

Subject: Madeline Island Marathon and Half
Marathon Pre-Race Information

It's Race Week! We hope you are as excited for this weekend as we are!

This email contains most of the information you'll need for the event, but we invite you to visit www.madelineislandmarathon.com and click 'Run' for more answers to questions you may have.



Madeline Island Ferry:

On Friday, the Ferry Line will be running its normal schedule to and from Bayfield. If you are not staying on Madeline Island for the weekend, you can park in Bayfield and walk onto the ferry. Packet Pick-up is at Joni's Beach which is about three blocks from the Ferry Terminal. Regular Rates Apply.

On Saturday morning (race day), the Madeline Island Ferry Line's first scheduled trip to the Island for runners will be at 6:30am. The ferry ride is about 25 minutes long. You must be on the 6:30am boat to guarantee you'll be at the start line on time. Race starts at 8:30am sharp. Please also have a parking plan ready. You must be at the Ferry Landing early enough to find parking, buy your ferry ticket, and board the ferry. The ferry does not take reservations, it's first-come, first serve, so please give yourselves enough time. You can pre-purchase your ticket the night before, but that does not guarantee you passage on a specific trip race morning. Regular Rates Apply.

There is a free shuttle for runners and spectators between the Ferry Terminal in La Pointe and the Race Start/Finish Area on race day only.

*We would encourage runners not staying on the island to carpool to Bayfield, park, and walk onto ferry. There is a free race day shuttle on the island and there is no parking at the race start/finish.

Visit <http://www.madferry.com> for more information on the Madeline Island Ferry.

Parking:

Parking in Bayfield: If you are planning to park in Bayfield and walk onto the ferry, there are several lots available. Visit <https://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/1/0/8/4/108437539/parking-map.pdf> for parking information in Bayfield.

Parking on Madeline Island: Visit

https://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/1/0/8/4/108437539/parking_and_shuttle_route_2018.pdf for parking lots available in downtown La Pointe. *Please note there is NO PARKING at the start/finish area. There will be a shuttle running between the ferry, downtown La Pointe parking areas and the Start/Finish area. Walking and biking is recommended on race day.

Expo/Package Pick-up:

Friday, May 17th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Joni's Beach (Start/Finish Area). Joni's Beach is about 3 blocks from the Ferry Terminal, just turn right after departing the terminal.

Saturday, May 18th (race day) from 6:30 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. at Joni's Beach (Start/Finish Area). There are free shuttles from the Ferry Terminal and various parking lots in La Pointe to the Start/Finish Area.

Madeline Island Marathon hats, stickers, hand-made coffee mugs, and sweatshirts will be available at the Expo/Package Pick-up while supplies last. Please note: cash only for purchases.

Race Packets and Gear Bags:

Inside your race packet will be your race number (please wear on the front of your clothing), pins, your free beer ticket (attached to your race number), a zip tie, and other goodies. Your race number includes a tear-off Gear Check Tag, please use the provided zip tie to attach to your Gear Bag.

Gear Check:

Gear check will be available at the Packet Pick-up/Post Race Party Tent on race morning. Please use the provided zip tie to attach the tear-off Gear Check Tag on your race number to the provided Gear Bag. The gear bags will be stored under the tent and will be supervised.

Restrooms:

Bathrooms and portable restrooms are located at Joni's Beach on each end of the park. On course, there are portable restrooms at each aid station (approximately every two miles).

Race Start:

Both the marathon and half marathon start promptly at 8:30 a.m. Courses:

Both the Marathon Course and Half Marathon Course have been certified by USA Track & Field. Keep in mind that both courses are open to vehicle traffic and that you will be restricted to certain sides of the road. Please follow all instructions by race officials or signs. Both courses have out-and-back sections and there will be two-way runner traffic. We ask that you be courteous of other runners at aid stations, especially on the out-and-back sections. Portable music devices are strongly discouraged, but if you are listening to music, please turn down the volume and be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Aid Stations: Water, Gatorade, Vaseline, portable restrooms, and medical personnel for the marathon will be located at approximately miles: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10/16, 12/14, 18, 20, 22, 24 and 25. Water, Gatorade, Vaseline, portable restrooms, and medical personnel for the half marathon will be located at approximately miles: 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12.

If you need to drop out of the race for any reason, please do so at an aid station location. The sweep vehicle will pick you up and bring you to the start/finish area at Joni's Beach.

Spectators:

We encourage same-day spectators to please take the 7:30 a.m. ferry or later and we recommend walking on to the ferry. You may choose to bring a bike to the island to be able to access various locations on the course, but we **STRONGLY DISCOURAGE** driving the course to spectate.

Finish Line:

The Finish Line is located at Joni's Beach. After you cross the finish line, you will receive your Custom Finisher's Medal, bottled water, Gatorade, and post-race snacks including chocolate milk. A medical tent is located near the finish line in the park.

Post-Race entertainment begins at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The awards ceremony will start at approximately 3:30 p.m. Enjoy a free beer from Bent Paddle Brewing and music by Pachanga Society (12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.). Hot dogs and brats (c'mon, this is Wisconsin!) and veggie burgers, presented by Cooking with Lars, will also be available for runners only while supplies last. For spectators, we encourage visiting the restaurants that will be open during the race. For a complete list of openings during event weekend, visit https://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/1/0/8/4/108437539/timeline_2019-5_8_19take2.pdf.

The last free shuttle from Joni's Beach to the Ferry Terminal and La Pointe parking lots will leave at 4:00 p.m.

Please be sure to thank the many volunteers working to make your experience on Madeline Island a great one!

Weather Contingency:

We keep a close eye on weather conditions for Saturday morning's event. Currently weather conditions look favorable, but we will continue to monitor. If weather conditions warrant us to delay or cancel the event, we will update via Facebook, the event website and email.

Thank you for choosing to join us for the Madeline Island Marathon and Half Marathon! We look forward to seeing you on the Rock this weekend!