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2026 CHIPPEWA CREEK HALF MARATHON PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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Welcome to Chippewa Creek part of the Dirty Trail 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, October 24, 2026

RACE LOCATION

Oak Grove Picnic Area
Brecksville Reservation
Valley Parkway (1.5 mi east of Brecksville Rd)
Brecksville, OH 44141

Google Maps | Apple Maps

RACE INFORMATION

Packet Pickup
Early Packet Pickup: Friday 4:00-7:00 PM at Vertical Runner Brecksville
Race Day Packet Pickup: Saturday 7:30-9:00 AM at Oak Grove Shelter

Start Time & Cutoff Time
Start time is 9:00 AM. Participants must must finish by 2:00 PM (5 hour cutoff; 23 min/mi pace). Anyone who continues past the aid station close time accepts the responsibility to know the course and complete it without any support.

Mid-Race Drops
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
Participants may have a drop bag that is accessible at the completion of each loop. Mark your bag with your name and bib number and bring it to the start.

Restrooms
We are not permitted to bring porta potties into the Cleveland Metroparks, so facilities are limited. There are two restrooms at Oak Grove. There are additional restrooms along the parkway and other lots that you will pass on the way to the race start.

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. 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
Invite your friends and family to come cheer for you. We expect a sellout, so parking at Oak Grove will be full. We encourage car pooling and request that spectators/family/friends park in spaces along Valley Parkway and other nearby lots. Spectators are welcome to join us as volunteers and earn credits!

VOLUNTEER

Charity Partner
Donations benefit the Trails Division of Cleveland Metroparks.

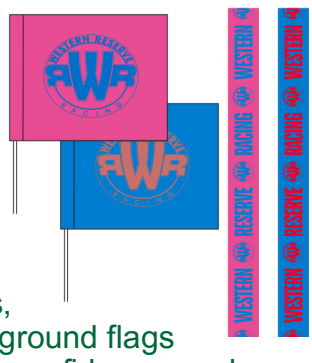
COURSE DETAILS

Course Map
Participants are encouraged to review the course map. The course is two loops. You must cross the timing mat at the completion of each loop to get your split time.

COURSE MAP

Horse Etiquette
This event will be on shared trails, with horses having the right of way. If you approach a horse, slow to a walk and step to the side of the trail, announce yourself, and ask the rider for permission to pass. Move and speak calmly and slowly so the horse isn't startled.

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	Meadows (closes at 12:45 PM)	Fluid Station	Water, Skratch
6.5	Oak Grove	Full Aid Station	*See below
9	Meadows (closes at 12:45 PM)	Fluid Station	Water, Skratch
13.1 Finish	Oak Grove	Full Aid Station	*See below, plus Pumpkin Roll and Apple Cider

***FULL AID STATIONS will serve the following**
Water, Skratch, Coke, Pickle Juice
PB Crackers, Corn Chips, Cheezits, Chex Mix
Snack Size Candy Bars, Biscoff Cookies (Vegan)
Fig Newtons, Mini Fruit Pies

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In case of emergency call
9-1-1
For non-emergency, call us at
(330) 234-9360



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