



**Welcome to the 2024 Missoula Marathon Beer Run!** Join us for a 3.1 mile social run around Missoula, followed by a party in Caras Park with live entertainment and a free beer for all finishers over 21, compliments of **Big Sky Brewing Company**. We'll also have wine and extra beer on sale following the run. Please feel free to converse with any of our specially clad Beer Run Guides along the way regarding questions about Missoula or the Missoula Marathon weekend. Most importantly, have fun!

**A. Caras Park:** Home of the Missoula Marathon Expo, packet pick-up, Beer Run start/finish, 5K finish, and the post marathon party on Sunday. Caras Park also hosts many of Missoula's best festivals, concerts and social gatherings, and is home to *A Carousel for Missoula*, which was hand built by local volunteers and craftsmen with over 100,000 hours of labor.



**B. Wilma Theater on Higgins Avenue:** Since 1921, the Wilma Theater has served as the focal point of Missoula arts and entertainment. In front of the Wilma Theater is the start of Saturday's 5K and the finish of Sunday's Marathon and Half Marathon.



**C. Madison Street Footbridge:** Turn right onto the Madison Street Footbridge, crossing under the Madison Street bridge. We'll cross over the Clark Fork River here and then turn left on the other side, continuing on the Kim Williams Trail toward the University of Montana campus.



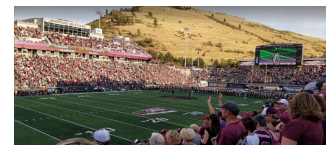
**D. Jacobs Island Bark Park:** A 6 acre island in the middle of the Clark Fork river dedicated to Missoula's free roaming dogs and their owners. The dog park entrance will be on your left as we turn right toward the University of Montana Adam's Center athletic complex.



**E. Adam's Center Parking Lot:** Just as we're turning left toward Washington Grizzly Stadium, look to your right where you will see one of the the parking area for the Missoula Marathon/Half Marathon bus loading area on Sunday morning. This is just a little over a 3/4 mile walk from the downtown area hotels and Caras Park. If driving, remember that parking is very limited so be sure to carpool or arrive early.



**F. Washington Grizzly Stadium:** Home of the University of Montana Grizzly football games, and past host to several large concerts, including the Rolling Stones and Paul McCartney. Continue around the outside of the stadium and the university campus on Campus Drive.



**G. Mount Sentinel "M" Trail:** We'll pass by a local favorite on your left, the trail head for the iconic M Trail. The scramble up Mount Sentinel takes you, courtesy of 11 switchbacks, 620 feet above the valley floor in less than half a mile, giving you a bird's-eye view of the entire Missoula valley and surrounding mountains. The "M" was originally constructed in 1908 out of whitewashed rocks and later concreted in place.



**H. University of Montana Main Hall:** The University of Montana's Main Hall is the oldest building on campus. The cornerstone of Main Hall was placed in 1898 during the university's dedication ceremony and it opened in 1899. Today Main Hall houses many of the university's top administrators.



**I. University of Montana Grizzly Bear Statue:** As we pass through the middle of the university we will pass the iconic University Grizzly Bear statue. Cast in bronze in 1969 by internationally renowned ceramicist and UM professor Rudy Autio, it is 7 feet tall and weighs over 5,000 pounds. Behind the Grizzly you will see the University Oval with the University Main Hall in the background.

