

mackinac island  
EIGHT MILE  
#runmackinac

50th Anniversary  
September 11, 2021  
9:30 a.m.

1971 - 2021



1973



1978



1996



St. Ignace &  
Kiwanis Club

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FOUR GREAT RACES, ONE BEAUTIFUL ISLAND.

PARTICIPANT  
GUIDE

# PRE-RACE INFORMATION

## Getting Here by Ferry

Shepler's Ferry is offering ticket discounts for your trip to the Island. Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$12 per child. If you did not purchase your tickets when you registered, you can still purchase your tickets online, go to [Shepler's Ferry](#): and enter code **RACER2021**. If you are purchasing your ticket on-site, be sure to mention the race to receive the discount.

**Pre-Purchased Ticket Info:** If you purchased tickets when you registered for the race, you will receive an email from Shepler's with your e-ticket. You just need to show the QR code on your phone to board the ferry, or print it out and present it. If you are staying overnight or bringing bikes, you will still need to go to the ticket office to handle arrangements.

**Note:** *Mission Point is approximately ¼ Mile from the ferry dock. Please plan to be on the ferry no later than the 8:00 Boat to allow adequate time*

**Shepler's Parking Information!** *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 (Note: New location at Mission Point)

**Friday, September 10 - Promenade Deck, Mission Point** 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Saturday, September 11 - Promenade Deck, Mission Point** 7:30 AM – 9:20 AM

The Promenade Deck is located outside, across from the Spa at Mission Point (in the center of the courtyard, near the bike racks). Please follow the signage to enter and exit the Packet Pick-Up area to allow for social distancing and a smooth flow of traffic. 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. Please allow for social distancing and don't crowd the area.
- If you are unable to pick up your bib during regularly scheduled hours, someone else may pick it up for you but please only pick up other's packets if they specifically requested you to do so.
- If you find you need to exchange your shirt size, please go to the **Shirt Exchange** table – 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. **Please practice social distancing when lining up for the start.** There is a lot of road to use when lining up or you can stand on the lawn until you feel comfortable joining the start. We also recommend wearing your mask before you start if you are unable to social distance when lining up. Our goal is to have a safe start for all participants!

**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 – Michelle Dvorak, our own “Cat Woman” will lead the activity and Race

## The Finish

All events will finish on the Mission Point Great Lawn.

## 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. *Please be aware that some of the course will not be paved but will be passable.*

**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 mile markers will be clearly marked with white flour on the road and with signage.
- 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 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.

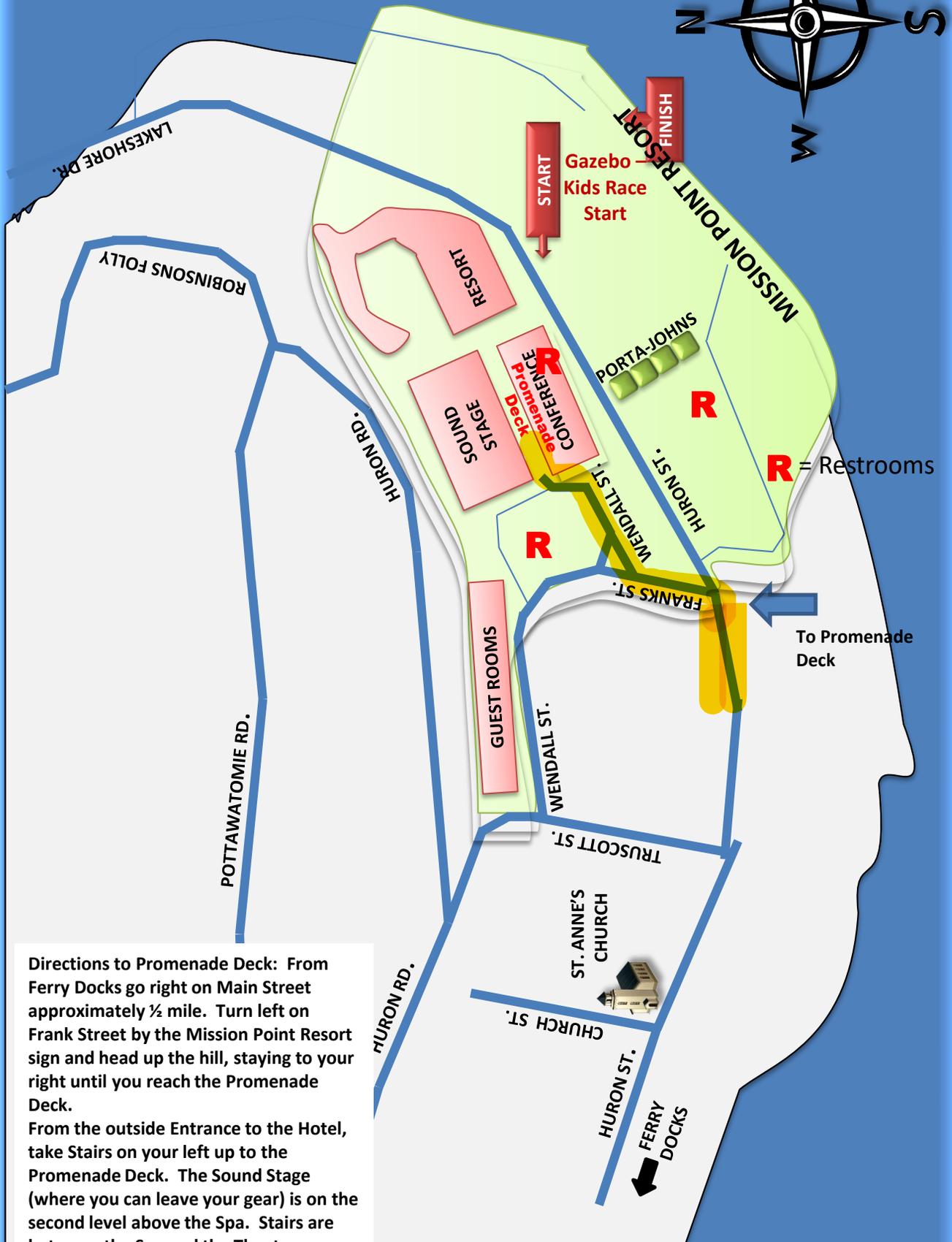
## Restrooms

Restrooms are available in the Theater lobby and the Conference Center (the majority of restrooms are located in this building). We ask that you do not use the restrooms in the Sound Stage lobby and do not crowd the Theater lobby restrooms. There will also be Porta-Johns located on 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 Promenade Deck: 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 (where you can leave your gear) is on the second level above the Spa. Stairs are between the Spa and the Theater.

# POST-RACE INFORMATION

## No Gear Check!

**THERE WILL BE NO GEAR CHECK THIS YEAR!** You can, however, store your gear in the Mission Point Sound Stage/Foyer during the race, but please be aware we will not have volunteers there to check in or monitor the gear. If you are going to leave your gear in the Sound Stage area, we suggest you attach the tear off tag (from your bib) to your gear for your ease of identification when you return to retrieve it. (We will have small zip ties available in the Sound Stage Foyer for your use. Please do not store any valuables in your gear (i.e. phone, money, keys). Lockers are available for rent at both of the ferry lines and we recommend you use those if you wish to securely store valuable items, or leave your items with a family member or friend.

## Race Results

The Mackinac Island 8 Mile results will be available [online](#) or by scanning the QR code on your race bib. We encourage you to use your phone to access results. There may also be limited computers available for results lookup just outside the Promenade Deck, but they will be dependent on internet connectivity and may not always be available.

## Awards

All Finishers of Mackinac Island 8 Mile will receive a special 50th Anniversary commemorative medal. If you are in the Trio, be sure to keep your medal in a safe place – your Trio medal will become a display holder for all three race medals.

Awards for both events will be given to the Overall winners, the Masters Male and Female winners, and the top three finishers in each age group for the Run and the Walk). There will not be an award ceremony, so you are responsible to check the results and pick up your award by the Promenade Deck prior to 1:00 on race day. If you cannot pick the award up yourself, please arrange to have someone pick it up for you. There will likely 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

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 your favorite social media platform or download and print out. The photos will be linked to your results and available to you immediately after the race.

**THANKS FOR BEING A PART OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MACKINAC ISLAND 8 MILE RUN AND WALK  
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**ST. IGNACE KIWANIS CLUB AND RUNMACKINAC EVENTS!**

**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NEXT YEAR— SEPTEMBER 10, 2022!**