



**Saturday  
October 28, 2023**

**10:30 • 10:45**

**run mackinac**   
FOUR GREAT RACES, ONE BEAUTIFUL ISLAND.



# 2023 PARTICIPANT GUIDE

## 2 PRE-RACE INFORMATION

### Packet Pick-Up

**Friday, October 27**

Mission Point Sound Stage (or Promenade Deck)

4:00 – 6:30 PM

**Saturday, October 28**

Mission Point Sound Stage

8:30 – 10:40 AM

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



### Bib/Vest Pick-Up Instructions:

- Your bib number has been emailed to you. You can also [Click Here](#) to find your number or look up another member of your group.
- 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 vest. If you are unable to pick up your bib during regularly scheduled hours, someone else may pick it up if you've given them permission to do so.
- After picking up your vest, if you would like to exchange it for a different size, please go to the Vest/Shirt Exchange Table to see what's available. Volunteers at packet pickup cannot exchange any sizes - all the vests they have in their area are already counted and promised to other pre-registered participants.

### Bib Number Requirements

Your 2023 Great Turtle Trail Run bib number is a unique identifier and must be worn and visible at all times during the race.

- Do not remove, bend or fold the timing tags attached to your bib; Your bib must be visible and **worn on the front** and outside of your clothing during the entire race
- Your bib is non-transferrable and must be worn only by you



Half Marathon Bib



5.7 Mile Walk Bib



5.7 Mile Run Bib

### No Gear Check

We will not have an official, monitored Gear Check, however you can store your gear in the Mission Point Sound Stage during the race. Please be aware we will not have volunteers there to check in or monitor the gear, but staff will be in the area the entire race. 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). Please do not store any valuables in your gear (phone, money, keys). Lockers are available for rent at both ferry docks; we recommend you use those if you wish to securely store valuable items or leave your items with a friend.

# 3 PRE-RACE INFORMATION

## Weather

The weather can change quickly on the Island. Dress in layers to avoid over-heating or long term exposure to the cold. The temperature for Saturday is predicted to be in the mid 40's, mostly cloudy and moderately windy.

**Please be sure to check the weather before you leave so that you can pack the proper gear.**

## Ferry Transportation

[Shepley's Ferry](#) is offering discounted tickets at \$23/adult and \$14/child to all runners and their families.

- If you pre-ordered a ticket during the registration process, you should have already received an email from Shepler's Ferry with your QR code e-ticket to print it out or show on your phone. If you believe you purchased a ticket but have not received an email from Shepler's, please first check your spam and then contact me at [anne@runmackinac.com](mailto:anne@runmackinac.com)
- You can still purchase advance tickets online through [Shepler's](#), please use the code ISLANDRACER
- If you choose to purchase tickets on-site when you arrive at the dock, just tell the ticket office associate you are with the race to receive the discount.



**Parking -All Parking is Self-Park. Please allow adequate time prior to your departure for parking and returning to dock. For current information on ferry departures and parking, please go to [Sheplers](#)**

**Day parking is free and available in the Day Lot off Exit 338 of I-75.** Simply park on your arrival and take the shuttle to the ferry dock. Shuttles run continuously.

**Overnight Parking must be purchased at the dock and is Self-Park (no valet service).**

### Mackinaw City – Overnight Parking

**Premium On-Site Parking \$40.00 / night:** The premium parking option allows you to park right at the dock parking lot. Before parking, go to the unloading area, where your bags will be tagged for your Island hotel. You will need to pay for your parking at the ticket office, then park in the adjacent lot

**Standard Off-Site Parking \$20.00 / night:** If you choose the standard overnight parking option, first come to the dock to unload bags and bikes. You will need to go to the ticket office to pay for your parking prior to heading to that lot. The lot is approximately five blocks away, with continuous tram service offered back to the ferry dock. Ticket office cast members will give you directions to the lot when you pick up your parking pass.

**St. Ignace Parking:** On arrival, guests will take a parking ticket at the entrance gate. Tickets allow complimentary parking until midnight of that day. After midnight, a per night fee will be charged (check [Here](#) for fees and instructions). Parking will be paid upon return at the ticket office or luggage tent pay station. Remember to take your parking ticket with you. (Do not lose your ticket.)

# 4 THE RACE

## Start Locations

### 5.7 Mile Event (See Event Map on following pages)

The 5.7 Mile Event will start in front of the Mission Point Straits Lodge on Wendall Street.

### Half Marathon (See Event Map on following pages)

The Half Marathon will start in front of the Mission Point Main Lodge on Huron Street.

## Start Times

5.7 Mile Run	10:30 AM
5.7 Mile Walk	10:35 AM (walkers have a separate start after the runners have departed)
Half Marathon	10:45 AM

## Finish Locations

All events will finish in the Mission Point Park, located directly in front of the Mission Point Main Lodge.

## Course Rules

- The course and mile markers will be clearly marked with white flour on the road and distinctive Turtle signage. There will also be course monitors at key decision locations (many thanks to Mackinac Island School Boosters for their essential assistance on the course - as monitors and at water stations).
- It is your responsibility to be aware of the course and attentive of your surroundings. ***Course maps are on the back of your bib to assist you should you become confused at any time.***
- If you use gel energy packs 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 – the roads are not closed during the race.**
- No roller blades, wagons or other wheeled vehicles are allowed on the course as part of the race. Baby joggers and pets are not prohibited (but strongly discouraged, due to safety concerns).
- **Please pay attention to traffic coming from both directions during the race!!**

**5.7 MILE PARTICIPANTS: During the last 2 ½ miles of the course, there will likely be Half Marathon runners coming toward you on Lakeshore Drive - walkers may have faster runners in the Half Marathon coming from behind.**

- **PLEASE STAY TO THE RIGHT OF THE CENTER LINE AT ALL TIMES, ESPECIALLY ON THE PORTION OF THE COURSE WHERE YOU COME DOWN THE HILL TO ENTER LAKE SHORE DRIVE AND ON LAKESHORE DRIVE. DO NOT WALK OR RUN 3-4 ABREAST.**

**HALF MARATHON PARTICIPANTS: The 5.7 Mile Runners and Walkers will be coming toward you on Lake Shore Drive during the first 2 ½ miles of the race.**

- **YOU MUST STAY TO THE RIGHT OF THE CENTER LINE AT ALL TIMES TO AVOID INTERFERENCE WITH THE 5.7 MILE RACE. DO NOT RUN OR WALK 3-4 ABREAST.**

## Restrooms

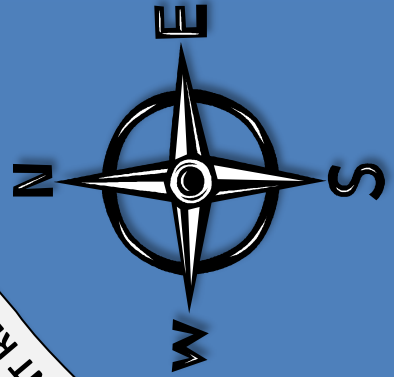
Restrooms are available in the Theater lobby and the Conference Center (the majority of restrooms are located in this building). We ask that you do not use the restrooms in the Sound Stage and do not crowd the Theater lobby restrooms. There will also be Port-a-Johns located in the Mission Point Park, near the Half Marathon Start Line. Rest rooms on the course are at British Landing only (not Arch Rock).

## Water Stations

There will be five (5) aid stations on the Half Marathon Course, approximately 2.5 miles apart from one another.. The 5.7 Mile course will have two (2) aid stations. (See Map)



# GREAT TURTLE TRAIL RUN EVENT MAP



Directions to Sound Stage: From Ferry Docks go right on Main Street approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

# Great Turtle 1/2 Marathon

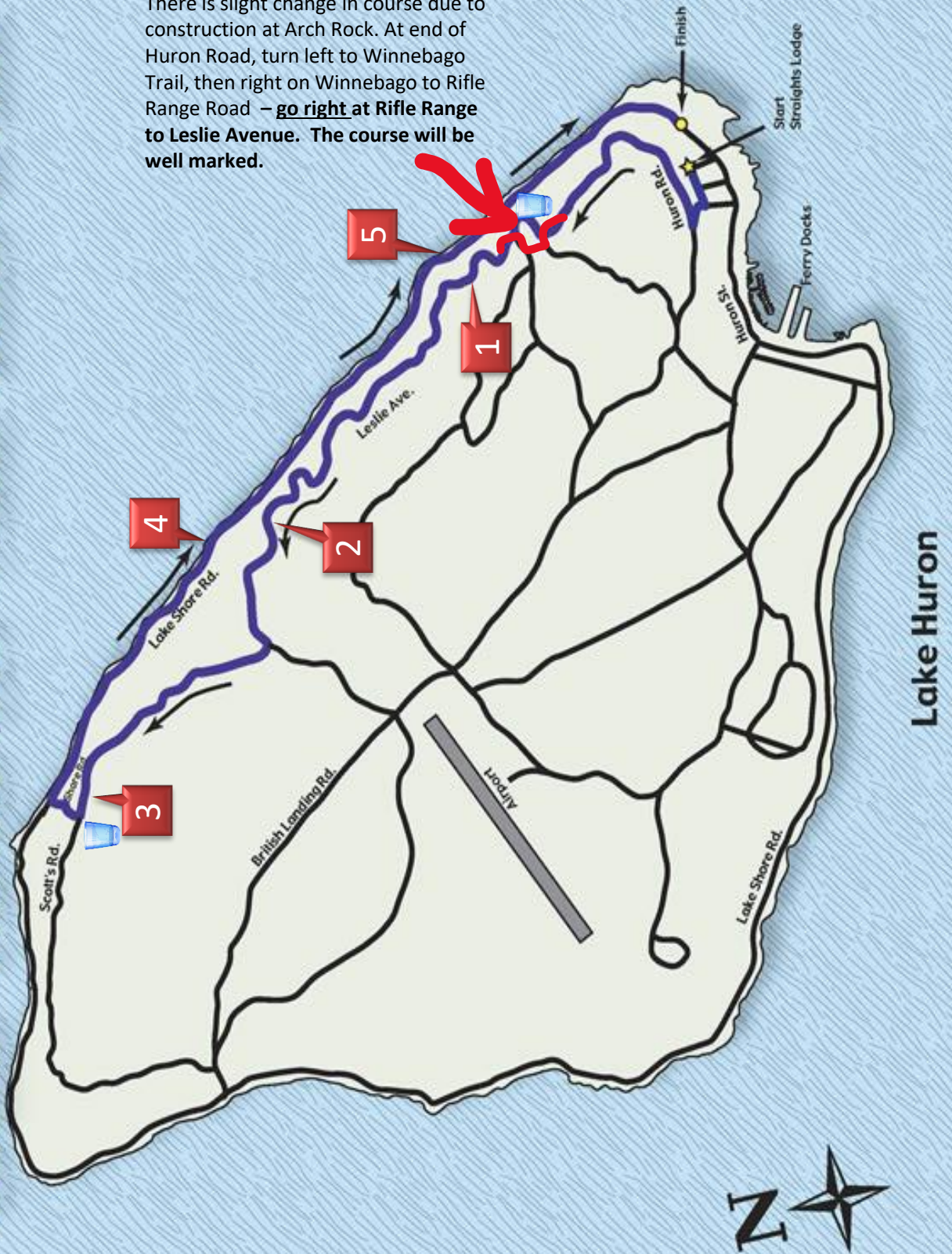
There is slight change in course due to construction at Arch Rock. At end of Huron Road, turn left to Winnebago Trail, then right on Winnebago to Rifle Range Road – go right at Rifle Range to Leslie Avenue. The course will be well marked.





# Great Turtle 5.7 Mile Run/Walk

There is slight change in course due to construction at Arch Rock. At end of Huron Road, turn left to Winnebago Trail, then right on Winnebago to Rifle Range Road – go right at Rifle Range to Leslie Avenue. The course will be well marked.







# 9 POST RACE AND HALLOWEEN FUN

## Post-Race Amenities

Following the race, there will be water, granola bars and snack crackers available to all finishers. Food is available in the Finisher Tent immediately after your Finish. We ask that you respect those who finish after you and only take one of each item.

## Free Finisher Photos

We'll capture you in high-resolution photos and track those shots using your unique bib number. After the race, each registrant will be able to see their photos on their results page, and share them on Facebook, tweet or download and print out. The photos will be available on race day!

## Mission Point Boutique 50% off Sale!

Mission Point Boutique is moving their boutique to the Cypress Room at Mission Point with lots of unique items - and **everything is 50% off!** The sale will run from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on race day, Saturday, October 28. Don't miss this opportunity to shop for high-quality and special items you won't find anywhere else – and the savings are phenomenal!

## Mission Point Halloween Celebration!

Adults and children can enjoy a very festive Halloween event at **Mission Point Resort** on Saturday evening after the race, so don't forget to bring Halloween costumes! Children will meet in the Hotel Lobby at 5:00 p.m. and Trick-or-Treat throughout both buildings in the hotel. This event is an annual favorite and "treat bonanza" – we hope you join the fun!

**IF YOU ARE STAYING AT THE MISSION POINT RESORT, BE SURE TO BRING CANDY FOR THE TRICK-OR-TREATERS GOING DOOR TO DOOR IN THE HOTEL!**

## DOWNTOWN HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

**This is the Island's Big Halloween celebration!**

**3:00 – 4:30 pm - Trick-or-Treating** for kids through downtown shops (start at Doud's and work your way down Main Street toward Windermere Point, cross the street and head back in the other direction toward Marquette Park)

**6:30 – 10:00 pm - Haunted Maze** at Grand Hotel. Starts at Woodlands Nature Center - \$5 for non-hotel guests, proceeds go to *Give Kids the World*.

**9:00 pm – 1:00 am - Costume Parties** for adults (21+) with live music, dancing and costume contests at local restaurants and bars.

