

WFPS RUN 5K | 10K | 21.1K

PARTICIPANT GUIDEBOOK 2025

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Dear Participant,

On behalf of the entire Volunteer WFPS Run Committee, I'd like to personally THANK YOU for participating in the 13th Annual WFPS Run!

Welcome to WFPS Run Year 13! Whether this is your first time joining us, or your 13th you are in for a real treat!

In 13 years, you have helped us raise over \$650,000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, whose mission is to raise awareness and funds to support heart and stroke research and programming.

As I reflect over the years, it is truly amazing to see the growth of the event, the adversity we have faced with abrupt cancellations (hello storm year 2019), the pandemic, and to come back stronger and bigger then ever is a true testament of your loyalty and passion for our event!

Over 5,500 runners will be toeing the start line at this year's event, and we could not be more thrilled to welcome you all, and all the amazing volunteers who will be making this weekend special!

As always, I'd like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of my Volunteer Race Committee – without their help, this event would not be possible. Everyone involved in this race is a volunteer including myself and have worked very hard to provide you with a positive race day experience.

We value every volunteer because, without their support, this event would not happen.

Thank you again for participating and we look forward to seeing you all on Race Day!

Sincerely,

Founder and Volunteer Executive Race Director Jonathan Torchia

WFPSRUN VOLUNTEER RACE COMMITTEE + BOARD

Founder+Race Director

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EXPO PARTICIPANTS





















WFPS RUN RACE DAY

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6:30 AM: Bag Check, Shirt Exchange, and WFPS Run

Merchandise Store open

7:45 AM: Start-Line Acknowledgements, Anthem, and

Announcements

8:00 AM: Half-Marathon Start

8:30 AM: 10K Start

8:45 AM: 5K Start

9:00 AM: Post-Race Recovery Area Opens

10:30 AM: Runner Awards for Top Male and Female

Finishers in the CMU Chapel

12:00 AM: Course Closes

Bag Check

Open at 6:30 AM. Please ensure your bag is marked with your bib number. If needed, we have tags and markers on site to quickly tag your bags.

Washrooms

Please use the outdoor washrooms. There are no bathrooms inside the bag check area and limited washrooms inside CMU.

Where to Wait

Please keep all hallways and throughways clear inside CMU. Do not block any emergency exit or doorway.

Runners can wait for the race start in the heated Food Tent.

PRE-RACE

IMPORTANT NOTES

Wearing Your Bib

On the race course, you must be wearing your assigned bib. Ensure your number is clearly visible or course marshals may interrupt your race to ensure you belong on the course.

Timing Chips

Do not cover up your timing chip or put it under clothing, as this could result in your time not being recorded. Ensure that you cross the timing mats at the start and finish line.

Headphones

Noise-cancelling headphones are not permitted on the race course. Being able to hear race instructions, traffic noise, and other environmental sounds is crucial for a safe event.

Health Policy

Please be conscientious of the well-being of our participants and volunteers. If you are feeling ill, we kindly ask that you refrain from attending the event.

POST-RACE

Food Tent

The heated Food Tent is open to all participants and volunteers. Post-race food and drinks will be available until noon. Please note: spectators are not permitted to have food and drinks.

Recovery Area

Open from 9am until noon, drop by post-run to book a stretching or physio appointment. Times are based on availability of therapists.

Physiotherapy support provided by Physiotherapy Works! and the InMotion Network. Stretching services by StretchLab.

AWARDS & RESULTS

Runner Awards

Program starts at 10:30 AM in CMU Chapel, indoors. We will present awards to the top three male and female finishers at each race distance.

In the days following the event, we will also be sending awards to the top finishers for each age category, and also for our top fundraisers.

Results

Race results are being tracked by Sports Stats West. You can find your results at <u>SportStats.one</u>. A QR code link to the results will also be posted at the event site and at WFPSrun.com.



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GETTING TO THE WFPS RUN

2025 is a record year with more than 5500 participants! Ensure you're giving yourself lots of time to get to the race site and get through bag check!

ROAD CLOSURES

- Shaftesbury Blvd. will be closed from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
- Two lanes of Roblin Blvd (WEST) will be CLOSED from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM from Chalfont Road to Shaftesbury Blvd.

ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION

Please consider using transit, carpooling, biking, taking a cab or rideshare service, or having a friend drop you off on **race day**.

BIKE RACKS

There are bike rack areas at the Canadian Mennonite University grounds near kit pick-up / bag drop entrance, at Assiniboine Park by the duck pond, The Leaf, or in front of the zoo entrance, at Shaftesbury High School, and at St. Paul's High School.

PARKING AT THE WFPS RUN

THERE IS **NO PARKING** AT THE EVENT SITE (CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY NORTH CAMPUS), CMU SOUTH CAMPUS, ST. DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, OR IN THE SURROUNDING FIELDS.

Parking availability:

- Any side street near the event grounds
- St. Paul's High School parking lot: see overflow parking image below
- Shaftesbury High School parking lot (where permitted)

Parking for persons with disabilities is available on-site. Please speak to a WFPS Run Committee member at kit pick-up to reserve your spot in this restricted lot.



WFPS RUN SPECTATOR GUIDE

Our participants love to see community members watching and cheering them to the finish!

AT THE START / FINISH LINE

We recommend that spectators avoid the start/finish line area and choose a spot on the course instead, since the event site can be crowded and difficult to access. However, if you're planning to be on-site to root for your racer, please consult the previous two pages on getting to the WFPS Run.

ON THE COURSE

Map out where you want to be ahead of time. Start by <u>viewing or printing a copy of our route maps</u>.

Work with your racer to plan on when you should be at your chosen location. Remember to be flexible – your racer could be having a really good day or a tough one, so get there early and stay a bit later, just in case.

Plan on how to get there. There are several roads closed to vehicles because of the race. <u>See "Road Closures" on page 10</u>.

Plan on how to find your friends.

- o Get your racer to snap a mirror selfie so you know what they're wearing.
- Ask your racer to add you to a "find my friends" or GPS watch app to track their progress.

Get noticed! Signs, music, balloons, noisemakers. Help celebrate and support the athletes as they strive for their goals.

ONLINE

Tune in to our finish line live stream by <u>subscribing to our YouTube channel at youtube.com/@WFPSRun</u>. The finish line livestream on YouTube will begin at approximately 9:00 AM on October 19. The start of each race and other highlights will be posted on <u>our Instagram account: @WFPSRun</u>.

Working Together.

Understanding what is most important to you is at the heart of what we do.













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EXPOAND KIT PICK-UP

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Pick up your race kit, browse and buy 2025 WFPS Run merchandise, and visit the sponsor and vendor booths at the WFPS Run Expo.

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY

North Campus, Loewen Gym 500 Shaftesbury Blvd.

Friday, October 17, 2025 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 18, 2025 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

THERE IS NO KIT PICK-UP ON RACE DAY



PICKING UP YOUR KIT

- 1. Bring your QR code!
 - You will receive an email in the week before race day with your registration QR code. Please print it off or have it ready to scan.
 - Check your spam and/or junk folders if you do not see it in your inbox.
- 2. At the expo, go to the kit pick-up and find the table marked with your race distance, and provide the volunteer with your QR code. That's it!

All runner packages MUST be picked up at the Expo. If you are having someone pick up your package for you, please send them your confirmation email with a note allowing them to pick up your package.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if I did not receive my confirmation email?

Our volunteers can look you up by your name in the registration system.

Can I pick up my family member's or friend's race kit?

Yes! Provide their name, and we will look them up and assign their bib.. Please have written permission from the registered runner available to show a volunteer.

I bought a bib from another person. Will it be under my name?

If you did a legal bib transfer using RaceRoster.com, your bib will be under your name.

My registration information is incorrect. What do I do?

Visit the SportStats time-keeping table during the Expo.

Can I pick my bib number from the unassigned ones?

No. To keep it fair, fast, and efficient, we will be assigning bibs in sequential order.

My name isn't on the bib. What do I do?

Visit our friends at the label booth! In just a few seconds, they can print off whatever name you want on your bib.

Can I park on-site for kit pick-up?

Yes, the parking lot at the CMU North Campus will be open during Expo hours on Friday and Saturday. However, please ensure you are using extra caution as our volunteers will be busy on-site setting up for race day! There is **no on-site parking on race day**.

FUNDRAISING

PLEDGE DROP OFF

Participants who would like to drop off pledges can do so during the two-day Expo. The top three fundraisers will be announced via social media in the month following the race.

PLEDGES MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON RACE DAY IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED FOR THE TOP FUNDRAISING PRIZES.

REGISTRATION REFUNDS

Qualifying participants who raised their minimum amount in donations can choose to:

Get their original registration (fees excluded) refunded back to them*



Donate their registration (fees excluded) to the Heart and Stroke Foundation for a charitable tax receipt.

*Refunds will take place before December 31, 2025. Runners MUST submit all their collected pledges BEFORE October 31, 2025 to qualify for this offer.



WFPSRUN PRE-RACE EVENTS

SHAKE OUT RUN @ CMU WITH THE CITY PARK RUNNERS "RUN HAPPY" PACE TEAM!

Saturday, October 18, 2025 9:30 AM

Meet your Run Happy Pace Team for an easy-paced shake out run for participants of all levels. Gather outside the CMU North Campus entrance near the oversized "#wfpsrun" sign.



TEENY TROT 1K

Saturday, October 18, 2025 11:30 AM

The WFPS Run Teeny Trot is a bit less than 1K in length. Registered children can run on their own or with one parent/guardian. Strollers and pets are not permitted. Post-race medals and snacks will be provided!

Though the parking lot at CMU will be open, there will be limited spaces available. Please consider parking on a side street. **On Saturday only**, you may also park at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church at 2255 Grant Avenue.

Plan to be early! Teeny participants will need to pick up their race bib and wristband at the Expo before the event begins!



CITY PARK RUNNERS RUN HAPPY PACE TEAM

Look for our fantastic pace team on **race day**; they will be wearing special gear and holding their pace time flags.

1:30 - Scott

1:35 - Martin

1:40 - Darius

1:45 - Zach

1:50 - Joseph

1:55 - Chris

2:00 - Oleh

2:00 - Jessica

2:05 - Janelle

2:10 - Brittany

2:15 - Candis

2:20 - Shelan

2:25 - Jane

2:30 - Dama

2:35 - Bryanne

2:40 - Adolf

2:45 - Paul

2:50 - Barjinder

2:55 - Melissa

3:00 - Catherine

3:15 - Mac Gerard

3:30 - Sheri



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WFPSRUN COURSEINFO AND AMENITIES

HALF-MARATHON

STARTS 8:00 AM

- One start, no waves or staggered start
- Corral times: sub-1:15, sub-1:30, sub-1:45, sub-2:00, sub-2:15, sub-2:30, sub-2:45, sub-3:00, sub-3:15, sub-3:30
- Please place yourself in the appropriate corral based on anticipated finish times
- 4-hour course time limit certified with Athletics Canada
- Course marked in miles
- Participants will pass eight aid stations
- GU at station at mile 8

10K

STARTS 8:30 AM

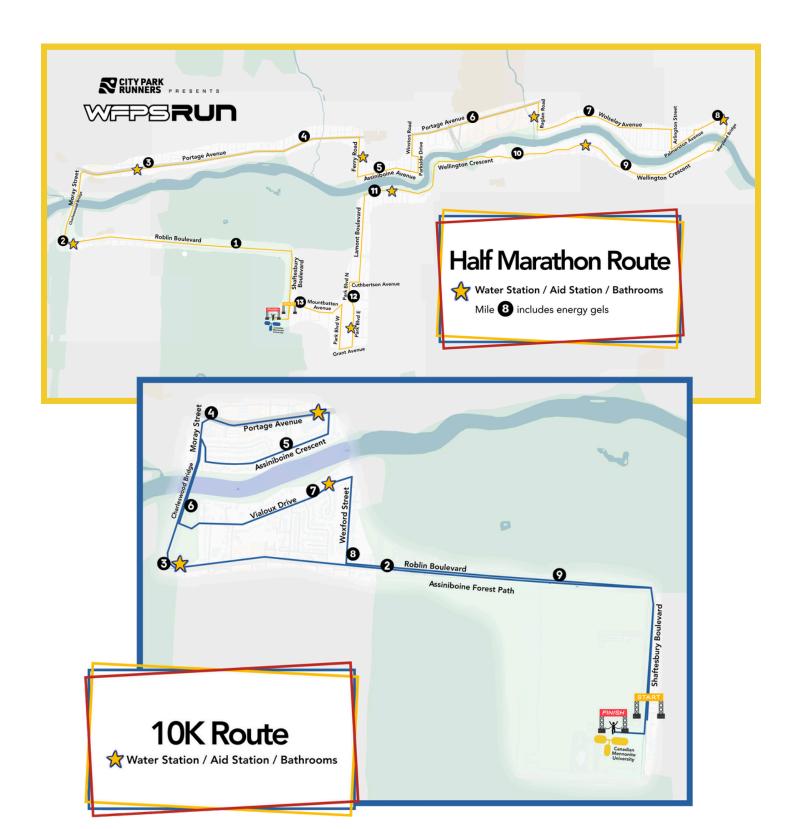
- One start, no waves or staggered start
- 2-hour course time limit certified with Athletics Canada
- Course marked in kilometers
- Participants will pass three aid stations

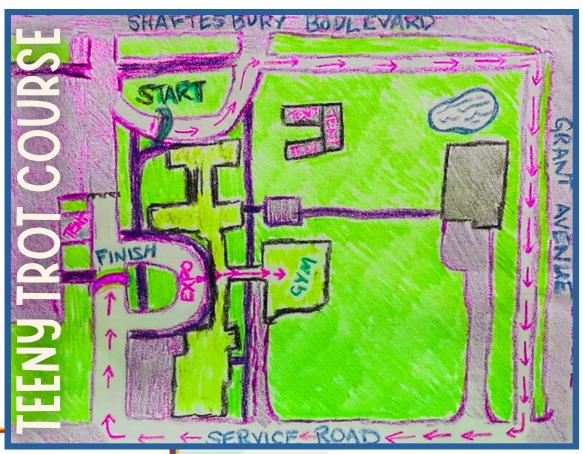
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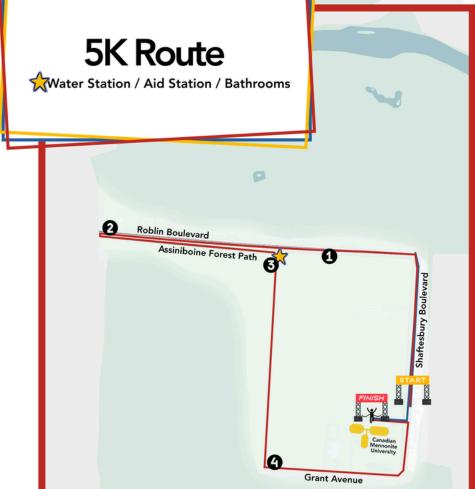
STARTS 8:45 AM

- Runners pushing a stroller must start at the back to prevent any congestion
- One start, no waves or staggered start
- 2-hour course time limit
- Participants will pass one aid station

WFPSRUN ROUTE MAPS









Connect today!

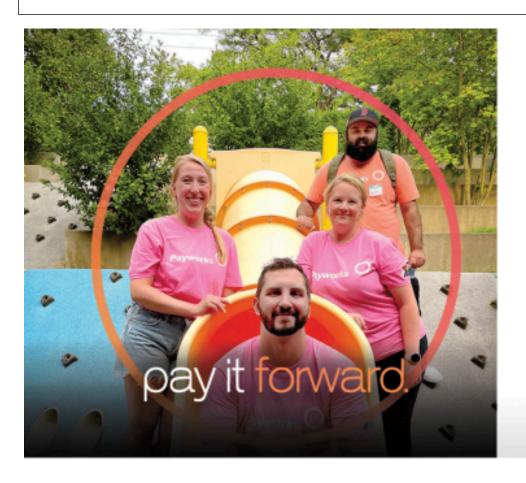
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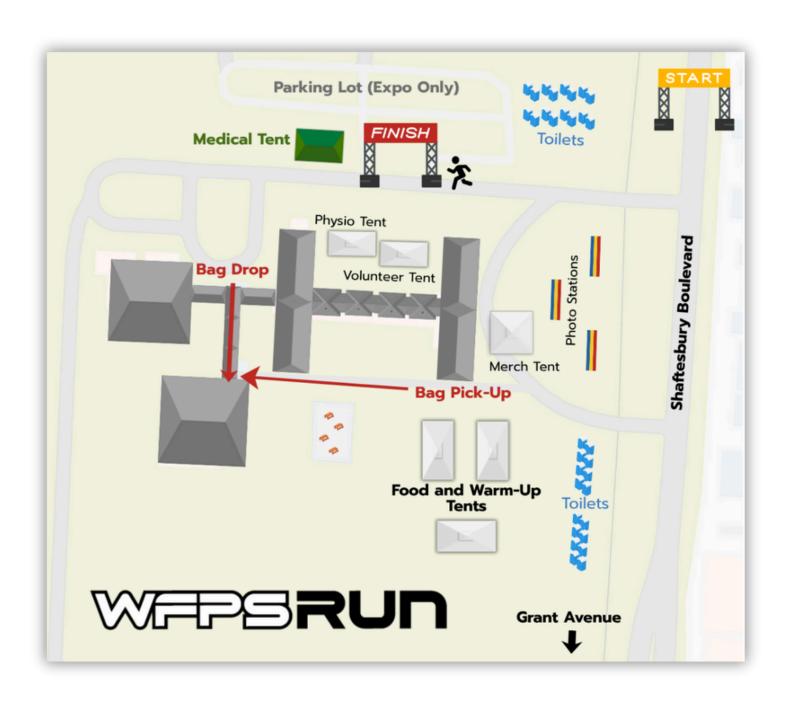


Donating our time is the most rewarding way we can spend it.

Volunteerism is just one of the ways we pay it forward and fulfill our purpose of Doing Right by People.



WFPSRUN SITE MAP



WFPS RUN AMBASSADORS

This group of amazing volunteers is an extension of the WFPS Run Volunteer Board, representing the event to the community in the months leading up to **race day**.

ARI JESSICA DUBEAU

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CITY PARK RUNNERS X WFPS RUN ACTIVATIONS

OCTOBER 4

HEAT PRESS ACTIVATION AT CITY PARK RUNNERS STORE 10am - 6pm

COME GRAB A COMPLEMENTARY SOUVENIR TOTE BAG AND HEAT PRESS YOUR FAVORITE DESIGN ON IT!

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CPR FRIENDS' RUN EXPO SNEAK PEEK AT WFPS RUN EXPO*

6pm - 8pm

COME RUN 5KM'S WITH US AND GET A SNEAK PEEK OF THE WFPS RUN EXPO. COMPLIMENTARY POST RUN PIZZA AND DRINKS!! OCTOBER

HEAT PRESS ACTIVATION AT WFPS RUN EXPO* 11am - 7pm

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