

FIRSTENERGY AKRON MARATHON, HALF MARATHON, & TEAM RELAY

September 27-28, 2024

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

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: 214 W. Bowery St
Finish: 300 S. Main St

5:00 p.m. - Bib Pick-Up 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: 300 S. Main St
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 SERIES APP - NEW!

Download the app in the [Apple](#) or [Google](#) store by searching Akron Marathon Race Series. The new 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 on race week with your bib number. Please know your bib number prior to arriving.

All participants MUST pick up their packets on Friday, September 27, 2024. 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.



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

**Date: Friday, September 27
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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.

Blue Line Main Stage Schedule

11:00 AM	Akron Area YMCA Welcome
11:15 AM	Meet the Elites
12:00 PM	Returning Champions Panel
12:30 PM	Q&A with Dr. Shah, Medical Director
1:30 PM	Ali on the Run Show
3:30 PM	KT Taping & Foam Rolling Instructions with Summa Health Strength & Conditioning Coaches
4:00 PM	All-Time Race Series Participants Panel
5:00 PM	26.2 Pinning Ceremony
6:00 PM	Closing & Good Luck Message

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.

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



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Date: Friday, September 27
Start: 214 W. Bowery St
Finish: 300 S. Main St

- Kids Fun Run Schedule
 - 5:00 p.m. Bib pickup opens
 - 6:00 p.m. Race Start/post-race activities
 - 7:30 p.m. Post-race activities close
- FREE fun run for children 12 years of age and under
- All participants receive a gift, medal & healthy snack.

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

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. 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 6 crosses the starting line. If you are not at the start line at this time, you will not have an official race time.

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.

	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 - 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 pages 15 & 16 for information.

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. See parking map on page 16.

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. For spectator viewing information, see page 5.



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

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: 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. Pretzels & Twizzlers will be provided at miles 17.1 & 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, 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.

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 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.

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 12.3 by 10:15 a.m. to continue on to the full course.

Pace Team

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 12.3. 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.

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 2024, the Half Marathon will follow the Full Marathon course until mile 12.3. When participants turn onto Main St, shortly after mile 12, the Half Marathon will shift over to the left side of the road, Full Marathon and Relay participants will shift to the right side of the road. At Martin Luther King Blvd the Half Marathon will turn left to separate from the Full Marathon course. The Full Marathon and Relay will continue straight onto Howard St. down to the Towpath Trail. Please pay attention to signs and volunteers at this location to make sure you stay on the appropriate course.

SPECTATORS & ACCESSIBILITY

Spectator Information

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

There will be a family reunion area at the Finish Line with bleacher seating for spectators.

Visit any of the Food Truck options at the Finisher Festival. Food Trucks will be available starting at 7:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

1 Viewing Point #1 (Start Line)

Watch the start of the race north of the starting line. Spectators are not allowed inside the start line corrals.

2 Viewing Point #2 (Mile 3.8)

From Start Line: ●●●●●
• Walk east one block on Market St
• View runners at mile 3.8 on the corner of Market St and Broadway)

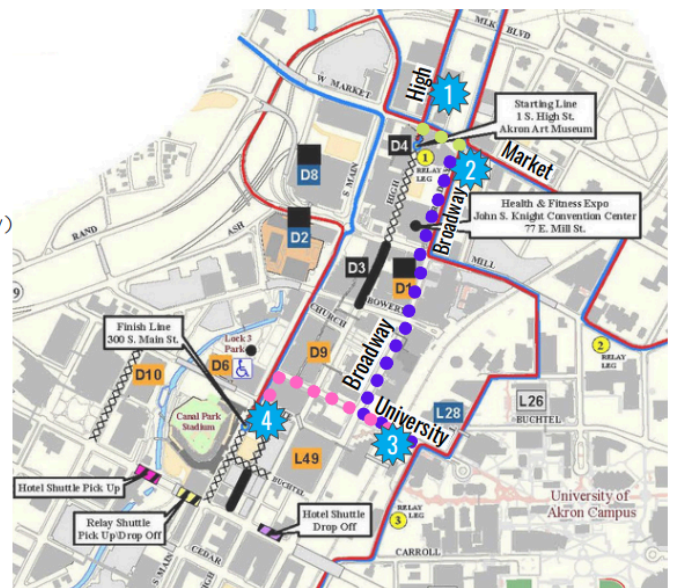
3 Viewing Point #3 (Mile 11.1)

From the corner of Market St and Broadway: ●●●●●
• Walk south on Broadway 3 blocks
• Left on University Ave
• View runners at mile 11.1 on the corner of University Ave and Wolf Ledges

4 Viewing Point #4 (Finish Line)

From the corner of University Ave and Wolf Ledges: ●●●●●
• Walk 2 blocks west to Main St.
• Left on Main St to reach the Finish Line / enter the Finisher Festival.

2024 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.

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.

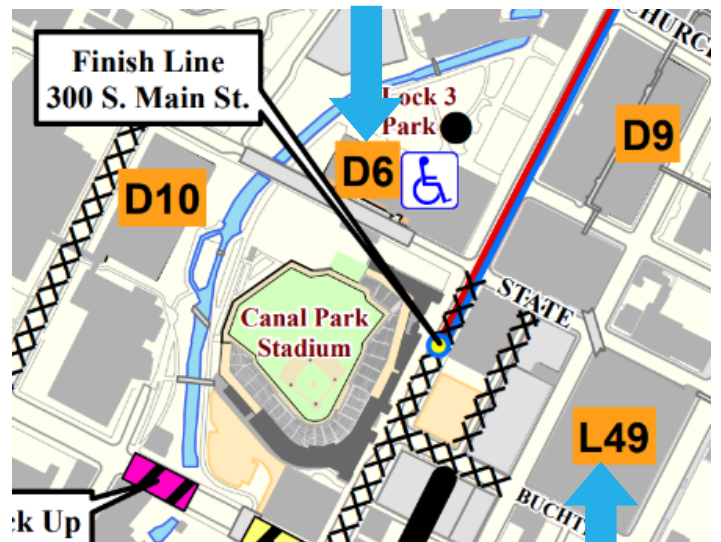
KultureCity: Sensory Inclusion

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.

Parking Accommodations

Accessible parking for the finish line viewing area is available at the State Street Deck or the Polsky Deck (entering from High St). For parking at the start line, accessible parking is available with a VIP pass by request.

D6 - 51 W. State St. (State Street Deck)



L49 - 275 S. High St. (Polsky Deck)

FINISH LINE

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 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 St (1.5 miles from Canal Park). Please bring your bib and photo ID for access.



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		
	Open Men	Open Women
1st Place	\$750	\$750
2nd Place	\$500	\$500
3rd Place	\$250	\$250

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.

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

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.

Non-Binary Awards

Top three overall finishers, based on chip time, will receive an award.

Wheelchair Division Awards

Top finishers in each division will receive an award.

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.

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.

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

FINISHER FESTIVAL

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

Participants receive a drink ticket that can be redeemed for two drinks- beer or soda. Beer cannot be taken outside of the Finisher Festival area.

For medal engraving visit 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 9/22, and pay for the service during registration or pay onsite.

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

Food Trucks

Items listed at each truck can be purchased by participants and spectators.

Credit card accepted at all trucks.

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

American Chuck Wagon

Also accept cash & Apple Pay

*Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich

Hamburger, French Fries, Hot Dog



Chick-fil-A

No cash sales

*Chick-fil-A Original Chicken Sandwich



Swensons

Also accept cash

*Cheeseburger

*Galley Boy

*Salad Boy

Sides: Onion Rings, Teezers



Participants will receive a food truck ticket valid for one item at one of our food trucks inside the Finisher Festival. Participants may pick from a Galley Boy, Cheeseburger, or Salad Boy from Swensons, a 6 oz. Acai Smoothie Bowl from Sandy Bottom Bowls, a Chick-fil-A Original Chicken Sandwich, or an egg and cheese breakfast sandwich from American Chuck Wagon; additional items may be purchased. Gluten free/vegan bags can be picked up at the food tent.

Food trucks are available to participants and spectators.

In addition, visit the Acme food tent located in the Finisher Festival to receive your finisher food bag, extra water, sports drink, and chocolate milk.

Sustainable Waste Stations

Please support our sustainability efforts by placing the appropriate trash & recycling items in the corresponding labeled bins at one of the waste stations in the Finisher Festival. Green team volunteers will assist in proper placement of each item.

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 option available upon request)

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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



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.

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 limited 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 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	6.9	250 E. Mill St	7:00 am	7:05 am	7:20 am	7:30 am	7:35 am
#3	5.6	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**

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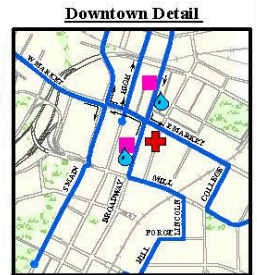


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Mile	First	Last Runner
Start	7:00 AM	7:10 AM
1	7:05 AM	7:25 AM
2	7:10 AM	7:40 AM
3	7:15 AM	7:55 AM
4	7:20 AM	8:10 AM
5	7:25 AM	8:25 AM
6	7:31 AM	8:40 AM
7	7:36 AM	8:55 AM
8	7:41 AM	9:10 AM
9	7:46 AM	9:25 AM
10	7:51 AM	9:40 AM
11	7:56 AM	9:55 AM
12	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

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



Starting Line
1 S. High St.
Akron Art Museum





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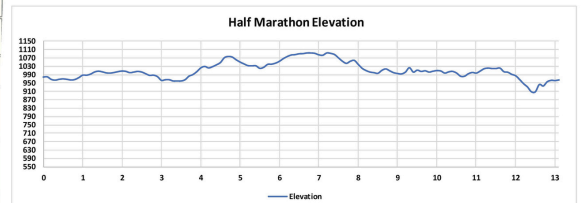
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Start	7:00 AM	7:10 AM
1	7:04 AM	7:26 AM
2	7:09 AM	7:42 AM
3	7:14 AM	7:58 AM
4	7:19 AM	8:14 AM
5	7:24 AM	8:30 AM
6	7:29 AM	8:46 AM
7	7:34 AM	9:02 AM
8	7:39 AM	9:18 AM
9	7:44 AM	9:34 AM
10	7:49 AM	9:50 AM
11	7:54 AM	10:06 AM
12	7:59 AM	10:22 AM
13	8:04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



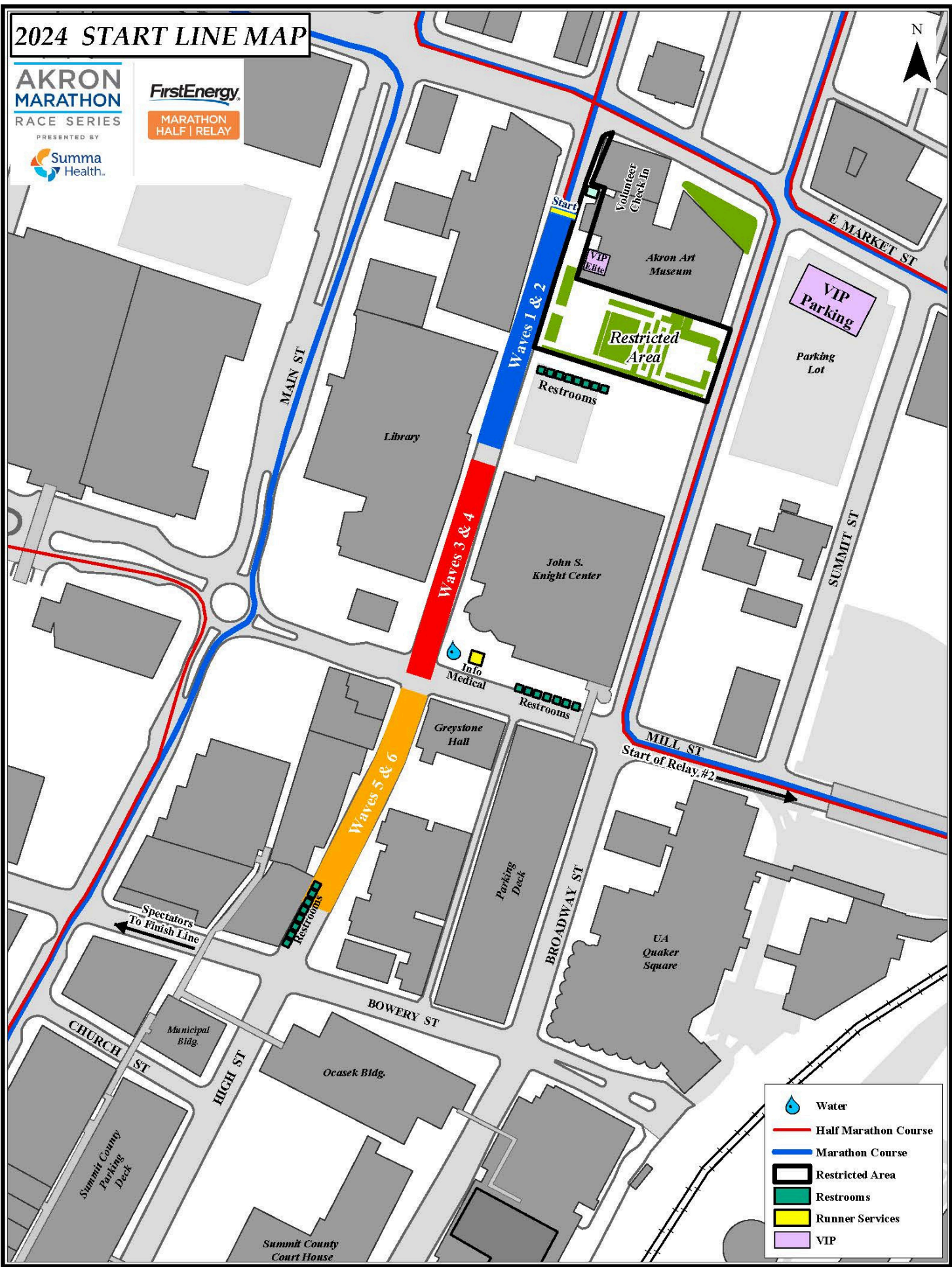
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2024 START LINE MAP

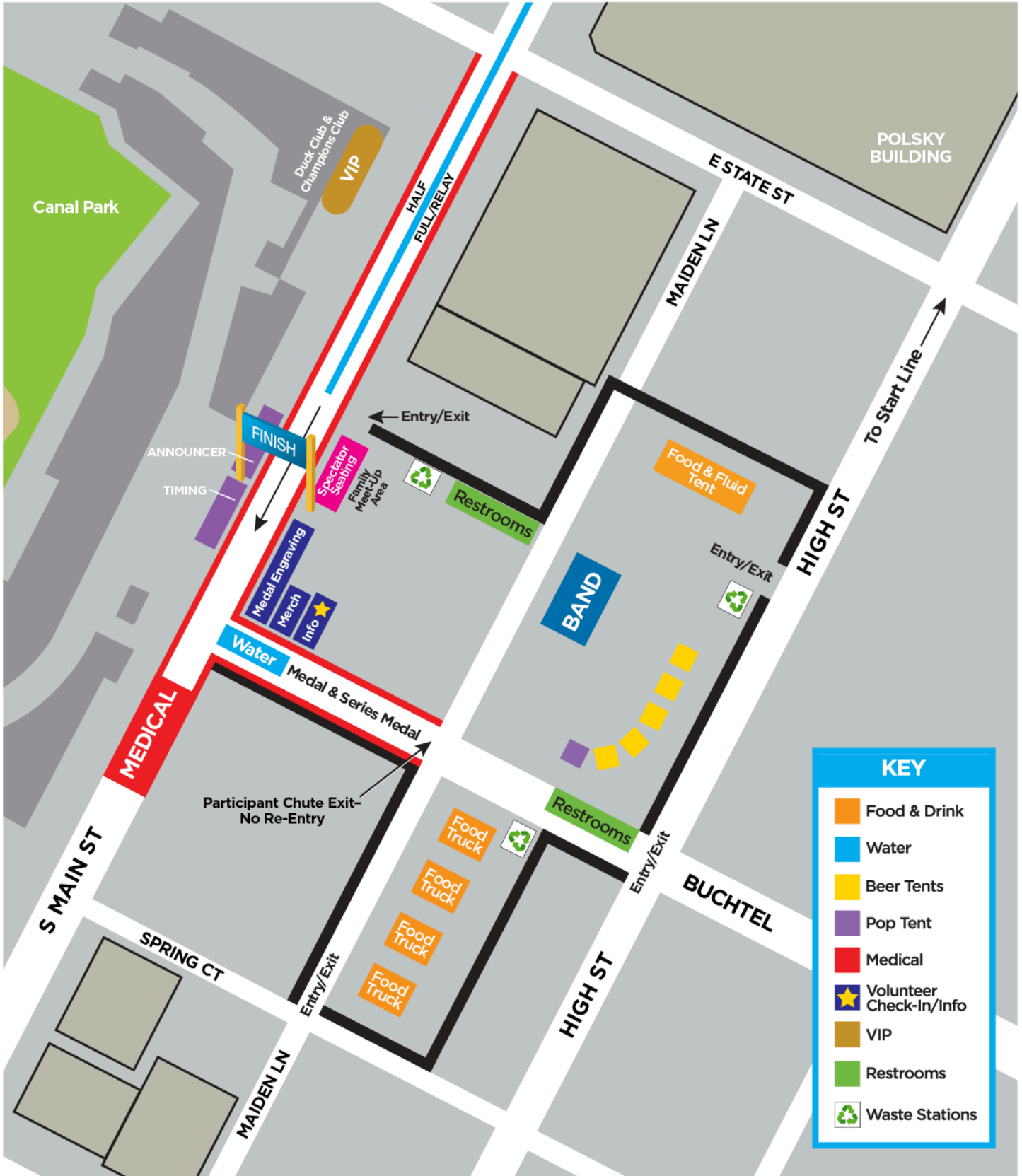
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-  Water
-  Half Marathon Course
-  Marathon Course
-  Restricted Area
-  Restrooms
-  Runner Services
-  VIP

2024 Finisher Festival Map



Kids Fun Run Course

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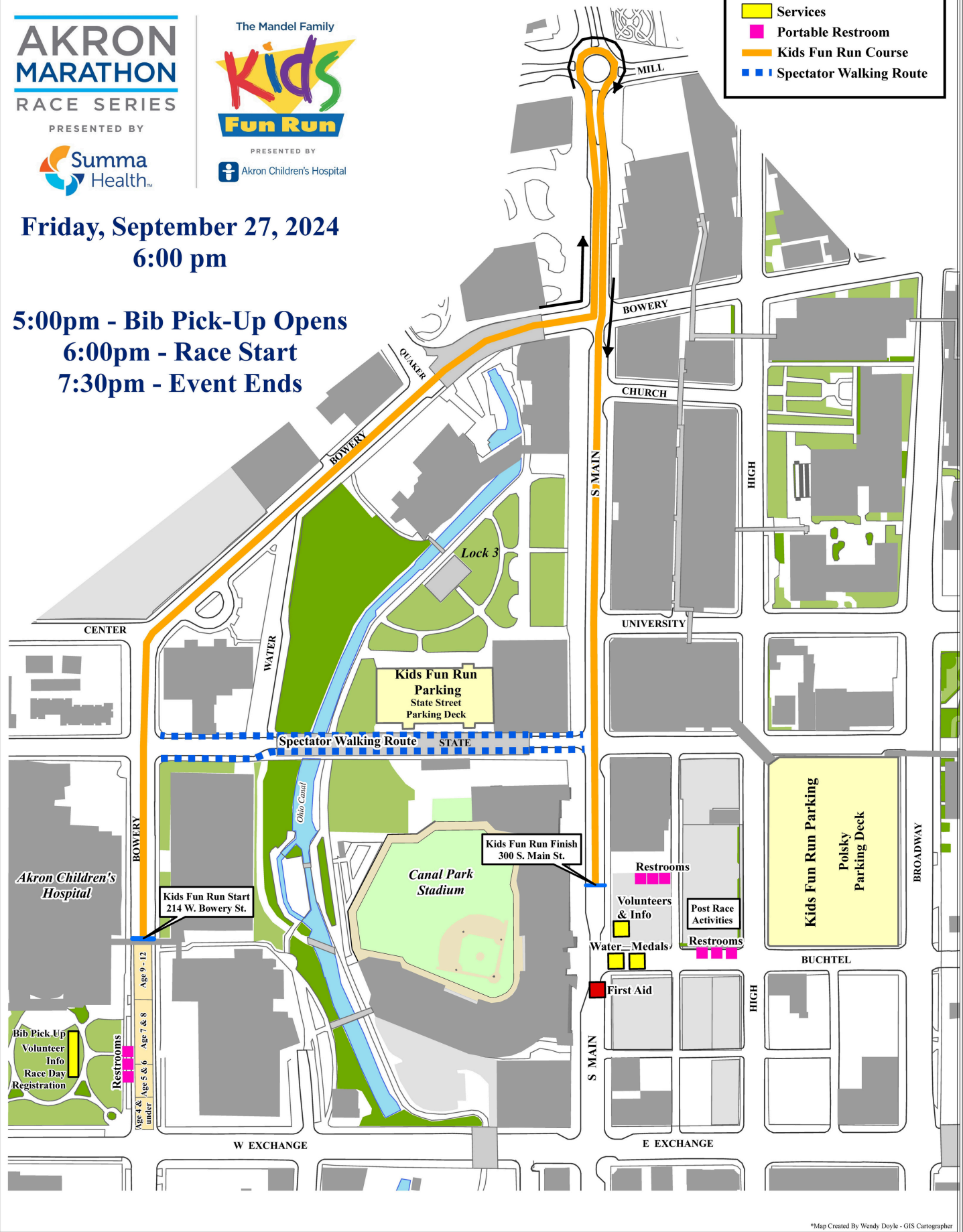
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- First Aid
- Services
- Portable Restroom
- Kids Fun Run Course
- Spectator Walking Route

Friday, September 27, 2024
6:00 pm

5:00pm - Bib Pick-Up Opens
6:00pm - Race Start
7:30pm - Event Ends



*Map Created By Wendy Doyle - GIS Cartographer

ROAD CLOSURES

ROAD CLOSURES - Friday, September 27, 2024

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. Main St.	Between State St. and Exchange St.	Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
E. Buchtel Ave.	Between S. Main St. and S. High St.	Beginning at 8:00 a.m.
Maiden Ln	Between E. State St. and E. Buchtel 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.
S. High St.	Between E. Mill St. and E. Market St.	Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

ROAD CLOSURES – Saturday, September 28, 2024

Road Closures	Restrictions	Approximate Time
S. High St.	Between Bowery St. and Martin Luther King Blvd.	5:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Martin Luther King BLVD	Between Broadway and West Center St.	7:00 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. – 8:30 a.m.
E. Mill St	Between S. College St. and S. Union St.	6:30 a.m. – 9:15 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.
E. Wilbeth Rd. (Westbound lanes only)	Between Brown St. and S. Firestone Blvd.	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
S. Firestone Blvd. (Westbound lane only)	Between E. Wilbeth Rd. and Aster Ave.	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.
N. Firestone Blvd.	Between Aster Ave. and E. Firestone Blvd.	7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
E. Firestone Blvd. (Westbound lanes only)	Between N. 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 Carroll St. and University Ave.	7:00 a.m. – 10:30 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. – 10:15 a.m.
Hill St.	Between S. Forge St. and University Ave.	7:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
S. Forge St.	Between Hill St. and Lincoln	7:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Lincoln	Between S. Forge St. and Mill St.	7:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
N. Main St.	Between Market St. and Martin Luther King Blvd.	7:45 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 Rampart Ave. and Castle Blvd.	8:00 a.m. – 12:45 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.	7:50 a.m. – 1:45 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.

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 16 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, 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 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 Copley Rd exit. Turn left on Copley Rd. Right on Cedar. 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.

Downtown Akron Locations - 2024

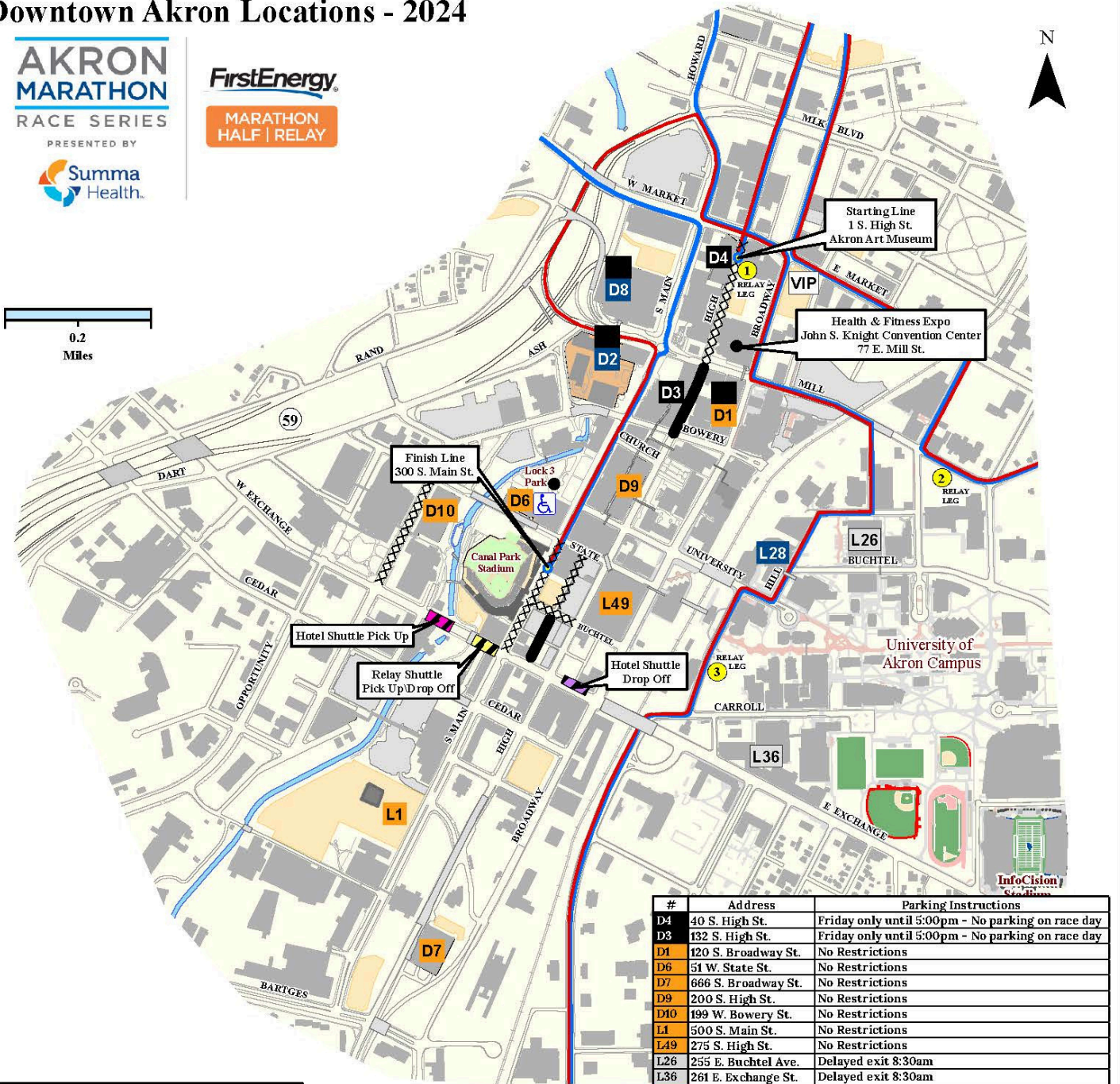
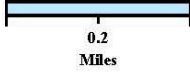
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Relay Shuttle Schedule
To Relay Leg 4: 7:15 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.
To Relay Leg 5: 7:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

#	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
D6	51 W. State St.	No Restrictions
D7	666 S. Broadway St.	No Restrictions
D9	200 S. High St.	No Restrictions
D10	199 W. Bowery St.	No Restrictions
L1	500 S. Main St.	No Restrictions
L49	275 S. High St.	No Restrictions
L26	255 E. Buchtel Ave.	Delayed exit 8:30am
L36	261 E. Exchange St.	Delayed exit 8:30am
L28	198 Hill St.	Delayed exit 10:30am
D2	10 W. Mill St.	Delayed exit 10:30am
D8	11 W. Mill St.	Delayed exit 10:30am

XXXX 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)
Maiden Lane from State to Buchtel (beginning at 8:00am)

— Road Closures - Saturday Morning 5:00am
High from Mill to Bowery (beginning 5:00am)
Maiden Lane from Buchtel 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
- Handicap Parking
- Hotel Shuttle Bus Pick Up
- Relay Shuttle Pick Up/Drop Off
- Road Closures - Friday
- Road Closures - Saturday Morning 6:50 am
- Suggested Parking for Packet Pickup
- Hotel Shuttle Bus Drop Off
- Half Marathon Course
- Marathon Course
- Road Closures - Saturday Morning 5:00 am

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