

MONTANA MARATHON



Sunday, September 19, 2021

The Billings Family YMCA is proud to be hosting the 41st Annual Montana Marathon. This USATF certified, Boston qualifying race course offers a scenic view through Big Sky country and it is ideal with its 1,000 foot decline in elevation.

Start Times:

7:00 am **Marathon**
8:15 am **Half Marathon**
9:15 am **10K**
TBD **Post Race Celebration**

Shuttle Times from Senior Park Lot:

<u>Load</u>		<u>Depart</u>	
5:30 am	to	6:00 am	Marathon
6:45 am	to	7:30 am	Half Marathon
8:00 am	to	8:45 am	10K

Shuttles will depart from the Senior High School parking lot located at 425 Grand Avenue. The parking lot is to the north of the school building just off of Virginia Lane. Parking is limited at the start of the marathon and 10k races. There is absolutely **NO** parking available at the start of the half marathon. We recommend taking the provided transportation to the start of each race in order to keep the course clear and safe for all participants; the race is not on a closed course. You must be on the bus by the above posted time to ensure arrival at your respective race by its start time. The last shuttle is expected to arrive roughly 15 minutes prior to the race start time.

Half Marathon:

Molt Road is a highway with speeds in excess of 60mph. There is no parking near the start! For the safety of our runners and volunteers, we require all runners to ride the bus. If you do not wish to ride the bus, please do not register.

Portapotties:

Portapotties will be available at the bus loading area at Senior High School parking lot, the start of each race and approximately miles 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24 and at the finish line in Pioneer Park.

Aid Stations:

There are thirteen aid stations throughout the course at approximately marathon miles 3, 6, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25. There is also an aid station at the start of marathon. Each station will supply water. HEED electrolyte drink mix and Hammer Gel will be offered at Marathon miles 6, 13, 18 and 23.

Course Closure:

All participants must be capable of completing the Marathon in 7 hours. For the sake of our volunteers, there will be no support along the course past the cutoff times, runners may choose to run at their own risk. Runners, who choose to finish after the 2:00 cut off time, will not receive an official time.

Cut off times are an average of 15 minute mile for the Marathon and 17 minute mile for Half Marathon.

Mile 7 - cut off time 8:45am
Mile 13.1 - cut off time 10:15am
Mile 20 - cut off time 12:15pm
Course Closes at 2:00 PM

Course Safety and Emergency:

The course is marked well, but it is open to traffic. There will be volunteers at most intersections. Please remain on the right side of the road, unless otherwise directed. Because the course is open to traffic, we recommend that all participants wear bright colored clothing to improve visibility. Music devices and earbuds/earphones are strongly discouraged.

If you experience a medical emergency while on the course, please inform a volunteer and/or call 911. Ham Radio volunteers will be providing communications throughout the race course. There limited cell phone coverage for the first 13 miles of the Marathon. There is a fully staffed medical tent at the finish line and Billings Clinic medical vehicles at certain points along the course.

If you decide to leave the course, please let a staff or volunteer know so we don't wonder where you are.

Race Day Temperature:

You know what they say about Montana Weather? It changes daily! Check the weather to dress accordingly.

Drop Bags:

Drop bags will be included in your race packet. It is your responsibility to bring your drop bag on race day if needed. Fill out the tear-off tag portion of your race bib and attach it to your drop bag with the provided zip tie. Bins labeled drop bags will be at the start of the race. We will transport the bags to the finish line at Pioneer Park.

Race Medals:

All finishers will receive a medal once they cross the finish line.

Finisher Area:

All runners will finish near Pioneer Park along 3rd Street West and then proceed through to the finish area. This area is restricted to running participants only. Bottled water, and snacks will be provided. A medical tent provided by **Billings Clinic** will be available to runners.

Awards:

Award medals will be available for the overall male and female winners. Top 3 male and top 3 female winners of each age group for the Marathon and Half Marathon will receive a medal.

Awards Ceremony & Post Race Celebration:

TBD

Lodging:

Our MT Marathon partner hotels are Home2Suites by Hilton & Northern Hotel. Contact a preferred hotel at the numbers listed for reservations:

Home2Suites - (406) 252-2255

Northern Hotel - (406) 867-6767

Home2Suites will offer a shuttle from their hotel to the Senior High School parking lot for event shuttles the morning of the race for participants only. This needs to be scheduled when reservation is made.

Hotel Shuttle reservations are made at the hotel front desk

Transportation:

Downtown Billings is walker friendly and has many great shops and eating establishments. Local taxi service, city transportation and/or Uber are means of traveling to our shuttle bus transportation location in the parking lot of Senior High School.

Prerace Dinner:

Billings has many great restaurants to choose from and we want you to experience our city. Check out **www.visitbillings.com** for a list of restaurants.

Packet Pickup: Marathon, Half, Relay & 10K

Where:

Billings Family YMCA
402 North 32nd Street
Billings, MT 59101

When: September 18, 2021
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Packet: You will receive a Brooks running shirt, drawstring drop bag and your race bib.

Please use the west entrance of the YMCA (4th Avenue N. and 33rd Street).

**** There will be no packet pickup on race day!**

Refunds/Deferral:

Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. No exceptions. Once we receive and accept your entry, you will not receive a refund if you cannot participate, you may not give or sell your race number to anyone else, and you may not defer your entry fee to a future race.

If the event is cancelled due to COVID-19, participants will receive a refund of their registration fee minus \$10 for processing fees.

In the event that you registered but cannot participate, please consider your entry fee as gift to our Billings Family YMCA and community organizations that benefit from this race and serve our community.

COVID-19 Guidelines:

In the event that COVID-19 is a continuing public health concern, we will follow state and local COVID-19 Directives to ensure the safety of participants and our community. To find COVID-19 Directives, go to www.mt.gov.

Questions, Comments or Concerns:

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