

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 19, 2026

 RACE LOCATION

West Branch State Park Beach
Esworthy Rd
Ravenna, OH 44266

Google Maps



Apple Maps



RACE INFORMATION

Early Packet Pickup

Where: Vertical Runner Hudson, 112 N Main Street, Hudson, OH 44236
When: Wednesday 9/16, 2-7 PM & Thursday 9/17, 2-7 PM

Race Day Packet Pickup

West Branch State Park Beach, 6:30-8:00 AM

Start Time & Cutoff Time

Best of the West Marathon begins at 8:00 AM at West Branch State Park Beach. Participants must finish the race by 4:00 PM (8 hour cutoff). To stay on pace, participants should depart the turnaround by 12:00 AM. Anyone who continues past the aid station close times accepts the responsibility to know the course and complete it without any support.

Distance Change & Mid-Race 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. If at any time you decide not to continue, please notify a WRR staff member. Participants who drop are responsible for their own transportation back to their car.

Drop Bags

Marathon 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. Maximum drop bag size is 16"x20"x16" – no hard cases. Drop bags will be returned to the Beach by 2:00 PM (you may pick up your bag if you prefer).

Restrooms

Restrooms are located at the Start/Finish, Dam, Horse Camp, and Horsemen's Day Parking.

NEW Key Drop Service

Leave your keys with us while you run/hike. Fill out a tag and put your keys in the drop box near the start – pick up when you finish!

Bib Assignment

Bibs must be worn by the registered participant who was assigned the 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).

Results/Awards

Results will be posted/available live – scan the QR code on your bib. Overall winners are based on gun time. Age Group winners are based on chip time, and age group results are preliminary until awards are distributed. To be eligible for awards, you must cross the start line within 10 minutes of the start of the race. Marathon awards will be handed out as participants finish.

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.

No Pacers

You cannot be accompanied on the course by anyone who is not a registered participant.

Spectators & Volunteers

Spectators are welcome – invite your friends and family to come cheer you on at the beach. 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.

COURSE DETAILS

Course Map

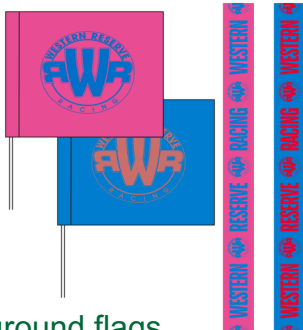
Participants are encouraged to review the course map. The Marathon course is an out and back. You must cross the timing mat at the turnaround to get your split time.

COURSE MAP



Course Markings

All course marking materials are WRR branded. These include alternating pink & blue ground flags and streamers, coroplast signs, and cones.



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.

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.

The RaceJoy app provides the ability to be sure you are on course as well as tracking capability.

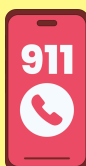
Watch for slippery surfaces such as wooden steps and bridges.

AID STATIONS

MILE	LOCATION	TYPE	OFFERING
3.5	Dam	Full Aid Station	*See below
9	Horse Camp	Full Aid Station	*See below
13.1	Horsemen's Day Parking	Full Aid Station	*See below, plus Bananas
17.2	Horse Camp	Full Aid Station	*See below
22.7	Dam	Full Aid Station	*See below
26.2 Finish	Beach	Full Aid Station	*See below, plus Burritos (beef, beans, cheese, sauces)
*FULL AID STATIONS will serve the following Water, Skratch, Coke, Pickle Juice RITZ PB Crackers, Corn Chips, Cheezits, Chex Mix Snack Size Candy Bars, Biscoff Cookies (Vegan) Fig Newtons, Mini Fruit Pies			

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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