

# 2024 EVENT GUIDE

JUNE 28-30, 2024 | MISSOULA, MONTANA



## WEEKEND OF EVENTS

BEER RUN | FIVE K | RUNNERS EXPO | KIDS MARATHON  
HALF MARATHON | MISSOULA MARATHON



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# 2024 MISSOULA MARATHON SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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## FRIDAY, JUNE 28

- 3:00-4:00pm**     **Special Presentation from *Running While Black* Author Alison Mariella Desir**  
*Caras Park, Downtown Missoula, 123 Carousel Dr*
- 4:00-8:00pm**     **Missoula Marathon Runners Expo**  
Dozens of Vendors; Kids Marathon Registration + Bib & Cape Pickup; Tony Banovich 5K Bib & Shirt Pickup; Missoula Marathon & Half Marathon Bib, Shirt & Gearbag Pickup, *Caras Park, Downtown Missoula, 123 Carousel Dr*
- 4:00-8:00pm**     **Live DJ featuring Stylings of DJ IvanOFF**  
*Caras Park, Downtown Missoula, 123 Carousel Dr*
- 6:00pm**            **Beer Run & Welcome Gathering**  
*Caras Park, Downtown Missoula, 123 Carousel Dr*

## SATURDAY, JUNE 29

- 7:00-7:30am**     **Tony Banovich 5K Bib & Shirt Pickup**  
*Caras Park, Downtown Missoula, 123 Carousel Dr*  
*\*We Strongly Encourage You to Pick Up Your Packet Friday Evening*
- 8:00am-4:00pm**     **Missoula Marathon Runners Expo**  
Dozens of Vendors; Missoula Marathon & Half Marathon Bib, Shirt & Gearbag Pickup, *Caras Park, Downtown Missoula, 123 Carousel Dr*
- 8:00am**            **Tony Banovich 5K Start**  
*The Wilma, Downtown Missoula, 131 S Higgins*  
*(Finish at Caras Park)*
- 8:30-9:30am**     **Kids Marathon Registration + Bib & Cape Pickup**  
*Boone & Crockett Club, 250 Station Dr*
- 10:00am**          **Kids Marathon Start**  
*Boone & Crockett Club, 250 Station Dr*  
*(Finish at Caras Park)*
- 3:30pm**            **Elite Competitors Technical Meeting**  
*DoubleTree by Hilton Missoula-Edgewater*
- 5:30-10:30pm**     **Late Bib & Gear Bag Pickup**  
*Missoula Airport, 5225 Hwy 10 W*

## SUNDAY, JUNE 30

- 4:15-5:15am**     **Bus Load for Transport to Start Lines**  
*University of Montana [see map]*
- 6:00am**            **Missoula Marathon & Half Marathon Start**
- 7:00am-2:00pm**     **Post Race Celebrations**  
*Caras Park, Downtown Missoula, 123 Carousel Dr*
- 8:00am-2:00pm**     **Shuttle to Car Park at Adams Center**  
*Pattee Street & River Trail*
- 1:30pm**            **Missoula Marathon & Half Marathon Course Closure**



## WELCOME!

Our race committee along side the Missoula community are beyond excited to welcome you to Big Sky Country for the Missoula Marathon Weekend of Events! Whether you are a first time participant, a 50-stater, one of our legacy runners or anywhere in between, thank you for choosing Missoula.

Our bustling city by the the Clark Fork river is a hub for unique eateries, breweries & spirits as well as attractions for the whole family. Missoula is also the vibrant core of Western Montana recreation.

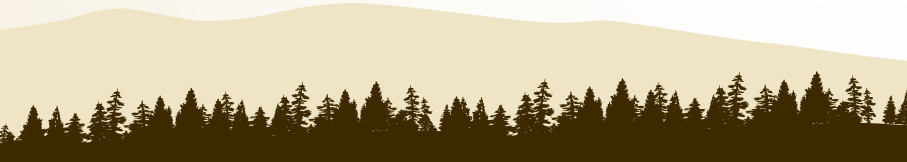
This weekend is a culmination of efforts from dedicated race committee members, volunteers, sponsors, vendors, suppliers, retailers, hoteliers, government agencies and more. Our community support and commitment to a top-notch runner experience has allowed us to be regularly named on best-of, must-do and bucket lists. But, without participants like you, we wouldn't thrive, so as a thanks, take full advantage of our home-grown hospitality!

We hope you go home with memories of an exceptional race in a beautiful place. You've done all the hard work to get to the start line, now let us encourage and support you to the finish!

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Trisha Drobeck  
Race Director, Missoula Marathon  
Executive Director, Run Wild Missoula







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# RUNNERS EXPO

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 4:00-8:00PM | SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 8:00AM-4:00PM | CARAS PARK

## RUNNERS EXPO VENDORS

Alpine Physical Therapy  
Bamboo Bar  
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Big Brothers Big Sisters  
NW Montana  
Big Sky Brewing  
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Boeson Research  
Competitive Timing  
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Culligan Water  
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Ener-GHEE  
ERA Lambros Real Estate  
FKT Gear  
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Montana Tees  
Natural Grocers  
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Phoenix Active  
Polar Central  
RENU Wellness Spa  
Robert's Run  
Runners Edge  
Run Wild Missoula  
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The Missoula Marathon Weekend of Events  
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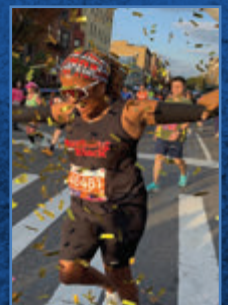
*Alison Mariella Désir*

join us for our race in 2024!

Alison will be at the Runner's Expo Friday and Saturday to meet, inspire, sign, books, and sell merchandise. She will also be participating in some of the week-ends races so participants will get a chance to run with her!

Alison is multi-talented: a founder, a doer, an activist, a connector, a visionary and an unapologetically straightforward communicator with a passion for movement, mental health, and racial equity. Alison got her start in the running and outdoor industry unintentionally, after seeing a Black friend train and complete a marathon. Inspired, Alison went on to run her first marathon and discovered that she had found a powerful tool to manage her depression. She's been working to share the transformational power of running and movement ever since.

Alison is the author of *Running While Black* and the tv host and producer of the award winning show, *Out & Back w/ Alison Mariella Désir* (now streaming).





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## MISSOULA MARATHON BEER RUN LAST BEST BEER

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 | START TIME: 6:00PM | CARAS PARK  
**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

Come shake your legs out Friday night with a relaxed 3-mile route hosted by Run Wild Missoula!

This legendary 3.1 mile social run around Missoula is free and will start and end at Caras Park Pavilion, in beautiful downtown Missoula, and will conclude with a party in Caras Park with live music from DJ IvanOFF and a free beer for all finishers over 21, compliments of Big Sky Brewing Company. Non alcoholic options courtesy of Sierra Nevada too!

Extra beer and wine will also be available for purchase. Please feel free to converse with any of our specially clad Beer Run Guides along the course regarding questions about Missoula or the Missoula Marathon weekend.

Don't be afraid to join us. **This is NOT a beer mile** — you don't have to "chug" a beer midway through, nor is it a race. It's a nice, social run and walk where you can have a beer at the end, or not. So, please come, join the party and meet some of your fellow runners and walkers in a more casual setting!



# DETAILED RACE INFORMATION

## RACE PACKET PICKUP

You **MUST** pick up your race packet at the Runners Expo (*Caras Park, Downtown Missoula*) on Friday, June 28th from 4:00-8:00pm or Saturday, June 29th from 8:00am-4:00pm. There will be **NO** packet pick up on race day. You may have a friend pick up your packet for you. For late arrivals into Missoula, we have made arrangements for a late packet pick up at the Missoula Airport from 5:30-10:30pm on Saturday evening.

## PRE-RACE PASTA DINNER

We do not have an official Missoula Marathon pasta dinner. With all the great restaurants in Missoula, we want to give you a chance to experience our city. At the Runners Expo, visit Destination Missoula or Missoula Downtown Partnership for restaurant ideas.

## MISSOULA MARATHON AND HALF MARATHON

Start at 6am. There are **NO** early start times.

## TEMPERATURE

Mild to warm & low humidity. Expect to start off in the low 50s and end in the 70s if you finish around noon.

## COURSE AND COURSE SAFETY

*(Full list of course rules in the Frequently Asked Questions [FAQ] page under the 'RACE INFO' MissoulaMarathon.org)*

The course is coned and marked very well, but it is open to traffic. There will be volunteers or police officers at most intersections. Please remain on the right side of the road unless otherwise directed. The last 10K of the races are split, marathon left side of the road and half marathon right side of the road.

Music devices and earbuds/earphones are **STRONGLY** discouraged. Baby joggers are allowed, but we ask that you start toward the back. Dogs are not allowed *(with the exception of required service animals)*.

The marathon and half marathon courses merge at the 15.8 mile point of the marathon (*mile 2.7 of the half marathon*). Marathon participants are likely to encounter half marathon participants after the merge point.

Half marathon participants with finish times over 1:40, should be aware marathon participants (*runners and wheelers*) will overtake them after the merge point. These participants may be traveling at a much faster speed than you. Please obey any commands from course monitors and/or escort bicycles/vehicles.

We ask that faster participants yield right of way and go around when overtaking slower participants. All participants, please use extra caution.

Over the last 5.5 miles±, the races will be split by cones. **Half marathoners stay on the RIGHT. Marathoners stay on the LEFT. DO NOT cut across cones.**

If you experience medical issues while on the course, please look for a volunteer, bike monitor, or police officer. There is a fully staffed medical tent at the finish. If you have to drop out of the race, please let a volunteer at an aid station or law enforcement officer know and they will arrange for you to be transported.

## HAND CYCLES & WHEELERS

For your safety helmets, lights, flags **STRONGLY** encouraged. Please see all Hand Cycle and Wheeler Rules in the Frequently Asked Questions [FAQ] page under the 'RACE INFO' tab on our website [missoula-marathon.org](http://missoula-marathon.org)

## COURSE TIME LIMIT

Both the half and marathon courses officially close at 1:30 pm, a 7.5 hour limit. Aid stations will close and streets will reopen based on the 7.5 hour limit. If you are on course past 1:30pm you will kindly be asked to move to the sidewalk should you wish to continue. There are two strictly enforced cutoffs for the marathon. If you are beyond the required time at these check points, you will be shuttled to the finish or have to turn in your bib.

CUTOFF #1 - Mile 11.63 (Aid station #5) 3 hours 20 min - 9:20 am

CUTOFF #2 - Mile 15.8 (Aid Station #7) 4 hours 32 min - 10:32 am

## TOILETS

There are port-a-potties at each start, the finish, mile 1.6 of the marathon and at every aid station on the course.

## AID STATIONS

There are 14 aid stations for the marathon and 8 aid stations for the half marathon. They are approximately every 2-3 miles then every mile during the last 10K. Each aid station will have Powerade (*lemon-lime*) at the 1st table and water at the 2nd table. GU Energy Gels will be handed out at 4 aid stations. Please check the course map to see which aid stations will have gel. There will be two flavors of GU: Salted Carmel (CAFFEINE) and Strawberry Lemonade (NO CAFFEINE).

## SECURITY CONCERNS

- Pre-Race shuttles are for participants wearing bibs only.
- Please check your gear bags promptly upon your arrival at the starting line.
- Participants will be ushered through the finish chute to the gear bag pickup zone. They will then leave the finish area and walk to the food and post-race area in Caras Park. Participants can wait for other finishers at the post-race events area in Caras Park. There will be no re-entry into the participant area once finishers exit to Caras Park.

## GEAR BAGS

You will be given your gear bag at packet pickup. Please make sure your gear bag has your correct race number written on it. Both start lines will have a drop off area and your bag will be transported to the finish area courtesy of UPS. Please do not leave any valuables in your gear bag. We will only accept the gear bags provided, there will be **NO** other bags accepted. When you pick up your gear bag at the finish, you will be required to show your bib number.

## BUS SHUTTLE

There is **NO parking** at either the marathon or half marathon start. The bus pick up for both races will be at the University of Montana. *Please see the bus loading map for more info.*

## AGE DIVISIONS

**(Marathon)** 0-19, 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, 85-89, 90+

**(Half)** 0-14, 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, 85-89, 90+

**(5K)** 9 and under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+

## PACE GROUPS

We strive to have pacers for the following times:

### Marathon

3:00 (6:52 mi pace), 3:10 (7:14 mi pace), 3:20 (7:37 mi pace), 3:30 (8:00 mi pace), 3:40 (8:23 mi pace), 3:50 (8:46 mi pace), 4:00 (9:09 mi pace), 4:10 (9:32 mi pace), 4:20 (9:55 mi pace), 4:30 (10:17 mi pace), 4:40 (10:40 mi pace), 4:50 (11:03 mi pace), 5:00 (11:26 mi pace).

### Half Marathon

1:30 (6:52 pace), 1:40 (7:37 pace), 1:50 (8:23 pace), 2:00 (9:09 pace), 2:10 (9:55 pace), 2:20 (10:40 pace), 2:30 (11:25 pace).

The pacers will wear blue pacers shirts and carry balloons with the pace time written on them. Please remember our pacers are volunteers with their own potential injuries, and they aren't professional pacers.

## TIMING/RESULTS

The Marathon, Half, and 5K will be chip timed by Competitive Timing with results posted as quickly as possible on race day. There will be 7 split mats for the marathon and 3 split mats for the half.

## AWARDS

Age group awards will be mailed out in the weeks following the race after results are official.

## RACE PHOTOS

All marathon, half marathon & 5K participants will receive **FREE** on-course race day photos from EnMotive.

## MISSOULA MARATHON, HALF MARATHON, TONY BANOVICH 5K FINISHERS

All finishers of the Missoula Marathon, Half Marathon and Tony Banovich 5K receive a short-sleeve shirt, medal, gear bag, post race food, live runner tracking, free race photos and more! *(No gear bag or post-race food in 5K)*.

## BIG 3 CHALLENGE

If you participated in the Beer Run, 5K, and Marathon or Half Marathon you will receive a special Missoula Marathon Big 3 Challenge reward. After you cross the finish line on Sunday, look for Big Three Challenge signs for your reward!!

## RUNNER TRACKING

Live participant tracking & results for the the Tony Banovich 5K, Missoula Marathon and Half Marathon are available via Competitive Timing App. Available on the App Store and Google Play.

*In the app:* Search for and click on the event you'll be following or participating in. Spectators can track any number of participants and view live progress on a map.

## BE SOCIAL!

Tag us on social media during race weekend at #MissoulaMarathon, #LastBestRace and @missoulamarathon

   @MISSOULAMARATHON



# WALKING ROUTE, BUS LOADING & PARKING MAP



**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST TAKE BUSES TO EITHER START LINE. THERE IS NO PARKING OR DROP OFF AVAILABLE AT EITHER THE HALF OR MARATHON START - STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

» Buses run from 4:15am-5:15am; please allow yourself plenty of time for parking or walking to bus load. We **STRONGLY** suggest you load one of the earlier buses.

» Bus load is near the Adams Center/River Bowl area at the University of Montana. (Less than a mile walk from finish area and downtown hotels.)

## PARKING OPTIONS

1. You can park at the University in lot shown on map. After the race, you can walk the approx mile along the Milwaukee Trail or Ron's River Trail back to your parked car OR take the shuttle back to parking.
2. You can park downtown on the streets or in one of the parking garages (**Parking is FREE, see map**). After parking, you can walk to the bus load on campus. (The river trail walking paths are marked with glow sticks).

## RUNNER DROP-OFF AT BUS LOAD

Participants can be dropped off adjacent to the parking lot at the University. Another excellent drop off zone is located at East front & Van Buren St. (**See map**) New bus load and walking map.

## RETURN SHUTTLE

A shuttle will run from 8:00am-2:00pm from Pattee Street & River Trail (next to the Holiday Inn) to parking at the Adams Center.





# START

MARATHON

# COURSES



MARATHON MILE MARKERS

## FRENCHTOWN, MT

TrailWest Bank  
Frenchtown  
16600 Beckwith St.  
Frenchtown MT



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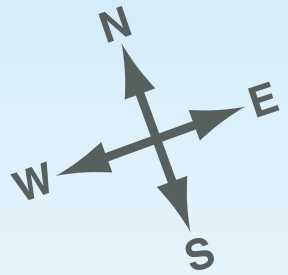
MISSOULA AIRPORT

MARA / 7.3



MULLAN ROAD

MALLARD WAY



KONA RANCH RD.

MARA / 9.6



MARA / 11.6



BIG FLAT RD.

MARA / 13.7



## MARATHON COURSE DIRECTIONS

**START:** TrailWest Bank - Frenchtown

- Follow Mullan
- Right on Kona Ranch
- Left on Big Flat
- Left on River Pines
- Over Maclay Bridge
- Left on Clements
- Right on 7th
- Left on Hiberta
- Left on Veranda
- Right on S 3rd St W
- Left on Grove
- Right on bike path under Reserve
- Left on Davis
- Right on Wyoming
- Right on Curtis
- Cross 3rd St to Schilling
- Left on 5th
- Right on Walnut
- Left on Beckwith
- Right onto Blaine
- Cross Mount to Hollis
- Left on Burlington
- (Changes into Hastings)*
- Right on Ronald
- Left on Sussex
- Left on Helen
- Left on Beverly
- Right on Hilda
- Left on Eddy
- Right on Gerald
- Left on Fourth
- Right onto Higgins
- Over the Beartracks Bridge

**FINISH:** On Higgins Ave at Front Street

## HALF MARATHON COURSE DIRECTIONS

**START** Alpine Physical Therapy /  
PEAK Health & Wellness  
(5000 Blue Mountain Rd)

- Continue for 2.6 miles on Blue Mountain Road
- Right on River Pines
- *Course Merges & Follows Marathon Course*





# ROUTE MAP MARATHON & HALF MARATHON

Sunday, June 30th, 2024 | Start Time 6:00am

## START

3350 feet

3000 feet

miles 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26.2 miles

## MARATHON

## FINISH

3350 feet

3000 feet

miles

## START

3350 feet

3000 feet

miles 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 miles

## HALF MARATHON

## FINISH

3350 feet

3000 feet

miles



# FINISH

DOWNTOWN MISSOULA

I-90

MULLAN ROAD

HALF/9.2 MARA/22.3

WYOMING CURTIS

5TH

BECKWITH

HALF/10.3 MARA/23.4

BROOKS

HALF/11 MARA/24.1

SOUTH AVE

RESERVE

TISSOT

HALF/8.3 MARA/21.4

HIBERTA

3RD

VERANDA

S 7TH ST W

CLEMENTS

HALF/4.8 MARA/17.9

RIVER PINES RD.

HALF/2.7 MARA/15.8

BLUE MOUNTAIN ROAD

93

BROOKS

EDDY

HILDA

BEVERLY

BURLINGTON

SUSSEX

HELEN

HIGGINS

BONNER PARK

LOOP OF SADDNESS!

TOILETS

WATER/AID STATION POWERADE

AID STATIONS

### MARATHON

- 3 miles Loiselle Lane
- 5.6 miles Fairbanks Lane GU
- 7.3 miles Mallard Way
- 9.6 miles Kona Ranch GU
- 11.6 miles Big Flat/Paradise
- 13.6 miles 1155 Big Flat Road
- 15.8 miles River Pines GU
- 17.9 miles 1010 Clements - Mountain View School
- 19.5 miles Hiberta / Veranda Way
- 21.4 miles 5th / Schilling GU
- 22.3 miles Inez @ 5th
- 23.4 miles Franklin / Blaine (Rose Park)
- 24.1 miles Bonner Park #1 (Ronald & Beverly)
- 25.1 miles Bonner Park #2 (Hilda & Evans)

### HALF MARATHON

First aid station at 2.7 mile marker (mile 15.8 of Marathon). From this marker on all aid stations are the same as Marathon



# START

## HALF MARATHON

Alpine Physical Therapy / PEAK Health & Wellness  
5000 Blue Mountain Rd



# ELITE RUNNERS

An updated list of elite athletes can be found in the **RACE INFO - Awards/Elites** section of [MissoulaMarathon.org](http://MissoulaMarathon.org)

## 2024 MISSOULA MARATHON

### WOMEN

**Kate Landau-Olmstead** (PR 2:31:56) (Masters)  
Hometown: Tacoma, WA  
2023 Missoula Marathon Winner, #3 all time, Master's record holder, 1996 and 2020 Oly Trials Qualifier

**Erin Forde** (PR 2:40:57)  
Hometown: Missoula, MT  
2021 Jack & Jill Downhill Marathon Champion

**Mariah Bredal** (PR 2:49:56)  
Hometown: Bozeman, MT  
2nd Overall 2023 Missoula Marathon

**Madison Liechty** (PR 2:45:04)  
Hometown: Bozeman, MT  
Second 2022 Missoula Half Marathon, 2022 Montana Cup Champion

**Sarah Hallas** (PR 2:49:18) (Masters)  
Hometown: Cotati, CA  
Three Time Top Three Missoula Marathon Finisher

**Kelsie Zitzer** (PR 2:47:43)  
Hometown: Dillon, MT  
6th 2023 Missoula Half Marathon

**Sadie Smith** (PR 2:50:15) (Masters)  
Hometown: Kirkwood, MO  
Over 30 sub 3 marathons in last three years with over 20 wins, all after turning 40

**Katie Huibregtse** (PR 2:58:44)  
Hometown: Yakima, WA  
8th 2023 Missoula Marathon

**Amanda Erickson** (PR 2:59:27)  
Hometown: Kingston Springs, TN

**Lori Quick** (PR 2:59:52) (Masters)  
Hometown: Indianapolis, IN

**Ava Weems** (Debut)  
Hometown: Bozeman, MT  
Debut Marathon, Competed Mississippi State University and MSU

### MEN

**Mark Messmer** (PR 2:17:27)  
Hometown: Castle Rock, CO  
2019-2023 Champion, Second - Fourth All-Time Missoula Marathon, 2020 & 2024 Olympic Trials Qualifier

**Adam Cordell** (PR 2:22:00)  
Hometown: Cheyenne, WY

**Dylan Villescascas** (PR 2:28:18)  
Hometown: Charlestown, MA  
2016 Top Ten American Boston Marathon

**Cooper West** (Debut)  
Hometown: Great Falls, MT  
Ran for MSU Bobcats

**Mitch Morris** (Debut)  
Hometown: Missoula, MT  
Elk Ramble and RUFA Champion, 2014 Maine XC State Champion, 2015 Maine State Two Mile Champion

## 2024 HALF MARATHON

### WOMEN

**Makena Morley** (PR 1:09:48)  
Hometown: Bigfork, MT  
2016, 2017, 2018 Champion and Course Record Holder, Half Marathon Montana Soil Record

**Hannah Branch** (PR 1:11:36)  
Hometown: Orem, UT  
4x NCAA West Regional qualifier, 2023 USATF championships 10,000m (15th place)

**Elizabeth Wasserman** (PR 1:16:39)  
Hometown: Columbia Falls, MT  
2022 Missoula Half Marathon Champion, 2nd 2023 Missoula Half, 2020 Olympic Marathon Trials Participant

**Andrea Masterson** (PR 1:16:42)  
Hometown: Seattle, WA  
Seventh 2023 Missoula Half Marathon, 2020 Olympic Marathon Trials Participant

**Leanne Klassen** (PR 1:15:32)  
Hometown: Calgary, AB  
3rd 2019 Missoula Half Marathon, 2nd 2024 Eugene Marathon

**Alyssa Barrette** (PR 1:17:10, 2:38:02 Marathon)  
Hometown: Portland, OR

**Kayla Moore** (PR 1:19:37)  
Hometown: Portland, OR  
Eighth 2023 Missoula Half Marathon

**Katrina Ivancic** (PR 1:19:41)  
Hometown: Bozeman, MT  
Fourth 2023 Missoula Half Marathon, 1st 2023 Run to the Pub Half Marathon

**Melissa Pitts** (PR Full 2:58:16)  
Hometown: Jeffersonville, IN

### MEN

**Zach Perrin** (PR 1:04:42)  
Hometown: Bozeman, MT  
3rd 2023 Missoula Half Marathon and 6th and 7th All-Time, Montana soil record half marathon

**Robert DeSisto Jr** (PR 1:06:57)  
Hometown: Mableton, GA  
2023 Steamtown Marathon Winner

**Jake Perrin** (PR 1:07:05)  
Hometown: Bozeman, MT  
3rd 2023 Bozeman Half Marathon, Former high school Montana state record holder 3200m

**Andrew Kimpel** (PR 1:07:13)  
Hometown: Spokane, WA  
Ran for WSU (Washington), 2023 Lewis & Clark Half Marathon Winner, Nike Cross National Team Title

**Collin Buck** (PR 1:06:37)  
Hometown: Great Falls, MT  
4th 2018 Missoula Half Marathon, 2024 Olympic Trials Qualifier

**Cody Moore** (PR 1:09:58)  
Hometown: Kalispell, MT  
9th 2023 Missoula Half Marathon, 4th 2023 Bozeman Half Marathon

**Micah Drew** (PR 1:10:32)  
Hometown: Whitefish, MT  
7th 2023 Missoula Half Marathon, Winner 2021-2024 Whitefish Half Marathon

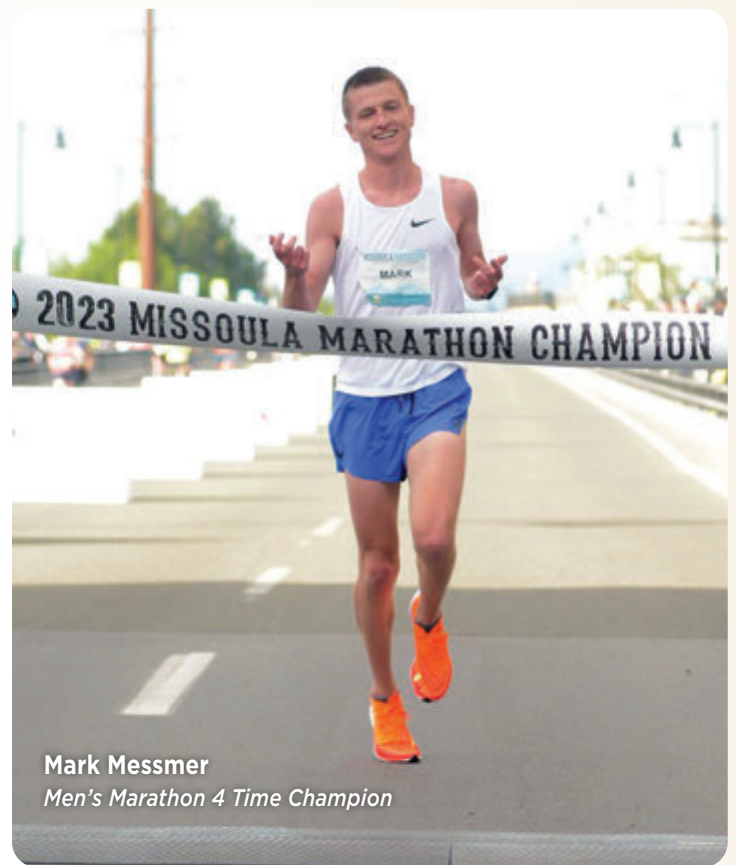
**Tyler Shea** (PR 1:10:18)  
Hometown: Nampa, ID  
Ran for Northwest Nazarene University

**Michael LaForest** (PR 1:12:19) Master  
Hometown: Missoula, MT  
2019 Bozeman Half Marathon Winner

**Jackson Duffey** (PR Debut)  
Hometown: Billings MT  
Interim Head Coach Rocky Mountain College Women's Cross Country, Former RMC runner

### NON-BINARY

**Will Newman** (PR 2:43:00)  
Hometown: Philadelphia, PA  
2nd Place Philadelphia Marathon



**Mark Messmer**  
Men's Marathon 4 Time Champion

## MISSOULA MARATHON & HALF MARATHON COURSE RECORDS

### MARATHON

#### Men's Open

Matthew Adams - 2:20:27\* - 2014  
Mark Messmer - 2:21:36 - 2022  
Mark Messmer - 2:22:26 - 2023  
Mark Messmer - 2:24:00 - 2019  
Luis Orta - 2:24:58 - 2014

\*Montana Soil Record

#### Women's Open

Bonnie Keating 2:46:36 - 2022  
Trisha Drobeck - 2:46:54 - 2015  
Kate Olmstead - 2:47:17 - 2023  
Trisha Drobeck - 2:48:35 - 2016  
Trisha Drobeck - 2:49:32 - 2012

#### Men's Masters

Geoffrey Terer - 2:31:11 - 2017  
Jason Delaney - 2:32:55 - 2022  
Michael Wardian - 2:34:22 - 2016  
Jesse Zentz - 2:34:32 - 2016  
Jesse Zentz - 2:37:22 - 2018

#### Women's Masters

Kate Olmstead - 2:47:17 - 2023  
Heather Lieberg - 2:51:33 - 2022  
Dawn McElvain - 2:51:59 - 2023  
Heather Lieberg - 2:57:38 - 2023  
Mo Bookwalter - 3:08:05 - 2019

### HALF MARATHON

#### Men's Open

Kenneth Kosgei - 1:05:30 - 2019  
Steve Ng'etich - 1:05:50 - 2023  
Mick Iacofano - 1:06:00 - 2019  
Nicholas Hilton - 1:06:04 - 2016  
Brian Masterson - 1:06:08 - 2023

#### Women's Open

Makena Morley - 1:14:29 - 2019  
Makena Morley - 1:15:52 - 2018  
Heather Lieberg - 1:15:55 - 2015  
Heather Lieberg - 1:15:56 - 2014  
Allison Morgan - 1:16:05 - 2015

#### Men's Masters

Sam Krieg - 1:10:56 - 2018  
Mike Bresson - 1:11:20 - 2012  
Michael Wardian - 1:11:34 - 2017  
Sam Krieg - 1:11:35 - 2017  
Phillip Keller - 1:14:24 - 2023

#### Women's Masters

Rachel Jaten - 1:19:39 - 2016  
Sue Huse - 1:24:43 - 2023  
Christine Julien - 1:24:57 - 2011  
Danielle Shahan - 1:26:40 - 2014  
Jenny Newton - 1:26:49 - 2015



# SPECTATOR HIGHLIGHTS

## PLACES TO WATCH ON THE COURSE

### MARATHON - Mile 9.6

Mullan Rd & Kona Ranch Rd

*From downtown, take Broadway West to Mullan Road.  
First course turn and Aid Station #3.*

### MARATHON - Mile 16.7 // HALF - Mile 4

Clements Rd & North Ave W

*Take Reserve South to South Ave and right on Clements.  
Look for the big cow (no joke!)*

### MARATHON - Mile 23.4 // HALF - Mile 10.3

Rose Park Playground - Franklin St & Blaine St

*Take South Ave to Brooks St northbound. Park near Brooks  
and Mount and walk to park.*

### MARATHON - Mile 26.2 // HALF - Mile 13.1

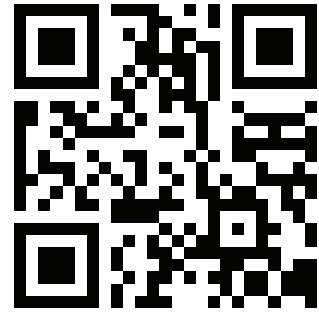
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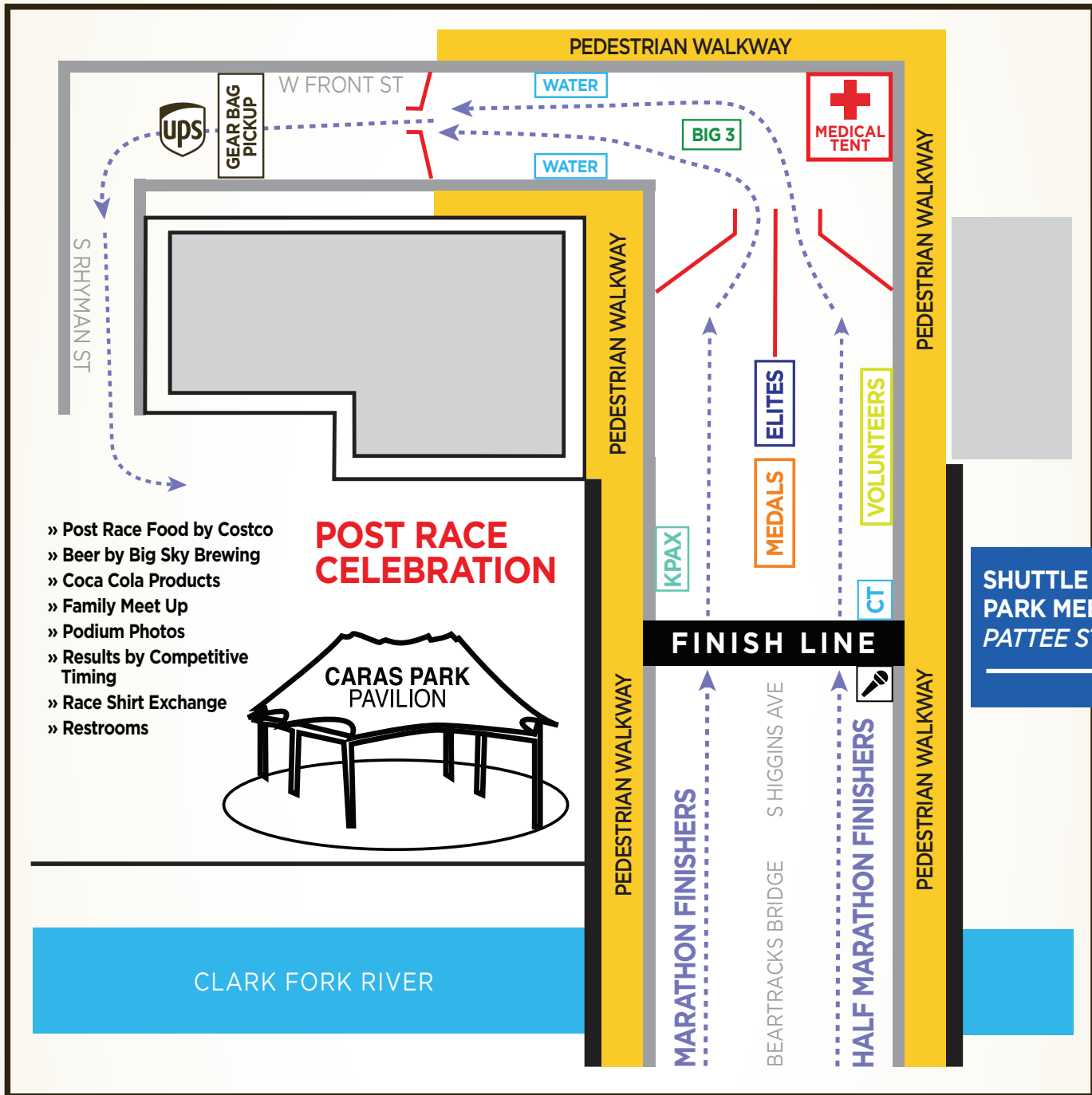
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# MISSOULA MARATHON & HALF MARATHON FINISH AREA MAP

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 | COURSE IS OPEN 6:00AM-1:30PM



- » Post Race Food by Costco
- » Beer by Big Sky Brewing
- » Coca Cola Products
- » Family Meet Up
- » Podium Photos
- » Results by Competitive Timing
- » Race Shirt Exchange
- » Restrooms

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# Sxwúytis Smxe Nxlews | Grizzly Bear Tracks's Bridge

## Beartracks Bridge - Historical Background

*Courtesy of Séliš-Qlispé Culture Committee  
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes*



*Above: Higgins Bridge,  
c. 1874-76. (Mansfield Library,  
Univ. of Montana)*



*Above: Sxwúytis Smxe — Grizzly  
Bear Tracks, 1854. (Gustavus  
Sohon portrait, National  
Anthropological Archives)*



*Right: Séliš encampment to  
dig bitterroot by Nm̓q̓wé  
(Mount Jumbo), c. 1890.  
(Mansfield Library, U. of MT)*

Beartracks is a name steeped in the history and culture of the Séliš (pronounced SEH-leesh, Salish or “Flathead”) people. It is also of direct relevance to the site of the bridge itself, an area that sits at the heart of the overlapping territories of the Séliš and Qlispé (pronounced Kah-lee-SPEH, upper Kalispel or “Pend d’Oreille”).

More than 130 years ago in 1891, the U.S. Government began the forced removal of the Selis under the leadership of Chief Charlo from the Bitterroot Valley to the Flathead Reservation. During this forced march some of the Bitterroot Selis, directed by sub-Chief Louis Vanderburg, crossed the river where the Beartracks Bridge stands today. The importance of Missoula and the surrounding valleys to the Selis and Qlispé has not faded in that time.

“Beartracks” is a shortened translation of the Salish name Sxwúytis Smxe, which means Grizzly Bear’s Tracks. From the mid-nineteenth century on, English speakers have

often referred to the Vanderburgs, members of the prominent and respected Séliš family, by the simplified name “Beartrack” or “Beartracks.”

The formerly Higgins Ave bridge was officially renamed on April 22, 2021, when the Montana Transportation Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposal submitted by the Missoula County Commissioners with the support of the Missoula City Council. The Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes recommended the name “Beartracks Bridge.”

Whether we use the name Beartracks Bridge, Sxwúytis Smxe Nxlews, or Grizzly Bear Tracks’s Bridge, it honors the Beartracks / Vanderburg family, the many other descendants of Sxwúytis Smxe, and the Séliš people as a whole — and remind us of the ancient and continuing Séliš-Qlispé connection to this place.



# TONY BANOVICH 5K COURSE MAP

Saturday, June 29 | Start time: 8:00am



## ABOUT THE TONY BANOVICH 5K

On October 14, 2020, our Montana running family lost a treasured friend and invaluable supporter. Tony Banovich, Race Director for the Missoula Marathon and Executive Director of Run Wild Missoula, was kind, generous, and encouraging of all, welcoming countless new runners over the years. He was deeply dedicated to both Missoula and Montana running communities.

It is in his honor and aligned with his spirit, we bring this 5K to the streets of Missoula.

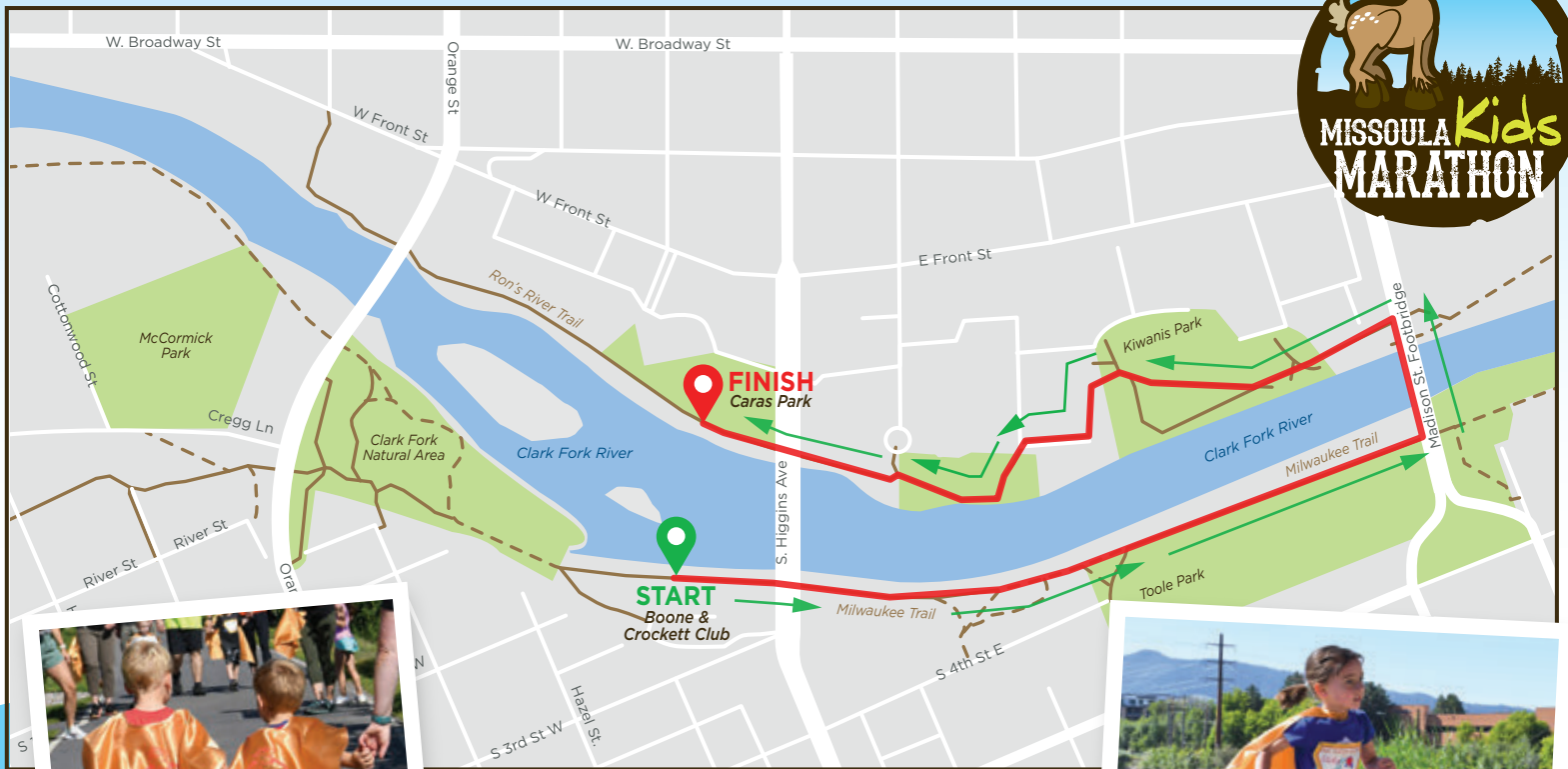
### Tony Banovich High School Cross Country Scholarship

Through the Tony Banovich Memorial Fund, Run Wild Missoula donates \$10,000 annually for high school XC scholarships for gear and races. Thank you to all our 5K participants contributing to this program.





# Missoula Kids Marathon Course Map



**MISSOULA KIDS MARATHON**  
Saturday, June 29 | Start Time: 10:00am  
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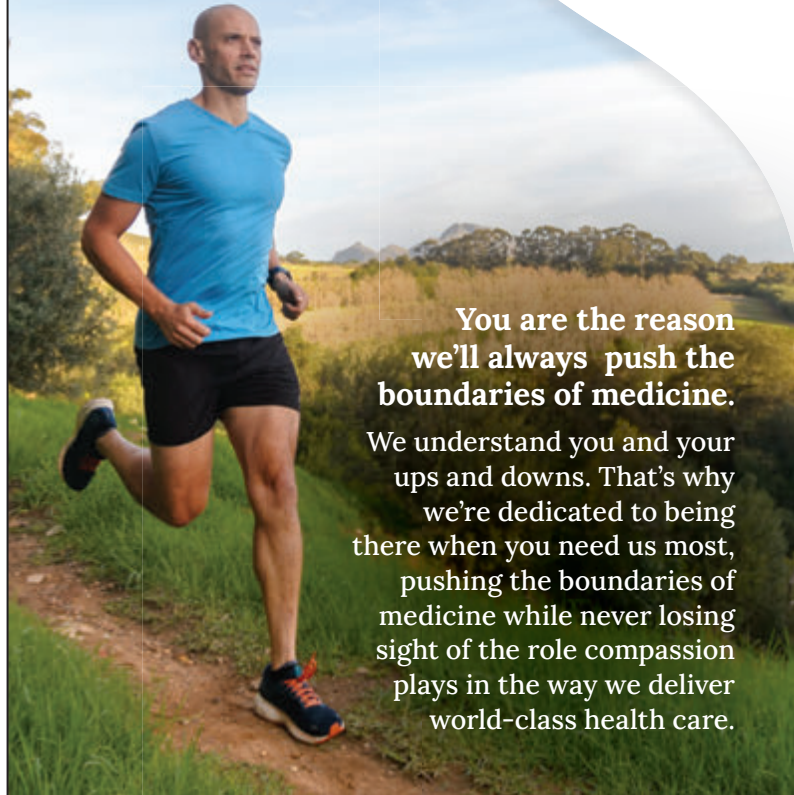


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