

Transportation & Parking **Ham Run Half Marathon**

Transportation Options for Runners and Spectators

NOTE: DURING THE RACE, THERE WILL BE ONE LANE OPEN FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND SHUTTLES ONLY. DO NOT PLAN TO HAVE A VEHICLE ON THE COURSE FROM 10AM TO 1:30PM.

Take The Bus!

7:30am A school bus will leave the Municipal Parking Lot (by the Coop) on Sunday morning.

8:30am Drop off at Gunflint Pines (start of Half Marathon)

8:45am Drop off at Seagull Creek Fishing Camp (start of 5k)

9:00am Arrive at Trail's End Campground

9:10am Depart for Seagull Creek & Gunflint Pines (will drop off at both locations)

2:30 pm: The bus will leave Trail's End (after awards) departing for Grand Marais & stopping at Seagull Creek Fishing Camp & Gunflint Pines

3:30pm Return to Grand Marais

Carpool

7am-8am Informal carpools from the Municipal Parking Lot (by the coop) Parking Lot. Car pools are subject to interest and availability. Rides are not guaranteed.

Parking Options

Finish Line:

Trail's End Campground at the end of the Gunflint Trail (57 miles from Grand Marais). Shuttles will run to both the 5k start and Half-Marathon Start. If you want to see the start of the Half-Marathon then you must be on a shuttle leaving the Trail's End Campground by no later than 9:10am. Shuttles will run continuously during the event.

Starting Lines

- 5K-Seagull Creek Fishing Camp at the intersection of the Gunflint Trail and Blankenburg Road (54 miles from Grand Marais): Shuttles will run continuously throughout the event.
- Half Marathon Start: Gunflint Pines (43 miles from Grand Marais) Parking is limited. Shuttles will run continuously before and after race. Last shuttle from Trails End finish to Gunflint Pines at 4pm.

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FAQ:

Can my spectators follow me on the course?

Spectators are encouraged to watch the race by riding on the shuttles. No personal vehicles will be allowed on the race course. The Cross River (mile 3.3), Seagull Guard Station (mile 7.0) and Seagull Creek (mile 10.3) will be stops for the shuttles. Since pilot cars will be leading the one lane of traffic, shuttle traffic may be delayed.

How do I watch the race?

Plan to take advantage of the shuttle system. With the logistical challenges involved in transportation, we recommend you choose only 2 spots on the course to watch the Half-Marathon. If you want to be at the finish line, pick one other checkpoint, or the start, to watch the participants, and then hop on the shuttle to the finish line.

What is the recommended mode of transportation?

We encourage participants and spectators to take the public transportation provided from Grand Marais. We appreciate people taking advantage of the transportation along the race route as much as possible. Car pooling is the next best mode for travel. We recommend you park at Trails End Campground, unless you prefer to leave before 1:30pm. (Note: Cars will be unable to leave the Trail's End parking spots while runners are on the course).

What if we need to leave right after we finish running?

The 5K start from Seagull Creek Fishing Camp/Brandenburg Landing is 3 miles from the finish line. You may be able to leave the race earlier if you catch a shuttle to Brandenburg Landing or back to Gunflint Pines and then leave.

Can I ride my bike?

Unfortunately no biking or inline skating is allowed. One lane of traffic will be open and kept clear for emergency vehicles and shuttles. The Gunflint Trail is a narrow road, unable to accommodate runners, bikers, and vehicles.

Can I bring a stroller on the bus?

Spectator strollers are welcome on the bus, but not allowed on the course.

Can I bring my dog?

No dogs are allowed to run the course. Spectators are welcome to bring well behaved dogs to the end, but the dogs cannot be part of the shuttle system.

Can spectators join in with runners for any part of the course?

Non-participants are not allowed on the race course due to liability issues.

When can I leave the race?

We anticipate that all runners will be off of the course by 1:30pm. Shuttles will run continuously to the parking area at Brandenburg Landing and Gunflint Pines.

When is the bus returning to Grand Marais?

The bus will leave Trail's End 15 minutes after the Awards Ceremony, at approximately 2:30, arriving in Grand Marais at approximately 3:30.

What is going on after the race?

You are welcome to stay for the post race festivities, including food, entertainment, free massages for runners, and more.

Scenarios

I want to take the bus from Grand Marais to the start of the 5k what should I do?

Plan to arrive at the Municipal Parking Lot by 7:15am to get on the bus that will depart at 7:30am. The bus will drop off at Gunflint Pines first and then proceed to Seagull Creek where you will disembark. Get on the bus back to town approximately 2:30pm and return to town 3:30pm.

My parents want to watch me run the 5k and then we have to leave immediately after I finish, where should we park?

Your parents should plan to arrive at Blankenburg Landing no later than 9:30am to park and catch the shuttle to the Trail's End Campground. After the race you all should catch the shuttle back to their vehicle at Blankenburg Landing.

I'm running the Half-Marathon and my husband and kids want to watch both the start and finish. We're driving our own vehicle and plan to stay so the kids can race and we can stay for the awards. How can we do this?

Make sure you leave Grand Marais by 7:45am so you can make it to the Trail's End Campground and be parked by 9:00am. All of you should get on the shuttle at Trail's End before 9:10am so you can make it to Gunflint Pines by the 9:30am deadline for racers. Your husband and kids can watch the start then hop on a shuttle to the end of the Trail for the finish. Since your vehicle will already be parked at the Trail's End there will be no need for another shuttle.