great turtle trail race

Saturday
October 24, 2026

10:30 • 10:45

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FOUR GREAT RACES, ONE BEAUTIFUL ISLAND.



2026 PARTICIPANT GUIDE

2 PRE-RACE INFORMATION

Packet Pick-Up

Friday, October 23

Mission Point Sound Stage
3:30 – 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 24

Mission Point Sound Stage
8:00 – 10:40 AM

The Sound Stage is located above the Spa at Mission Point Resort Check the map on Page 5 for directions. The stairs leading up to the Sound Stage are between the Theater and the Spa on the Promenade Deck.



Bib/Shirt 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 shirt. 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 shirt, if you would like to exchange it for a different size, please go the Shirt Exchange Table to see what's available. Volunteers at packet pickup cannot exchange any sizes - all the shirts they have in their area are already counted and promised to other pre-registered participants.

Bib Number Requirements

Your 2026 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 (under clothing could impact read).
- 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 50's, cloudy and a few possible showers.

Please be sure to check the weather before you leave to pack the proper gear.

Ferry Transportation

Shepler's Ferry is offering discounted tickets at $34/adult and $23/child to all runners and their families.

- If you pre-ordered a ticket during the registration process, you should receive an email from Shepler's on Monday, October 19 (or no later than Tuesday October 20), with your (QR code) e-ticket to printout or show on your phone. If you believe you purchased a ticket but do not receive an email from Shepler's by Tuesday, please first check your spam/trash folder. If you cannot locate it, you can contact Shepler's directly at katie@sheplersferry.com or RunMackinac at anne@runmackinac.com

- You can still purchase advance tickets online directly through Shepler's. Please use the code 10TURTLE26 at checkout to receive the discount.

- If you choose to purchase tickets on-site when you arrive at the dock, tell the ticket office associate you are with the race to receive the discount.

- **PARKING**

Shepler's has parking options for both day and overnight parking. For the most current parking information, payment options and directions, go to:

Mackinaw City Parking **St Ignace Parking**

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 directly to Sheplers website

4 THE RACE

Start Locations

5.7 Mile Event (See Event Map on following page)

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 page)

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 runners have departed)
Half Marathon	**10:45 AM**

Finish Locations

All events will finish on the Mission Point Great Lawn, 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.***
- **Horses always have the right of way on the Island and remember to be aware of any bicycle traffic – the roads are not closed to pedestrians, bikes or horses during the race.**
- No roller blades, wagons or other wheeled vehicles are allowed on the course as part of the race. Baby strollers 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 crowd the restrooms in the Sound Stage and the Theater lobby restrooms. There will also be Port-a-Johns located on the Mission Point Great Lawn, near the Half Marathon Start Line. Rest rooms on the course are at Arch Rock and British Landing.

Water Stations

There will be five (5) aid stations on the Half Marathon Course, approximately 2.5 miles apart.. The 5.7 Mile course will have two (2) aid stations. (See Maps on pages 6 & 7 and online)

GREAT TURTLE TRAIL RUN
EVENT MAP

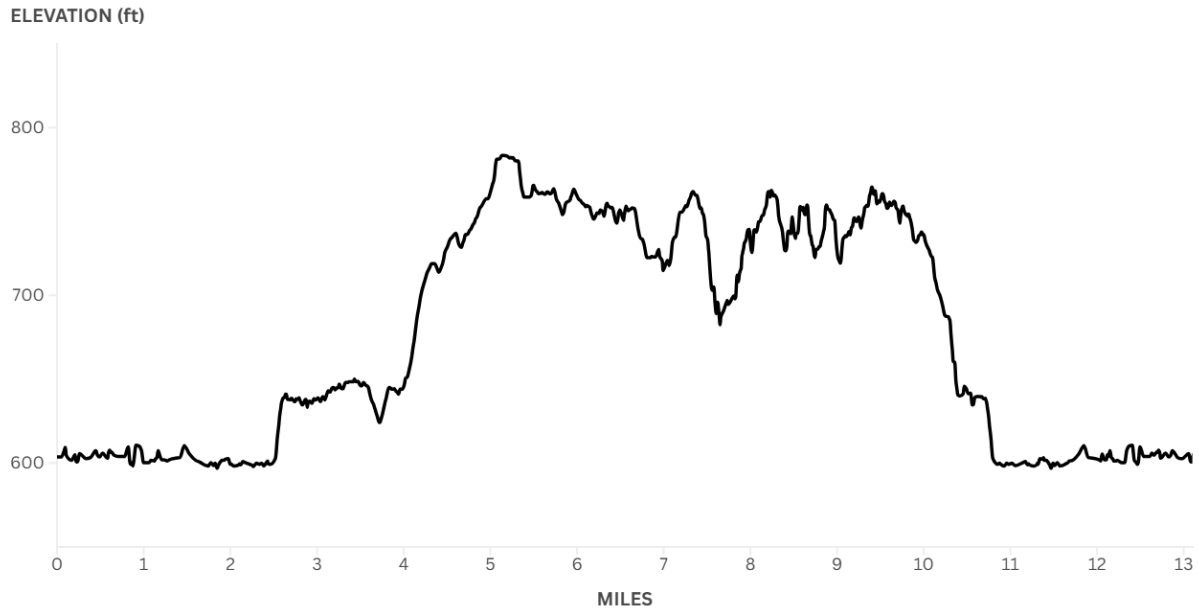


Directions to Sound Stage: From Ferry Docks go right on Main Street approximately ½ mile. Turn left on Frank Street by the Mission Point Resort sign and head up the hill, staying to your right until you reach the Promenade Deck.

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.

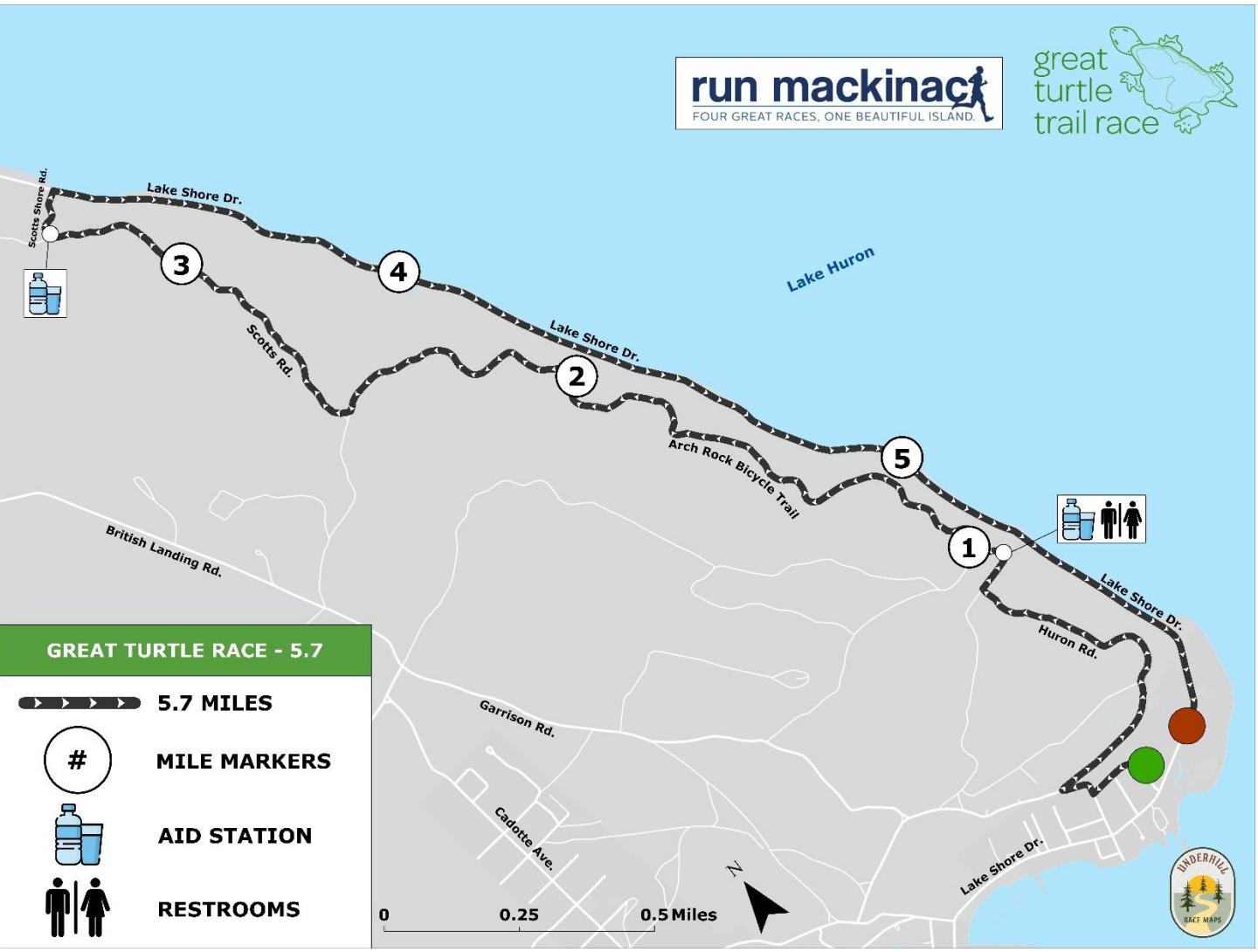


Great Turtle Trail Race - Half Marathon

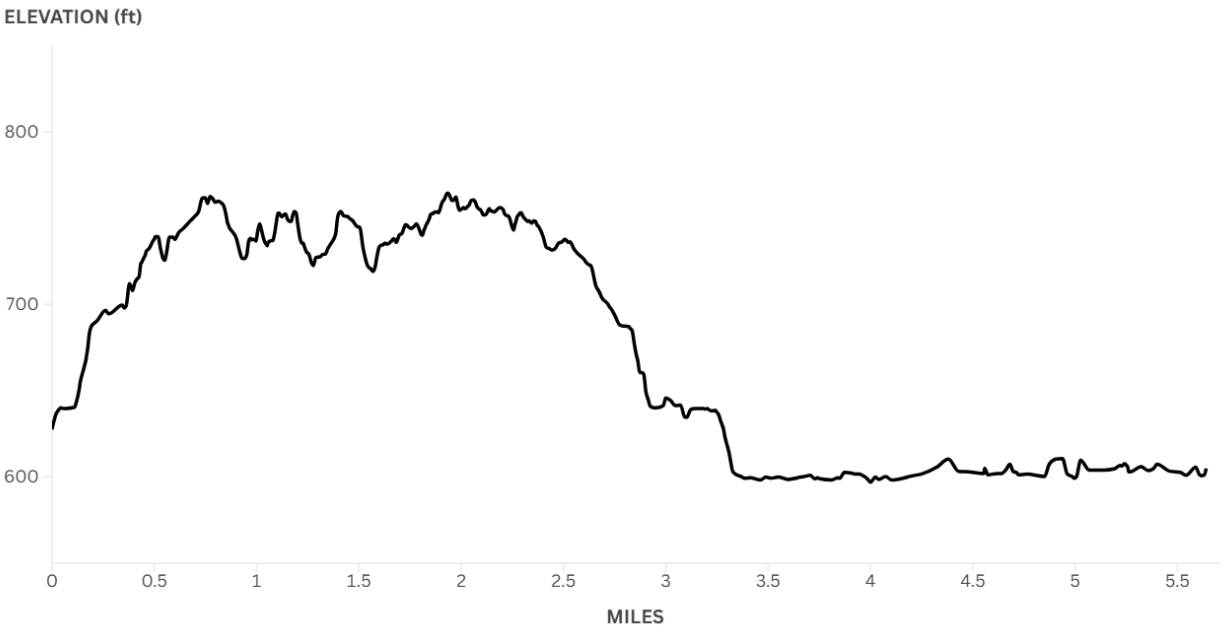


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Great Turtle Trail Race - 5.7 Miles



8 POST RACE

Race Results

The Great Turtle Trail Run Results will be available online HERE to be viewed on your mobile device or computer. The results will also be updated throughout the race. You may also view your individual results by scanning the QR Code printed on your race bib (use your camera to scan the QR code).

Finisher's Medals & Awards

Commemorative Medal: All Finishers of either race for the Great Turtle will receive our keepsake medal at the finish. Please make sure you've received your medal before exiting the finish area.



Trio Award: This year's Trio award is again a Coaster. Just remove the ribbon to have a padded coaster you can use all year to commemorate your Trio accomplishment! And if you did the Trio in 2024, 2025 or both - you'll have a set! If you are eligible to receive the Mackinac Trio award, you will have a special sticker on your bib. To be eligible, you must have already completed (either in person or virtually) 2 of these 3 events: Fort2Fort, Lilac 10K, the Mackinac Island Eight Mile, and of course complete a Great Turtle race. If you believe you are eligible but do not have a sticker, let us know at the Solutions area and we'll check it out. **Trio Awards will be available at the finish line, so please make sure you get yours on race day.**

Awards for all three events will be given to the Overall winners, the Masters Male and Female winners, and the top three finishers in each age group. (Top overall winners also get Turtle Gloves)
Run Age Groups: Men & Women: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50- 54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85 & Over.
Walk Age Groups: Men & Women: 19 & under, 20-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60- 64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85 & Over.

There will ***not*** be an award ceremony after the race. You are responsible to pick up your award in the Pickup area (either Promenade Deck or Mission Point Sound Stage**) prior to 2:30 p.m.** ***Please make every effort to check the results and pick-up your award (or have someone get yours for you). Awards mailed after the race may incur a fee.***

Post-Race Amenities

Following the race, there will be water, cookies, fruit snacks, granola bars and Cheezits available in the Finish tent for all finishers. We ask that you respect those who finish after you and limit your selection.

Free Race 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 and share them.

New! Photo Booth at finish line

Look for our "photo booth" under the Mission Point tent in the finish area. You and your friends can pose for photos that will be immediately sent to your phone. It's a great new, fun way to show off your accomplishment and share it with your friends.

9 POST RACE SALES AND HALLOWEEN FUN

Mission Point Boutique – Chairished Moments - Sale!

Mission Point's Chairished Moments, located in the Marketplace, is having a sale! The sale will run Saturday (race day) from 8:30 am – 6:00 pm and Sunday from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to shop for high-quality, special items you won't find anywhere else - at great sale prices! (Many items will be discounted 40% - 60%)

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!

Turtle Gloves!

Look for the Turtle Gloves table in the Sound Stage! Representative will again join us to offer gloves and other products for purchase. **Gloves will also be awarded to overall finishers in each race!**

Bauman's Running & Walking Shop on-site!

A Great Turtle favorite! Bauman's Running & Walking Shop will again join us with lots of running and walking apparel (and shoes) for sale. Plan to spend some time shopping for great deals!

RunMackinac "Vintage" Shirts for sale!

Be sure to stop by to check out the shirts from races past. You'll find lots of good deals on our quality garments.

10 MACKINAC ISLAND HALLOWEEN

Join the Mackinac Island Halloween Fun – See the schedule below

