

**Welcome to Best of the West part of the Ohio Endurance Series**

Western Reserve Racing is a small business that employs local runners and outdoor enthusiasts. We are 100% committed to providing you with a top-notch race experience from registration to the finish line. We look forward to seeing you on race day!

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**RACE DATE**

 Saturday, September 20, 2025

**RACE LOCATION/PARKING**

 West Branch State Park Beach  
Esworthy Rd  
Ravenna, OH 44266

BEST OF THE WEST MARATHON	
<b>Bib Pickup</b> Thursday 2:00-7:00 PM Friday 2:00-7:00 PM at Vertical Runner Hudson	<b>Start Time</b> 8:00 AM  <b>Cutoff Time</b> 4:00 PM
Race Day 6:30-8:00 AM at West Branch	

**RACE DAY INFORMATION**

**Start Time:**  
Best of the West Marathon begins at 8:00 AM. Start is gun time.

**Cutoff Time:**  
Participants must must finish the race by 4:00 PM (8 hour cutoff). To stay on pace, participants should depart the turnaround by 12:00 PM. Anyone who continues past the aid station close times accepts the responsibility to know the course and complete it without any support.

**How to Wear Your Bib:**  
Please wear your bib in front, visible, and horizontal to assure we get a good chip read for you. Keep away from metal (zippers) and electronics (gps watches and smartphones).

**Drop Bags:**  
Participants may have a drop bag that is accessible at the turnaround. Mark your bag with your name and bib number and bring it to the start. Drop bags will be returned to the Beach by 2:00 PM (you may pick up your bag if you prefer).

**Distance Change/Drops:**  
Participants may change to the Half Marathon prior to the start of the race. If a participant drops from the race, they are welcome to a Half Marathon finisher medal if they have completed that distance.

**Restrooms:**  
Restrooms are located at the Start/Finish, Dam, Horse Camp, and Horsemans Day Parking.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Spectators:**  
There is plenty of room for spectators at the Beach – invite your friends and family.

**Volunteers:**  
Spectators are welcome to join us as volunteers and earn credits!

[VOLUNTEER](#)

**Charity Partner:**  
Donations support the Crooked River Chapter of the Buckeye Trail Association.

**RULES**

**No Pacers:**  
You cannot be accompanied on the course by anyone who is not a registered participant.

**Aid:**  
Participants cannot accept any aid from anyone (crew, family, friend, Elvis impersonator, moving vehicle, bicycle) beyond 100 feet of an Aid Station. Absolutely no littering! You may not stash supplies along the course.

**Off Course:**  
If you go off course, you must backtrack/return to the correct path by your own means. You must start from the point where you went off course.

**Bibs:**  
Bibs must be worn by the participant who is registered and was assigned the bib.

**COURSE INFORMATION**

**Course Map:**  
Participants are encouraged to review the course map. The Marathon course is an out and back. You must cross the timing mat at the turnaround to get your split time.

[COURSE MAP](#)

- Course Markings:**
- All course marking materials are Western Reserve Racing branded.
  - These include ground flags, coroplast signs, and streamer tape.
  - A course marker will be found about every 0.1 mile. After turns, there will be a sequence of 3-4 ground flags and/or streamers in the trees as confidence markers.
  - The RaceJoy app provides the ability to be sure you are on course as well as tracking capability.
  - Watch for slippery surfaces such as wooden steps and bridges.

**AID STATIONS**

MILE	LOCATION	TYPE	OFFERING
3.5	Dam	Full Aid Station	*See below
9	Horse Camp	Full Aid Station	*See below, plus Nutty Buddies
13.1	Horsemans Day Parking	Full Aid Station	*See below, plus Apple or Cherry Fruit Pies; Nutella/Banana Wraps
17.2	Horse Camp	Full Aid Station	*See below, plus Nutty Buddies
22.7	Dam	Full Aid Station	*See below
26.2 Finish	Beach	Full Aid Station	*See below, plus Burritos (beef, beans, cheese, sauces)
<b>*FULL AID STATIONS will serve the following</b> Water, Tailwind, Coke, Ginger Ale, Pickle Juice Pretzel Nuggets w/Peanut Butter, Cheezits Corn Chips, Potato Chips Payday Candy Bars, Fruit Snacks, Fig Newtons			

**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

In case of emergency call  
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For non-emergency, call us at  
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