

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 is running a special race day boat to the Island for runners at 6:30 a.m. The ferry ride is about 25 minutes long. You must be on the 6:30 a.m. boat to guarantee you'll be at the start line on time. Both races start at 8:30 a.m. 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.

*We would encourage runners not staying on the island to carpool to Bayfield, park, and walk onto ferry.

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 [Parking Bathroom Map 2023.pdf - Google Drive](#)

Parking on Madeline Island:

Visit https://www.madelineislandmarathon.com/uploads/1/0/8/4/108437539/marathon_parking_map_2022-1.pdf for parking lots available in downtown La Pointe. *Please note there is NO PARKING at the start/finish area.

Packet Pick-up:

Friday, May 19th from 4:00 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 20th (race day) from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. at Joni's Beach (Start/Finish Area).

Madeline Island Marathon hats, stickers, hand-made coffee mugs, koozies, and sweatshirts will be available at the Packet Pick-up/Post-race party tent 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, 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:

Self-serve water, lemon-lime Gatorade, Vaseline, portable restrooms, and communications personnel for the marathon will be located at approximately miles: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10/16, 12/14, 18, 20, 22 and 24. Self-serve water, lemon-lime Gatorade, Vaseline, portable restrooms, and communications personnel for the half marathon will be located at approximately miles: 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 11. Please bring your own nutrition/gels for the course. There will be limited quantities available for purchase at Packet Pickup but will NOT be provided on the course.

If you need to drop out of the race for any reason, please do so at an aid station location. A SAG vehicle will be dispatched and will pick you up as soon as they are able and will drop you off near the Start/Finish area.

Spectators:

Race-day spectators, please make sure to check the ferry schedule. We encourage you to please take the 7:00 a.m. or later ferry and we also 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, water, Gatorade, and post-race snacks including chocolate milk. A 1st aid 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 3:00 p.m. Enjoy music by Pachanga Society (12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.), a free beer from Bent Paddle Brewing (21+, ID required) and hot dogs, brats (c'mon, this is Wisconsin!) and veggie burgers, presented by Cooking with Lars. Please show your bib for free food and beer. Free food will be available for runners only while supplies last.

For spectators, we encourage visiting the restaurants that will be open during the race.

Restaurants on Madeline Island and in Bayfield

Madeline Island Restaurants: <https://www.madelineisland.com/eat-drink-stay-awhile/on-the-island/>

And Bayfield Restaurants: <https://www.bayfield.org/restaurants/>

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!

Alyssa, Grace and Brian