



September 8, 2018



St. Ignace
Kiwanis Club &



PARTICIPANT GUIDE

PRE-RACE INFORMATION

Getting Here by Ferry

Shepler's Ferry is offering ticket discounts for your trip to the Island. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$10 per child. To purchase your tickets online, go to [Shepler's Ferry](#): and enter code **RUNNER18**

Be sure to mention the race if you purchase your tickets in-person to receive the discount.

Note: Mission Point is approximately ¾ Mile from the ferry dock. Please plan to be on the ferry no later than the 8:00 Boat to allow adequate time for pickup.

Shepler's Parking is different this year! For those who are coming for the day, you will go directly to the Day Parking Lot off Exit 338 of I-75. Parking is free and a shuttle will take you directly to the dock after you park. For those staying overnight, you must go to the ferry dock to purchase your parking (standard parking is \$5 per day), then drive your car to the overnight parking lot and return by shuttle to the dock. Please allow extra time as there is no valet parking available. Premium parking is also available on-site for \$25 per day.



Packet Pick-Up

Friday, September 7

Mission Point Sound Stage, 4:00 – 8:00 PM

Saturday, September 8

Mission Point Sound Stage, 7:30 – 9:20 AM

The Sound Stage is located above the Spa at Mission Point. The stairs leading up to the Sound Stage are between the Theater and the Spa on the Promenade Deck. Check the map on page 4 for directions.

Bib/Shirt Pick-Up Instructions:

- Please know your bib number prior to your arrival at the race. Your number is in your email, but you can [Click Here](#) to find your number.
- When you arrive at the Packet Pick-Up, proceed to the Participant Packet Pick-Up area (organized by bib number) to get your bib and shirt.
- If you are unable to pick up your bib during regularly scheduled hours, someone else may pick it up for you but we may ask you to provide a copy of their email, photo id or written authorization.
- If you find you need to exchange your shirt size, please go to the **Shirt Exchange** table on the far left of the registration area – we will do the best we can to accommodate you. **Volunteers at packet pickup are not able to exchange shirts**

What you should know about your Race Bib:

- Do not remove, bend or fold the timing tags attached to your bib; Doing so will result in damaging the timing device and you may not receive a finishing time.
- Your bib must be visible and worn on the front and outside of your clothing during the entire race
- Walkers will be wearing Yellow bibs to distinguish them as Walk Only participants.
- Your bib is non-transferrable and must be worn only by you

RACE LOGISTICS

The Start

The 8 Mile will start at 9:30 a.m. on Main Street in front of the hotel (below Round Island Bar).

We ask that runners and walkers start according to your pace with the faster runners in the front. Non competitive walkers are asked to start last.

The Kids Race will start at approximately 12:00. Children are asked to gather at the Gazebo by 11:45 for some fun pre-race exercise – Cat Woman will lead the activity and the Race

The Course

The race will run clockwise - through downtown then around the Island – keep the water on your left and you'll reach the finish ;o). Enjoy the beautiful scenery along the way, *especially the new American Indian Interpretive exhibits in six locations along the shoreline. We will have a timing system at the 4 Mile mark to register your half way split time. Be sure to register to receive a 4 Mile text message.*

Walkers: You must walk the entire race to be eligible for awards. If at least three participants report a walker (yellow bib) running any portion of the race, you will be moved to the Run.

The Finish

All events will finish along the water on the Shoreline Trail of Mission Point Great Lawn, located directly in front of the Mission Point Main Lodge.

Course Rules

- The mile markers will be clearly marked with white flour on the road.
- If you use energy gels along the course, please do not dispose of them on the course; either carry the empty packs with you or dispose of them in a cup at an aid station
- Horses always have the right of way on the Island and remember to be aware of any bicycle traffic
- No roller blades, wagons or other wheeled vehicles will be allowed on the course. Baby joggers and pets are strongly discouraged due to safety concerns, but not prohibited.
- Please be considerate of other Island visitors along the course. Remember that the course is not closed and there will be bikes and pedestrians on the road.
- We ask that you refrain from walking or running 3-4 abreast during the race.

Restrooms

Restrooms are available in the Theater lobby and the Conference Center (the majority of the restrooms are located in this building). We ask that you do not use the restrooms in the Sound Stage and do not crowd the Theater lobby restrooms. There will also be Porta-Johns located in the Mission Point Great Lawn. The only restroom on the course is located at British Landing, approximately 4 miles.

Water Stations

There will be three (3) aid stations provided by the St. Ignace Kiwanis Club on the course, approximately 2 miles apart from one another.

EVENT MAP



Directions to Sound Stage: From Ferry Docks go right on Main Street approximately ½ mile. Turn left on Frank Street by the Mission Point Resort sign and head up the hill, staying to your right until you reach the Promenade Deck.

From the outside Entrance to the Hotel, take Stairs on your left up to the Promenade Deck. The Sound Stage is on the second level above the Spa. Stairs are between the Spa and the Theater.

POST-RACE INFORMATION

Gear Check

You can store your gear in the Mission Point Sound Stage during the race. We ask that you retrieve your personal belongings immediately after you finish the race. Please note that we are not responsible for any lost or stolen items. **All gear must be picked up by 12:30 PM.** Gear not retrieved will be left with Hotel Security.

Race Results

The Mackinac Island 8 Mile results will be available [online](#) or by scanning the QR code on your race bib. (You must have a QR Code Reader app on your Smartphone to utilize this results resource.) There will also be computers available for results lookup in the Mission Point Sound Stage immediately following the race. (In the interest of being “Green”, as long as we have reliable internet service, we do not plan to post printed results).

Runner Tracking

You (and your friends and family) can sign up to receive an SMS, Facebook post or a Tweet when you cross the 4 Mile split and at the finish. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

Finisher's Medals & Awards

All Finishers of Mackinac Island 8 Mile will receive a commemorative medal. Awards for both events will be given to the Overall winners, the Masters Male and Female winners, and the top five finishers in each age group for the Run (top three age group finishers in the Walk). There will not be an award ceremony so you are responsible to check the results and pick up your award in the Sound Stage prior to 1:00 on race day. There may be a fee to mail awards after the race.

Post-Race Amenities

Following the race, the St. Ignace Kiwanis will be passing out water and fruit to all finishers. Be sure to say hello and thank our partners in this race.

Free Finisher Photos, Plus a Fun Photo Booth

We'll capture you in high-resolution shots, and track those photos using your unique bib number. After the race, each registrant will be able to retrieve free photos to share on Facebook, tweet or download and print out. The photos will be linked to your results and available to you immediately after the race.

We will also have a fun Photo Booth set up just inside the Sound Stage at Mission Point Resort. This a fun, free feature, so be sure to take some fun photos with your friends before or after the race!

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MACKINAC ISLAND 8 MILE RUN AND WALK
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HAVE A GREAT RACE AND ENJOY BEAUTIFUL MACKINAC ISLAND!