Event Overview

Welcome to the 2021 Haunted Forest Marathon / Half Marathon / 5K. We hope you enjoy the upcoming weekend festivities. The following are the final race instructions to prepare you for race day. Please review EVERYTHING carefully.

We appreciate your participation in this first year event. We have done our best to make it a fun experience.

Should you have any questions, our staff is available to assist you at the race expo and on race day.

Good Luck and Good Racing!

The Run to You Racing Team

David Beck – Matt Mapley – Tony Migliozzi - Tina Oprean – Jim Chaney

Race Week Activities

Schedule of Events – Tuesday, October 26th

- 4:00pm to 8:00pm – Packet Pickup – Brimstone Adventures - 127 Canal St S, Canal Fulton, OH 44614 – You can pick up your race packet which includes your event shirt, race bib, and parking pass (if applicable).

Schedule of Events – Wednesday, October 27th

- 4:00pm to 8:00pm – Packet Pickup – Brimstone Adventures - 127 Canal St S, Canal Fulton, OH 44614 – You can pick up your race packet which includes your event shirt, race bib, and parking pass (if applicable).

Schedule of Events – Thursday, October 28th

- NO PACKET PICKUP TODAY

Schedule of Events – Friday, October 29th

- 2:00pm to 7:00pm – Race Expo / PACKET PICKUP – Shared with the Great Pumpkin Race expo. Located at the Stark Board of DD building. The address is 2950 Whipple Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708. Parking is available at the building or across the street in the Acme Fresh Market plaza.

Schedule of Events – Saturday, October 30th

- 6:30am to NOON – Race Expo / PACKET PICKUP – Continues at the Stark Board of DD.
- 8:15am – Kids 100 meter dash at the Great Pumpkin Race
- 8:30am – 1 mile fun run / walk at the Great Pumpkin Race
- 9:00am – Great Pumpkin Race 4 Miler
- 10:15am – Great Pumpkin Race 4 Miler Awards
- 3:00pm to 7:00pm – Packet Pickup – Brimstone Adventures - 127 Canal St S, Canal Fulton, OH 44614 – You can pick up your race packet which includes your event shirt, race bib, and parking pass (if applicable).

Schedule of Events – Sunday, October 31st

- 6:30am – GENERAL Parking opens at Clay's Park Overflow Lot.
- 6:30am – PREFERRED PARKING opens at St Helena Heritage Park.
- 6:30am – VIP PARKING / PROGRAM opens at the Schalmo YMCA.
- 6:30am – Shuttles start running between Clay's Park Overflow Lot and St Helena Heritage Park until 2:00pm
- 6:30am to Start – Last Minute Packet Pickup at Brimstone Adventures / Start Line
- 7:56am – National Anthem
- 7:58am – Final Announcements
- 8:00am – Marathon and Half Marathon Start
- 8:15am – 5K Start

Expo Overview

The race expo will be inside the Stark Board of DD building. Parking is FREE. Please use either the open lot at the building or across the street at the Acme Fresh Market Plaza. Please park close to Whipple versus against the grocery store.

Once you are inside of the building you may pick up your Bib, Event Shirt, and Gear Bag. If you purchased Preferred Parking or VIP Services you will receive your parking pass as well.

EVENT SHIRTS – You must take the shirt size that you selected during registration. We will have a shirt exchange after the race at our Downtown Canton office on a date to be announced later. Supplies and sizes may vary based on availability.

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE – We have a limited quantity of some fantastic gear that will be available for sale at the race expo. Get their EARLY and make sure you check it out!

BIB NUMBER – Your bib has a tear off for a Drink that can be redeemed after you finish. It is IMPORTANT that you wear your bib number on the FRONT of your shirt. We need to see your bib number at various points along the course.

VENDOR FAIR – A variety of local businesses will be placed throughout the expo. Please take some time and stop at each station.

YOU MAY HAVE A FRIEND PICK UP YOUR BIB AND SHIRT – We are kindly asking that you keep that number to a minimum. We want to be courteous to those only picking up for themselves**.**

Race Morning Sunday

Runners, Family Members, and Spectators will park at the Clay's Park Overflow Lot. The address to use is 5071 Manchester Ave NW, North Lawrence, OH 44666. Parking is ACROSS THE STREET from this address. Look for the Light Tower and Signs that say Event Parking. This parking area is a large field. It might be wet depending on the weather. Please be prepared to walk through wet grass. We recommend putting bags over your shoes if it is wet.

Those who purchased **Preferred Parking** will NOT park at the Clay's Park Overflow Lot, but at St Helena Heritage Park. The address to use is 123 Tuscarawas St NW, Canal Fulton, OH 44614. Preferred Parkers will be issued a parking pass when you pick up your race packet at the expo. We are NOT selling Preferred Parking on race morning.

IF you choose to park near or around St Helena Heritage Park on Sunday morning you are your own. Please be aware that parking is EXTREMELY LIMITED and many of the roads will be closed. Please park at Clay's Park Overflow Lot. It is FREE and FAST. We are starting the race on-time at 8am whether you are there or not.

The buses will run starting at 6:30am and will loop back and forth from Clay's Park Overflow Lot to St Helena Heritage Park until 2:00pm. *If we see that there are still runners out on the course at 2pm, we will hold a bus / ride for you.*

PLEASE ARRIVE TO THE RACE EARLY ON SUNDAY. WE ARE STARTING ON TIME AT 8:00AM. PLAN ON ARRIVING BY 6:30AM TO ENSURE ENOUGH TIME TO PARK AND USE THE PORTA POTTIES! TRAFFIC WILL BE HEAVY INITIALLY. PLEASE BE PATIENT.

Gear Check

There will be a “self-serve” gear check area at the Finish Line. A grid will be created where you simply place your gear in the zone that matches your bib number. We will watch over the gear area. Remember that it is outside in the open.

9 Lives Challenge

You will receive your 9 Lives Challenge medal after you finish the Sunday event. There will be a tent right at the finish line with your medal. Your race bib will indicate if you receive the medal or not.

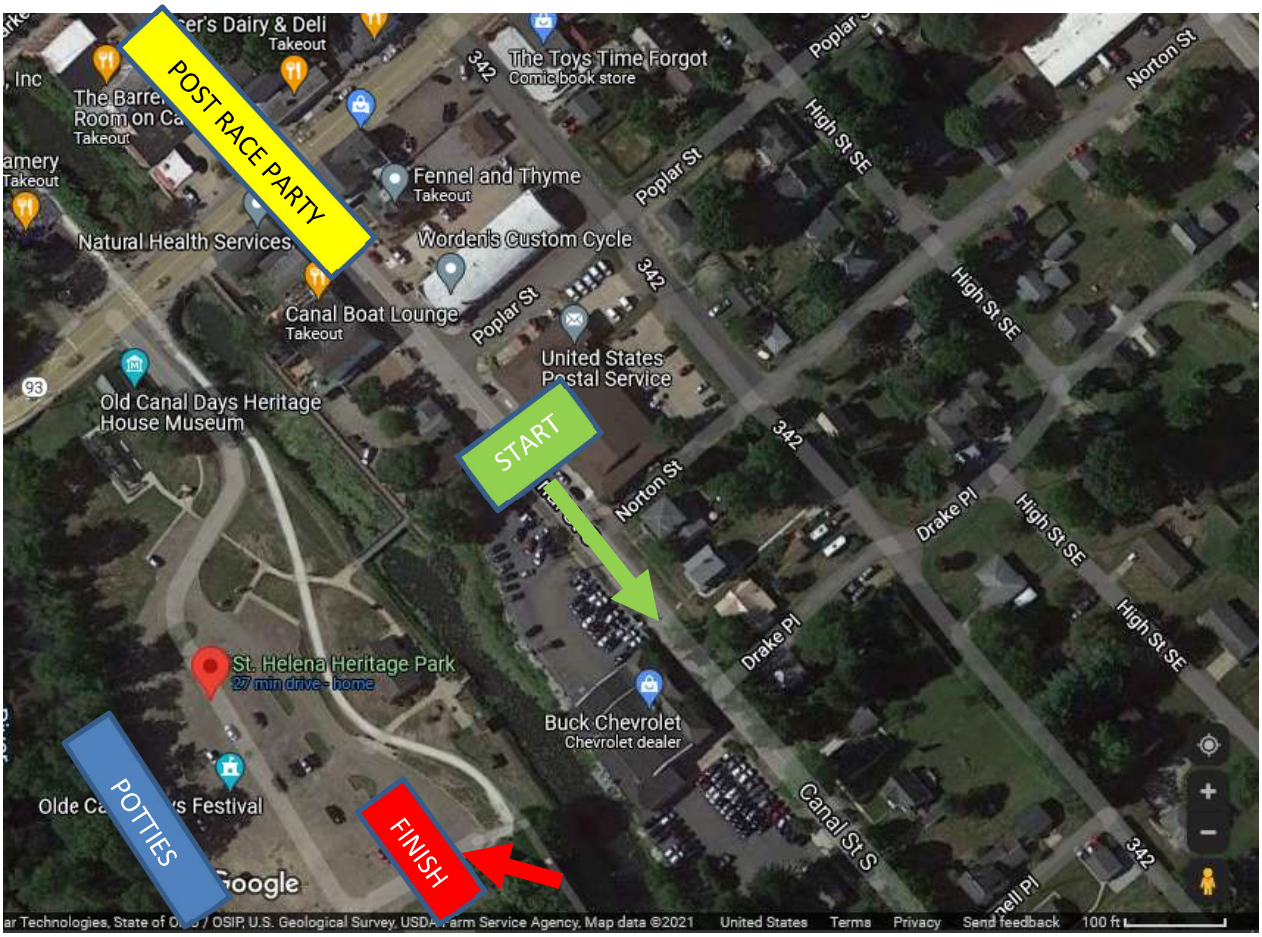
Sunday Parking Overview

Please follow the directions our volunteers give you during the parking process. The buses will be against the road ready for you. We have 8 buses which will transport you to the race site. Please be patient. They will get you there!

USE THE ADDRESS OF 5071 MANCHESTER AVE NW, NORTH LAWRENCE, OH 44666

The parking area is ACROSS the street from this address. Look for the signs and LIGHT TOWER.

Canal Fulton Overview



The bus drop off is inside of St Helena Heritage Park. The start line and finish line are in walking distance from each other. We will have 49 porta potties waiting for you!

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Spectator Recommendations

Remember that 98% of this course is on the Towpath Trail and Ol0de Muskingum Trail. We will cross a few roads along the route. The best place for spectators will be at the start and finish. Should your family want to see you along the route, here are the road crossings. Please use caution when going to these locations as parking is VERY limited and Police will be monitoring traffic.

- **First 1.2 Miles** – Canal / Erie St from Downtown Canal Fulton to Lock 4 Towpath Trail Entrance
- **Butterbridge Rd NW** – Mile 2.4 and Mile 10.7
- **Forty Corners Trailhead** – Mile 5.8 and Mile 7.2
- **Riverside / Forty Corners** – Mile 8
- **Downtown Canal Fulton** – Mile 13 to Mile 13.3 and Mile 26 to 26.2
- **Lake Lucerne Trailhead** – Mile 14 and Mile 25.3
- **Clinton Trailhead** – Mile 17 and Mile 22.4
- **Franklin Trailhead** – Mile 18.7 and 20.7

City of Canal Fulton Street Closures

RUNNERS WILL BE ON THESE ROADS BETWEEN THESE TIMES. CLOSURES WILL OCCUR ROUGHLY 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST RUNNER ARRIVES. PLEASE HAVE YOUR FAMILY PLAN ACCORDINGLY IF THEY ARE GOING TO SEE YOU ALONG THE RACE COURSE

Canal St S / Erie Ave NW - Between Cherry St and Lock 4: *7:45am to 8:45am*
Cherry St W and E - Open but expect delays as runners cross

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Ready Set Go!

We will provide race announcements all morning on race day. Please head to the starting line when we ask. Please line up with the faster runners in the front and walkers in the back. It is critical that you place yourself in the proper spot so that we may have a smooth flow of runners leaving the start area. Remember you have 13.1 or 26.2 miles ahead of you!

5K Runners – Please stand on the sidewalks on either side of the road and cheer the Marathon / Half Marathon starters. We will quickly move you into place after they start.

** WALKERS ** - We welcome walkers BUT we are kindly asking that you only walk 2 across as there will be runners coming up behind you to pass.

On Course Elements

The course will carry a Halloween theme in SPECIFIC places along the route. Since this is on the Towpath Trail, there will be large areas that do not have decorations and will be quiet. We will do our best to "pepper" the course with items. You can expect a few concentrated zones that we think you will like! Each mile marker is decorated with an original image created by the Northwest High School Art Department. Please let us know what you think about them.

Water stations are located along the route starting at mile 2.4. We will be passing out 8 ounce bottles of water. Please take a drink and place the bottles in the trash cans which are placed 100 meters after each station. Water stations will be located at miles 2.4, 4.8, 6.6, 8, 10.7, 12, 14, 16.7, 18.6, 20.6, 22.8, and 25.2. Gatorade will be at miles 4.8, 8, 12, 14, 16.7, 18.6, 20.6, 22.8, and 25.2. The flavor will be Lemon Lime. Portable restrooms will be located at every water station. Please thank the volunteers as you go by!

Gu Energy Gels will be available while supplies last at mile 10.7 and at mile 18.6 and mile 20.6. There will be two flavors at each station: Lemon Sublime and Tri Berry.

A variety of course entertainment will keep you occupied along your journey at each water station. Special thanks to Malone University who is providing most of the volunteers.

YOU WILL BE RUNNING ON THE TOWPATH TRAIL AND OLDE MUSKINGUM TRAIL. THE SURFFACE IS CRUSHED LIMESTONE AND AT TIMES DIRT. We will be doing our best to clear the running surface on Saturday.

During miles 5.8 to 7.2 you will run on the LEFT SIDE of the towpath. There will be two way traffic during that stretch. During miles 13.1 to 26.2 you will be running on the RIGHT SIDE of the towpath trail as there will be two way traffic. MOST of miles 13.1 to 26.2 are BLACKTOP.

The turnaround for the Marathon is at Mile 19.55. A timing mat will be place there to record your split.

Remember that the Marathon and Half Marathon stay together for 13.08 miles.

Changing Distances

A few of you have reached out and asked if you could switch distances. The answer is YES...BUT...there is a process to follow.

+ You will need to wear the bib that we assign you based on your registered distance.
+ You will also need to start with the distance that you have changed over to.
+ You DO NOT NEED to contact us and tell us that you are changing.
+ When you finish we will reclassify you into the new distance for results purposes.
+ You WILL be given the finisher medal of the original distance that you registered for. We only purchased enough medals in each distance for those who registered for that distance.

For example: If you are registered for the Marathon but decide to drop down to the Half. You will finish at 13.1 miles and we will give you the Marathon medal. We will change your status in the timing system so you are recognized in the Half Marathon results. If for some reason we do have leftover medals, we will let you know and you can exchange it 1 week after the event.

Please listen on Race Morning as we start the races. The Full and Half start at 8:00am and the 5K at 8:15am.

Tips for First Timers

All runners must wear their race bibs on the FRONT of their shirts and should be visible at all times. The back of your bib has a timing chip. Please do not fold or bend this chip. It is used to track your start time, race progress, and finish time.

Please use proper race etiquette. Move aside for runners who say they are passing and make sure you do not become a hazard. If you need to stop or walk at the water stations, check behind you before you move over to grab your bottle of water.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR USED BOTTLE OF WATER IN THE TRASH CAN.

COVID-19

We will be following protocols established by the State of Ohio. We will not be requiring proof of vaccination or a negative test within 72 hours of the event. We WILL ask that you practice common sense. If you are feeling sick or showing symptoms of COVID, please refrain from participating. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask before, during, or after the event we support you. If you do not wish to wear a mask, we support you. We will just ask everyone to respect each other and be courteous.

Important Course Info / Timing Splits

All Marathoners and Half Marathoners Runners stay together for 13.08 miles. At that point the Half Marathoners will head to the finish line while the Marathoners will continue along the marathon course.

All 5K runners will stay together and run portions of the Marathon / Half Marathon Course. Please pay attention to the turn signs. There is a chance that the FIRST Half Marathoner will come up behind the LAST 5K WALKER. Please keep to the side and only walk two across.

Splits will be taken at the following points for the Marathon and Half Marathon

Miles 2.4, 6.5, 10.8, 13.1, 19.55, Finish

The 5K will only have a Finish Time.

Post-Race

You've done it! We will present you with our unique finisher medal as you finish. Please take your finisher water and snacks after you get your medal. A finisher festival will be held up on Canal St which will include music, a post-race beverage, and bounce houses for the kids. Awards will be presented for the 5K race at 9:15am.

Rolling Awards will be available for the Marathon and Half Marathon. This means that once 4 or 5 people in YOUR division have finished, we will declare the top 3 in that age group and make the announcement that those awards are available at the post-race festival site under the RED tent.

Special Thanks

Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center

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