

Conservation Chase

Saturday, May 16, 2026

This is a cup-free race!



Race Day Instructions



Thank you for participating in a Silver Circle Sports Event. We know there are a lot of events in your neck of the woods and we appreciate you attending an event in our neck of the woods.

Founded in 1999, Tall Pines Conservancy is a nationally accredited, non-profit land trust working to preserve our rural history by protecting remaining farmland, water resources, and natural areas in the Lake Country region and beyond. Tall Pines has preserved approximately 3500 acres of land by conservation easements and fee acquisition.

Visit <https://tallpinesconservancy.org/> for more information.

Building on the legacy of the Bear Trax & Brownie Shuffle, the Conservation Chase is a minimalistic running event designed to highlight the natural beauty of Lapham Peak State Park while supporting local conservation efforts. It was started in 2009 as a way to honor a dear friend, Nancy Sellars, who was killed by a drunk driver while riding her bike. The race brought people to the trails she loved at Lapham Peak and also raised money for the Peak Nordic Scholarship Fund. This money helps support the vision and purpose of Peak Nordic Ski Club, which is to promote the sport of cross country skiing and create life-long skiers by providing a fun and organized teaching and competitive venue for all area youth.

Tall Pines extends its gratitude to our generous sponsors. They include:

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Tall Pines is excited to share the conceptual trail plans for the K. Redmond Family Preserve, our recently acquired property located directly adjacent to Lapham Peak. Our goal is to thoughtfully expand recreational access while protecting the property's natural character for generations to come. These early concepts reflect a vision for well-designed, sustainable trails that offer distinct experiences for both hikers and bikers.

Want to learn more or share your input? Stop by and visit our partner booths at the Conservation Chase event. We'd love to connect and hear what you think! Support Tall Pines by bidding on a diverse collection of products and services donated by local businesses! Our online silent auction is open from May 11 – May 21.

Visit <https://www.32auctions.com/ConservationChase26>

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Charity Partner Tall Pines Conservancy

Mission:

To preserve our rural heritage and aesthetic beauty of open spaces by protecting farmland, water resources and natural areas.

We are a nationally accredited, non-profit land trust focused on preserving the Lake Country region and beyond. We believe in protecting farmland, water, and open spaces within our community to honor generations past, maintain a connection to our rural heritage, and preserve these irreplaceable resources for future generations to enjoy.

Volunteers Needed!

If you, your group, the neighbor kid, or your mother-in-law has an interest in volunteering, we would greatly appreciate the assistance! All volunteers can run a future race for free. Sign up [HERE](#).

Location

Lapham Peak State Park - Trecker Lodge

W329 N846, County Rd C
Delafield, WI US 53018

Parking

Parking is available at the park. There is a \$10.00 DNR park day pass or an [annual sticker](#) required to enter the park. If purchasing a day pass the morning of the race, please be sure to bring \$10 in cash to expedite the entry process. Please do not park along the road. There is overflow parking near the Start Line, at the tower, and at Evergreen. We encourage runners to carpool.

Nearby carpool locations:

- I-94 & N. Sawyer Road
- I-94 & Hwy 83
- Hwy 16 & Hwy C

Schedule

Race Day - Saturday, May 16, 2026

7:45 AM: Packet Pickup Opens

8:00 AM: Half Marathon Early Start

8:45 AM: 1K Kiddo's Race Starts

9:00 AM: 10K, 10K Ruck and Half Marathon Start

9:05 AM: 5K, 5K Ruck, 5K Walk Start

10:45 AM: Half Marathoners must have started second lap

11:30 AM: Finish Line Breakdown

12:00 PM: Course Closes

Early Start & Course Closures

As much as we'd love to spend days/nights/weekends at our favorite race sites, our permits only allow us to be on site for a limited amount of time. We are required to close the course to stay within those limits and, unfortunately, participants will not be permitted to continue once the course is closed for the final lap. The course will close for the final lap at 10:45am.

If you are concerned about being able to finish the half marathon in the allotted time, we want to help you achieve your running goals, so we offer an early start for those who need a little more time. Early start half marathoners will receive a chip time, but are not eligible for age group awards or series awards. The course may not be marked, course marshals & police may not be on course, aid stations may not be set, and the course is open to the public. The early start is **ONLY** for half marathons.

Those that are not participating in the half marathon and start early will not receive an official time and will be disqualified. Additionally, participants who continue after being asked to stop will be disqualified.

New! Preassembled Team Packets

We're making race day even easier for teams! Here's how it works:

If your team has 4 or more members by Wednesday, May 13 at noon, we'll preassemble your entire team's packets—including:

- Race shirts
- Bibs labeled with each runner's name, shirt size, bib number, gender, age, and event

These will be ready in one convenient bundle for pickup. We encourage you to pick up your team's packet at early packet pickup.

Important:

- One person (Team Captain or designee) should pick up the entire team's packets. Make sure you tell your team where you are going to meet them to distribute packets.
- No individual pickups will be allowed for qualifying teams.
- Teams with fewer than 4 members can still pick up individually.

📌 Heads-up for Captains:

If you registered team members using your own email address, they won't receive race communications. Be sure to forward this info so everyone is in the loop!

Packet Pickup FAQs

Can I pick up another person's packet? **YES**

Do I need an ID? **NO WAY**

Can I register at packet pickup? **YEP!**

Bring your **QR CODE** (it's on your registration email receipt)



Race Shirts

Unfortunately, we cannot hold race shirts for those who can't make it to the race – we simply don't have room for boxes and boxes of extra shirts. If you can no longer make the race and still want your shirt, please email us BEFORE the race so we can put it aside. Otherwise, we cannot guarantee we'll have a shirt for you after the race. More info [here](#).

Switching Distances

- Login into [RunSignUp.com](#)
- Select your Profile.
- Scroll down to the race you would like to modify.
- Select "Manage Registration".
- All of the race options will be listed on the menu (transfers, change shirt size, modify team, change distances, resend confirmation/QR code & deferrals).

[Additional info about modifying a registration.](#)

Course Info

From the RD about the course

This is a challenging course. Not only is it hilly, but the terrain can be challenging at times. Please be careful. If you signed up for the Half or 10K and decide to do a shorter run, no worries. Just let us know.

The 5K course is different than the 10K/half marathon. The 5K will start at 9:05am and head straight at the Start. The 10K/half marathon starts at 9:00am and turns left at the Start.

5K

The 5K course is one lap.

[5K Course Map](#)

10K

The 10K course is one lap. Watch for the 5K/10K & half marathon split.

[10K Course Map](#)

Half Marathon

The half marathon course is the same as the 10K, but you will do two laps. There is a small section after mile 4 where the 10K will turn right and the half will go straight. You will reconnect with the 10K course after a short distance (around ¼ mile). The turn for the second lap is right before the Finish Line. It is a tough course, and you will deserve the half marathon finisher medal you will get!

[Half Marathon Course Map](#)

Start Line & Finish Line

The Start/Finish Line is near the Trecker Lodge.

Course Marking

The course will be marked with arrows and cones.

Aid Stations

We are cup-free at aid stations! Please bring a hydration bottle or collapsible cup with you. Cup-free aid station locations with water and sports drink:

- Base of the tower – all distances
- Near Homestead parking lot – 10K & half marathon
- At the split – 10K & half marathon

You are also welcome to drop a hydration/nutrition bag on course. We recommend near the aid stations, but it's your bag and your choice!

Restrooms

Restrooms are available at the race Start/Finish. Additional restrooms are available throughout the park and should be open. We recommend stopping at restrooms further from the race site since they will not be as busy as the ones near the Start/Finish Line.

Awards

Overall Awards

Overall Male & Female runners for each distance will receive a custom award provided by our partner [Ridgeway Woodworks](#).

Age Group Awards

Top 3 male & female finishers in 5-year age groups will receive a custom medal. Age groups are 0-14, then every 5 years.

Finisher Woodles

All participants will receive a finisher woodle from Ridgeway Woodworks.

Miss Your Award?

Medals can be picked up at our office the Wednesday following the event. The medals are located in a blue box in front of our office entrance 24/7.

1327 Wall Street, Suite B
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

If you would like it mailed, you can order it to be shipped [here](#).

Timing

The race is chip timed by Silver Circle Sports Events with a chip start. Your time will begin when you cross the Start Line and conclude when you cross the Finish Line. Please make sure your bib is on the front of your body and visible to our staff.

[Instructions on bib placement.](#)



Medical Emergencies

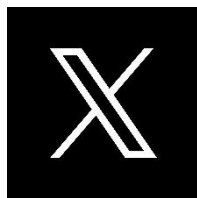
If you see a medical emergency, call 911. If an athlete needs basic medical care, proceed to the nearest aid station and a staff member will assist. There is an automated external defibrillator (AED) and first aid kit located on the timing van.

Weather

The event will be held unless severe weather occurs. In the event of severe weather, we will make an announcement to seek shelter and clear the area. All staff will also evacuate the area and will not return until the weather clears. We ask that you not return until we have made an all-clear announcement. Weather updates will be posted on Facebook.

Social Media

Last minute updates, photos, videos, and results all get posted here first:



Got Questions?

Let us know at info@silvercirclesportsevents.com.

#TeamSCSE

Welcome to #TeamSCSE. The running team with no requirements, no fees, and no forms to fill out. We are a group of people who just like to run. Team SCSE is an all-inclusive running team that prides itself on camaraderie and helping each other achieve running goals. We have a range of runners on the team, from beginners to elites and everything in between. If you're interested in joining the team, [contact us](#).



SOME AWESOME SUMMER RACES!

Take a look at our [full race schedule](#) to see everything we are doing this year – let's just say it's going to be a busy, fun summer!



Are you involved with an event and need help with management, equipment rental, timing, or marketing? If it is event related, we do it!

[Contact us](#) to discuss your event or obtain a quote.