increase the risk of hyponatremia (low blood sodium) Tylenol will be available.

Course Limit

The 10k course is open for 2 hours; 19:19 per mile pace. The Half Marathon course is open for 3.5 hours; 16:00 per mile pace. Course closure is based on when the last person crosses the start line. Those who fall behind course closure times will be asked to move to the sidewalk or board the SAG (end of race vehicle). The finish line, medical aid stations and fluid stations will remain open for a 19:19/16:00 pace and close on schedule.

Prohibited

For the safety of our participants, the Akron Marathon Race Series does not permit: pets, skateboards, scooters, strollers, baby carriers, bicycles, roller blades, or any other types of vehicles (other than official race vehicles) on the course. With the exception of service dogs, pets are not allowed in the start/finish line area. Please do not bring or carry any of these items with you. The Akron Marathon Race Series 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.

Unauthorized Participants:

Non-registered participants are not permitted to run or walk within the boundaries of the official race course. 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. Please be sure your race number is visible from the FRONT at all times during the race.

Signage

There will be a Blue Line on the streets to mark the entire course. Critical turns will be manned by police or volunteers. Please look for color coded signage which corresponds with bib color, blue for Half Marathon and yellow for 10k, at the split for the Half Marathon and 10k. There will also be signage along Seiberling and Innovation Way to keep finishing 10k participants to the left and Half Marathon participants to the right. Feather flags will mark each mile.



FINISH LINE

Finish

The finish line awaits in the middle of Goodyear World Headquarters.

After participants cross the finish line, they will receive a commemorative medal, water, sports drink, banana, chocolate milk, and a cooling towel.



Race Photos

Photos will be taken at the finish line. An email will be sent to participants following the race when photos are ready to be viewed. By attending this event, participants and spectators acknowledge that their photo, video, and/or audio may be captured and used at the discretion of the Akron Marathon Race Series.



Results and Awards

Awards Presentation

The awards will be presented at approximately 8:30 a.m. for the 10k and 9:00 a.m. for the Half Marathon. For both the Half Marathon and 10k, the overall top three men and women and top three master's men and women will receive awards. Those who win an overall award will be taken out of the age group division. Masters athletes who place in the top three overall will be taken out of the masters division. You are eligible to win awards only for the event in which you are registered.

Age Group Awards

Top three male and female finishers in all age categories will receive awards for both the Half Marathon and 10k: 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, and 80+. You can win only one award, those who win an overall award will be taken out of the age group division. Awards will be mailed 6-8 weeks after the race.

Non-Binary Awards

Top three overall finishers, based on chip time, will receive an award. Awards will be mailed 6-8 weeks after the race.

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FINISHER FESTIVAL

After you clear the chute and receive your finishing items, you'll enter the party at the finish! You can redeem food, ice cream, and drink tickets.

You'll have room to cheer on other finishers, jam out to the band, and celebrate your accomplishments with friends and family. Find your way over to ring the PR bell if you set a new personal record!

Each participant will receive the following tickets attached to their bib:

- One drink ticket - can be redeemed for your choice of two drinks- beer or soda.
- One food truck ticket - can be redeemed for one item from any food truck.
- One ice cream ticket - can be redeemed for one ice cream sandwich at the ice cream tent.

Beer cannot be taken outside the Finisher Festival area.

Each participant's food truck ticket can be redeemed for one item off the list below.

Food Trucks at the Finish

Sandy Bottom Bowls

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

Swensons

- Double Cheeseburg
- Double Hamburg
- Galley Boy: A Swensons favorite! Our signature double cheeseburg with two special sauces, Swen RED & Swen WHITE



Sustainable Waste Stations

Please help support our sustainability efforts by placing all trash and recycling items on a table at any of our Waste 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 the Goodyear Half Marathon & 10K a Zero Waste event!



2026 Half Marathon & 10k Course



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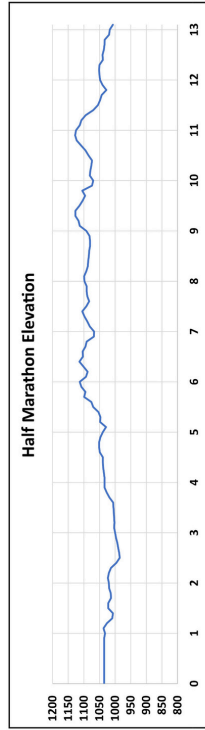
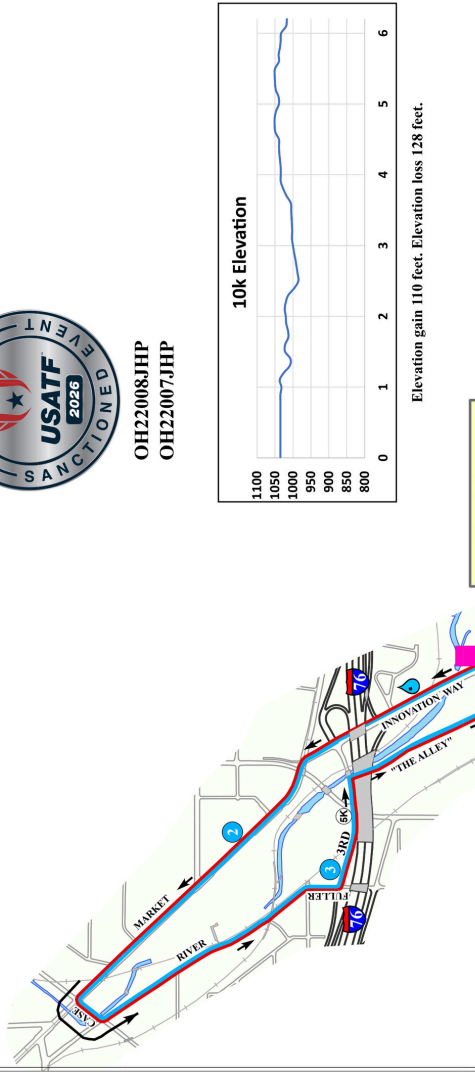
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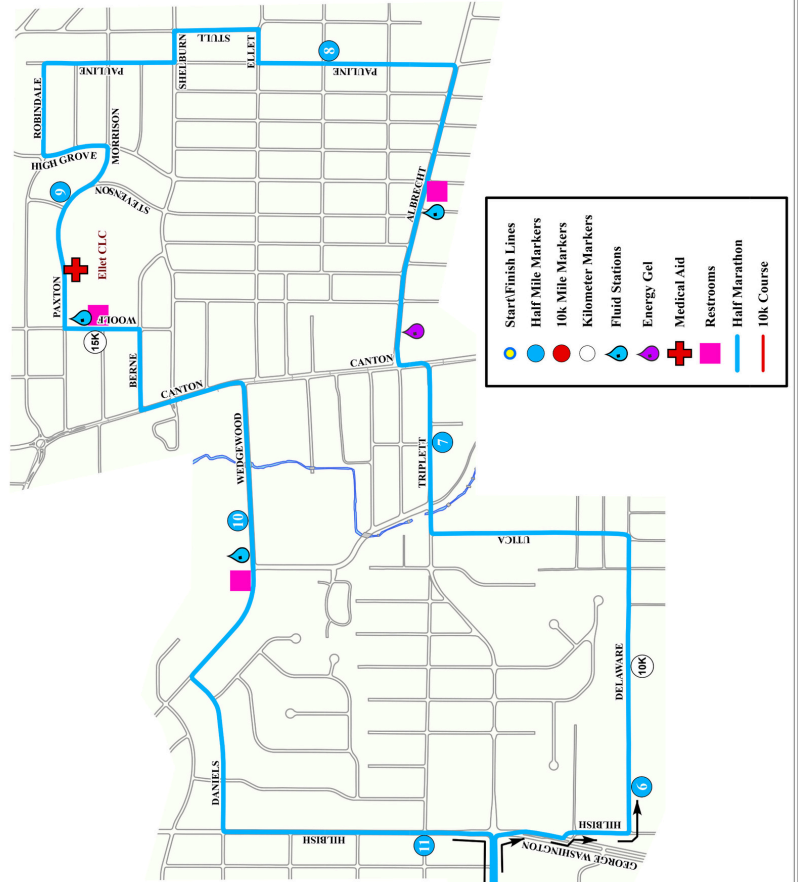


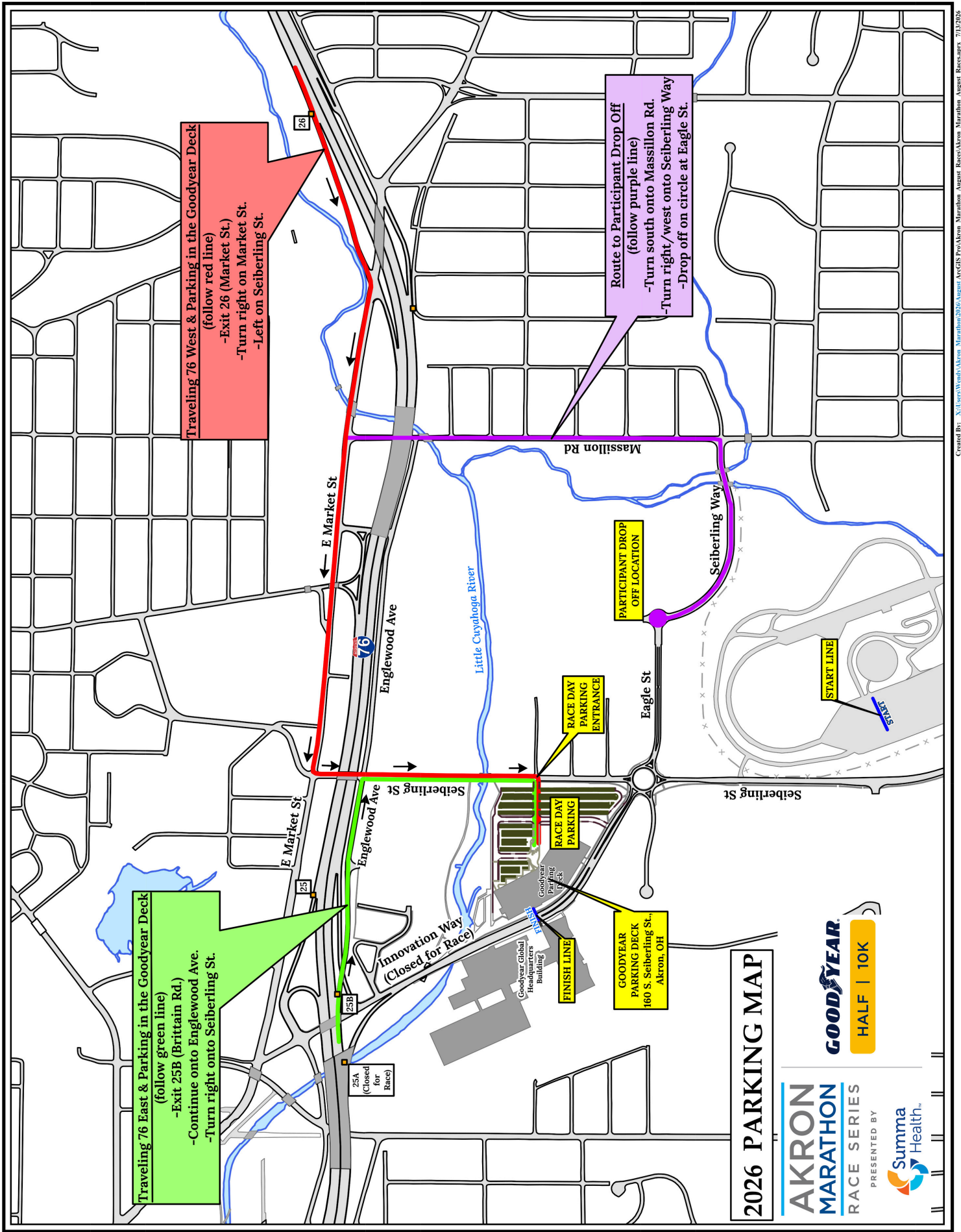
Finish Line
Goodyear World HQ

Start Line
Goodyear Test Track

Mile	First Runner	Last Runner	Time
0 - Start	6:30 AM	6:40 AM	
1	6:34 AM	6:59 AM	
2	6:39 AM	7:18 AM	
3	6:44 AM	7:38 AM	
4	6:49 AM	7:57 AM	
5	6:54 AM	8:16 AM	
6	6:59 AM	8:36 AM	
6.2	7:00 AM	8:40 AM	

Mile	First Runner	Last Runner	Time
0 - Start	6:30 AM	6:40 AM	
1	6:35 AM	6:56 AM	
2	6:40 AM	7:12 AM	
3	6:45 AM	7:28 AM	
4	6:51 AM	7:44 AM	
5	6:56 AM	8:00 AM	
6	7:01 AM	8:16 AM	
7	7:06 AM	8:32 AM	
8	7:12 AM	8:48 AM	
9	7:17 AM	9:04 AM	
10	7:22 AM	9:20 AM	
11	7:27 AM	9:36 AM	
12	7:33 AM	9:52 AM	
13	7:38 AM	10:08 AM	
13.1	7:39 AM	10:10 AM	





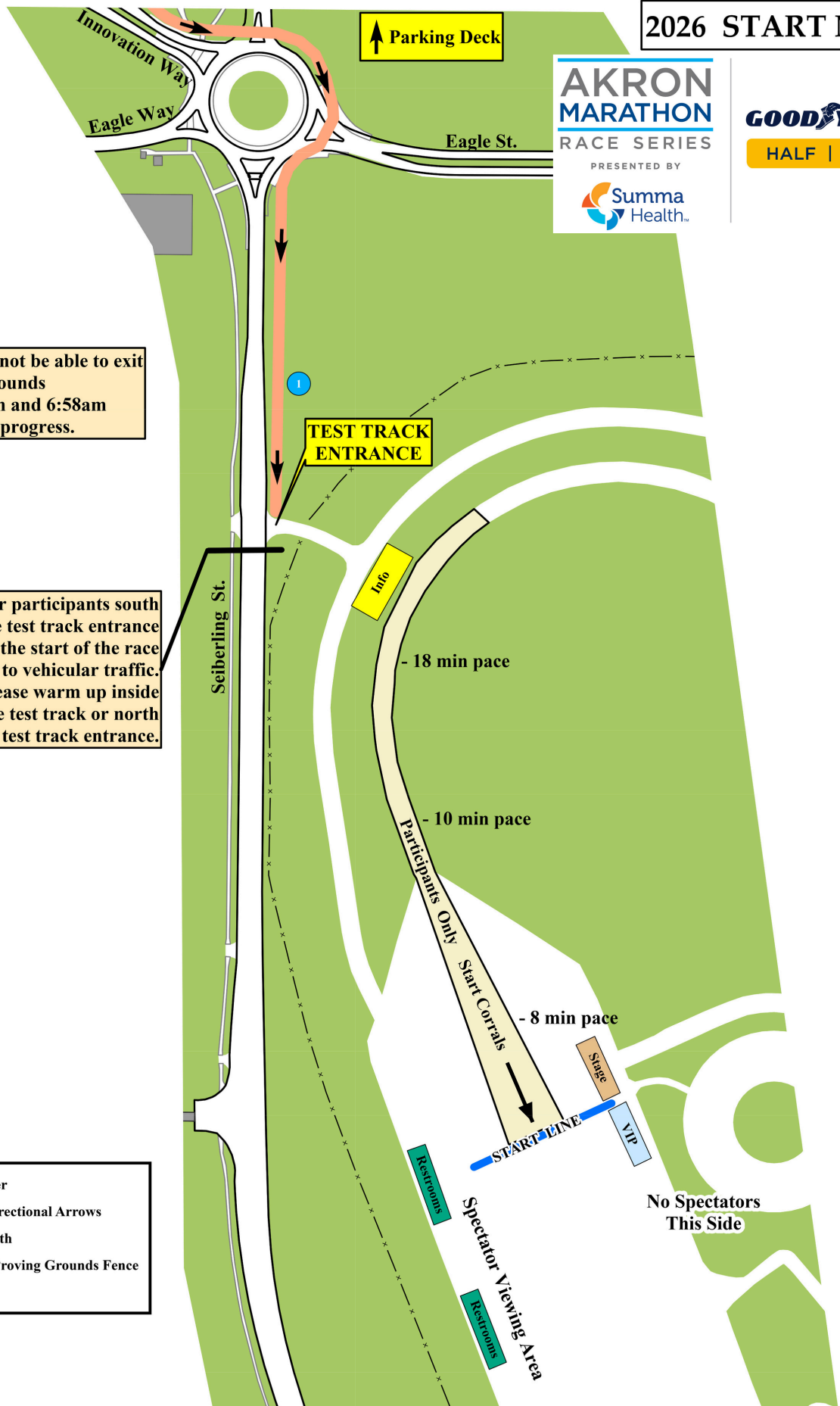
2026 START MAP



*Spectators will not be able to exit the Proving Grounds between 6:34am and 6:58am while race is in progress.

No spectators or participants south of the test track entrance prior to the start of the race due to vehicular traffic. Please warm up inside the test track or north of the test track entrance.

- Mile Marker
- ➔ Walking Directional Arrows
- Walking Path
- x — Goodyear Proving Grounds Fence
- Restrooms



2026 FINISH MAP

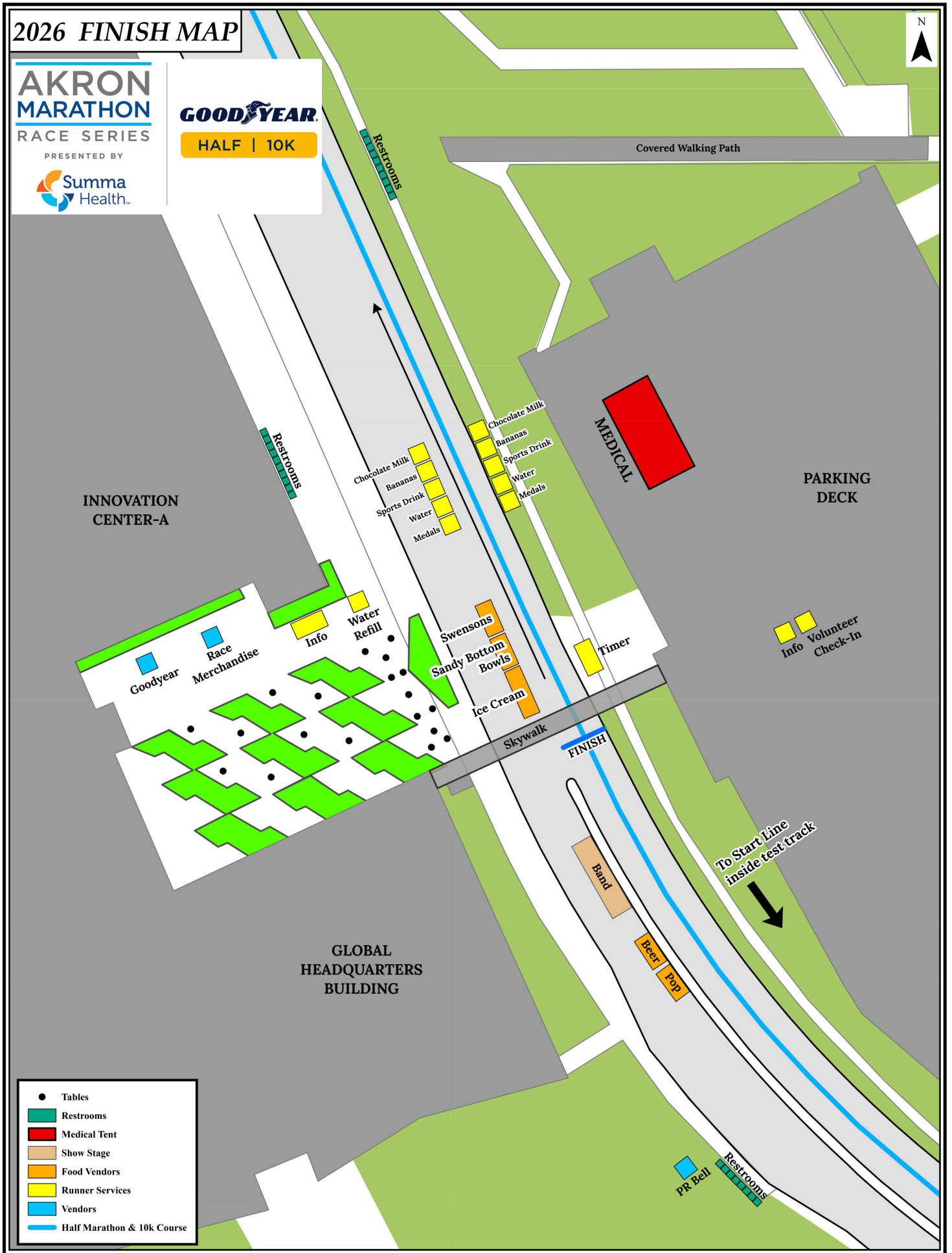
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- Tables
- Restrooms
- Medical Tent
- Show Stage
- Food Vendors
- Runner Services
- Vendors
- Half Marathon & 10k Course

ROAD CLOSURES

2026 Goodyear Half Marathon & 10k Road Closures

ROAD CLOSURES - Friday, August 7, 2026

Road Closure	Restrictions	Approximate Time
*Interstate Route 76 East/Innovation Way Exit Ramp	Total closure	Beginning at 1:00 p.m.
*Innovation Way	Between Englewood Ave. and S. Seiberling St.	Beginning at 1:00 p.m.

ROAD CLOSURES - Saturday, August 8, 2026

Road Closure	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. Seiberling St.	Between Innovation Way and Archwood	5:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Innovation Way	Between Englewood Ave. to E. Market St.	6:25 a.m. - 6:40 a.m.
E. Market St. (eastbound lanes)	Between Innovation Way and Case Ave.	6:30 a.m. - 7:25 a.m.
Case Ave.	Between E. Market St. and River St.	6:35 a.m. - 7:25 a.m.
River St.	Between Case Ave. and 2 nd Ave.	6:35 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
Fuller St.	Between 2 nd Ave. and 4 th Ave.	6:40 a.m. - 7:35 a.m.
3 rd Ave.	Between Fuller St. and Innovation Way	6:40 a.m. - 7:35 a.m.
S. Seiberling St.	Between Archwood and Triplett Blvd.	6:40 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Triplett Blvd. (eastbound lanes)	Between S. Seiberling St. and George Washington Blvd.	6:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Triplett Blvd. (westbound lanes)	Between S. Seiberling St. and Hilbish Ave.	6:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
George Washington Blvd. (southbound lanes)	Between Triplett Blvd. and Hilbish Ave.	6:55 a.m. - 8:25 a.m.
Hilbish Ave.	Between George Washington Blvd. and Delaware Ave.	6:55 a.m. - 8:25 a.m.
Delaware Ave.	Between Hilbish Ave. and Utica Ave.	6:55 a.m. - 8:35 a.m.
Utica Ave.	Between Delaware Ave. and Triplett Ave.	6:55 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.
Triplett Blvd. (eastbound lanes)	Between Utica Ave. and S. Canton Rd.	6:55 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
S. Canton Rd. (southbound lanes)	Between Albrecht Ave. and Triplett Blvd.	7:00 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.
Albrecht Ave. (eastbound lanes)	Between S. Canton Rd. and Pauline Ave.	7:00 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.
Pauline Ave.	Between Albrecht Ave. and Robindale Ave.	7:05 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Ellet Ave.	Between Pauline Ave. and Stull Ave.	7:05 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.
Stull Ave.	Between Ellet Ave. and Shelburn Ave.	7:05 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.
Shelburn Ave.	Between Stull Ave. and Pauline Ave.	7:05 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.
Robindale Ave.	Between Pauline Ave. and High Grove Blvd.	7:10 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
High Grove Blvd.	Between Robindale Ave. and Morrison Ave.	7:10 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
Morrison Ave.	Between High Grove Blvd. and Stevenson Ave.	7:10 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.
Stevenson Ave.	Between Morrison Ave. and Paxton Ave.	7:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Paxton Ave.	Between Stevenson Ave. and S. Canton Rd.	7:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Woolf Ave.	Between Paxton Ave. and Berne St.	7:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Berne St.	Between Woolf Ave. and S. Canton Rd.	7:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
S. Canton Rd. (southbound lanes)	Between E. Market St. and Wedgewood Dr.	7:10 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.
Wedgewood Dr. (westbound lanes)	Between S. Canton Rd. and Daniels Ave.	7:15 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
Daniels Ave.	Between Wedgewood Dr. and Hilbish Ave.	7:15 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.
Hilbish Ave. (southbound lanes)	Between Daniels Ave. and Triplett Blvd.	7:20 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.

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