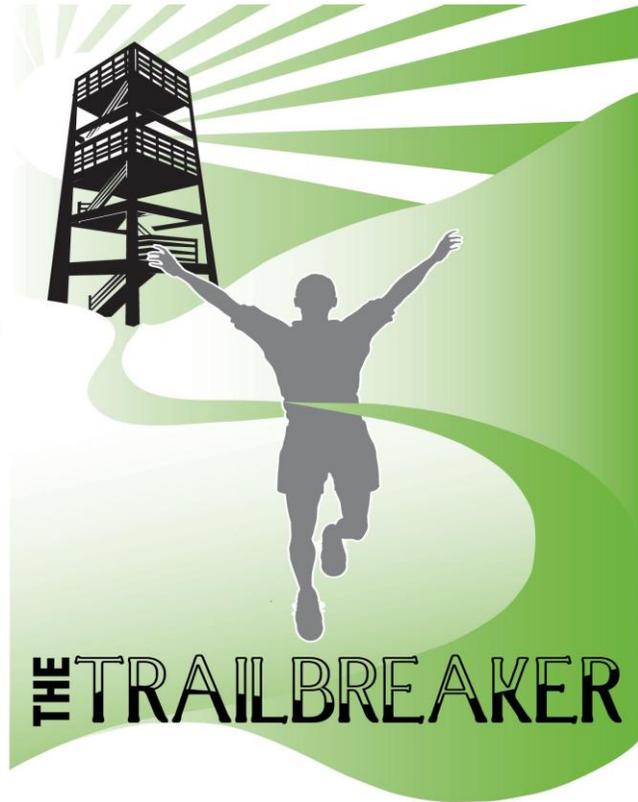


# Trailbreaker Marathon Spectator Guide



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## About the Trailbreaker

The Trailbreaker is Waukesha's signature running event, proudly held every year since 1993. What began as the vision of three passionate local runners has grown into a celebrated tradition that brings the community together each spring. Originally featuring a Marathon, Half-Marathon, 5K Run, and 2-Mile Walk, the Trailbreaker offers something for everyone — from seasoned marathoners to families looking for a fun and active day out.

Since 2009, the event has been hosted by the [Park Foundation of Waukesha, Inc.](#) as a fundraiser supporting the enhancement of city parks, trails, recreation programs, and Waukesha's urban forest.

In 2023, [Silver Circle Sports Events, LLC](#) (SCSE) partnered with the Park Foundation under a long-term agreement to manage all aspects of the Trailbreaker. This collaboration ensures the event will continue to grow while staying true to its community roots and mission.

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## Charity Partner - Park Foundation of Waukesha

Over \$200,000 has been generated and re-invested with the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department to "make Waukesha a better place to live, work and play". The PFW Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization that utilizes funds raised to promote "Community Quality of Life". All staff are unpaid volunteers. Please consider making a [donation!](#)

This event provides distances for all runners! Come join the fun and support our local parks and community!

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## Course Overview

Welcome to the Trailbreaker Marathon! Spectators help power runners to the finish. This guide lists easy, access points along the Glacial Drumlin Trail and Fox River corridor so you can cheer safely and see your runner multiple times.

### Glacial Drumlin Trail Marathon - USATF Certified Course

The Trailbreaker course offers a scenic and runner-friendly blend of terrain, featuring approximately 6 miles of city streets and sidewalks and 20 miles of paved trails, including the Fox River Trail and Glacial Drumlin Trail.

Along the way, runners will pass through several of Waukesha's beautiful parks:

-  Frame Park
-  Veterans Park
-  Grede Park
-  Bethesda Park
-  Fox River Sanctuary

**Event date:** Sunday, March 29, 2026.

**Start/Finish:** Schuetze Recreation Center, 1120 Baxter St, Waukesha, WI 53186.

### Event Schedule - Sunday, March 29, 2026

- **7:00 AM** – Packet Pickup
- **7:45 AM** – Kiddos Race Start
- **8:00 AM** – Glacial Drumlin Marathon & Half Start
- **8:15 AM** – 10K, 5K & Walk Start
- **1:30 PM** – Course Breakdown
- **2:00 PM** – Course/Finish Line Closes
- \*times may be adjusted based on attendance

Mark your calendars and get ready for an unforgettable day! 🎉

**Surfaces:** City paths and the Glacial Drumlin Trail are both paved.

**Spectator etiquette:** Arrive early, park off the trail, keep strollers/dogs clear of the course, and obey volunteers and police at crossings. Cowbells good; blocking cones bad. Pack out your trash. Please respect our neighbors by not honking, playing loud music, or blocking any residential driveways.

**Pro tip:** Use the QR codes on the next pages to navigate viewing spots. Many locations let you see athletes on the way out and back—check the mile markers listed.

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### Spectator Intersections & Parking

Location	Miles (out/back)	QR to Navigate	Parking Notes
Trail & Dunbar (Bethesda Park) GPS: 43.006278, -88.240402	1.25 / 24.75		Park on Dunbar Ave
Trail & MacArthur Ave. GPS: 42.998289, -88.263248	2.75 / 23.25		Park on MacArthur north of the train tracks
Trail & Les Paul Highway GPS: 42.993127, -88.290486	4.25 / 22.00		Park on Merrill Hill Road
Trail & Waukesha DT GPS: 42.997429, -88.323798	6.25 / 20.00		Park on the side of the road. Use caution and watch for cars.

<p>Trail &amp; Boettcher Rd  GPS: 42.99915457045811, -  88.35492025312038</p>	<p>7.75 / 18.50</p>		<p>Park on the side of the road. Use caution and watch for cars.</p>
<p>Trail &amp; Wales Park  GPS: 43.00300065170724, -  88.37407721356735</p>	<p>9.00 / 17.25</p>		<p>Park in the DNR parking lot.</p>
<p>Trail &amp; Mickle Road  GPS: 43.010822, -88.393757</p>	<p>10.00 / 16.25</p>		<p>Park in the restaurant parking lot</p>
<p>Trail &amp; Hwy C  GPS: 43.014360, -88.403770</p>	<p>11.50 / 14.50</p>		<p>There is a parking lot north of the trail. Park there and walk down to the trail.</p>

**TRAILBREAKER MARATHON 2026**

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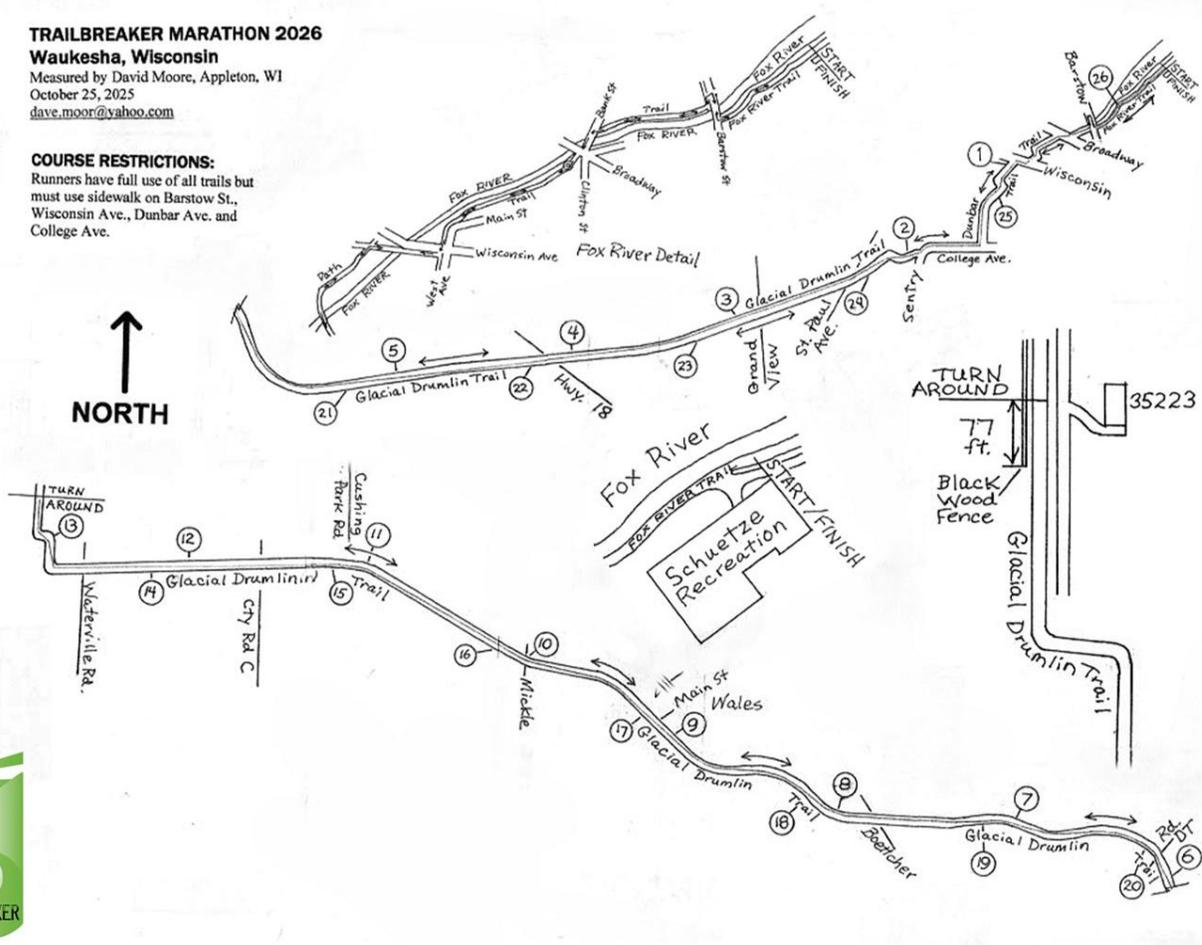
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**COURSE RESTRICTIONS:**

Runners have full use of all trails but must use sidewalk on Barstow St., Wisconsin Ave., Dunbar Ave. and College Ave.



**Course Maps**

[Glacial Drumlin Course](#) | [Certification Map](#)

[Half Marathon](#)

[10K](#) | [5K](#) | [Walk](#)

**Elevation**

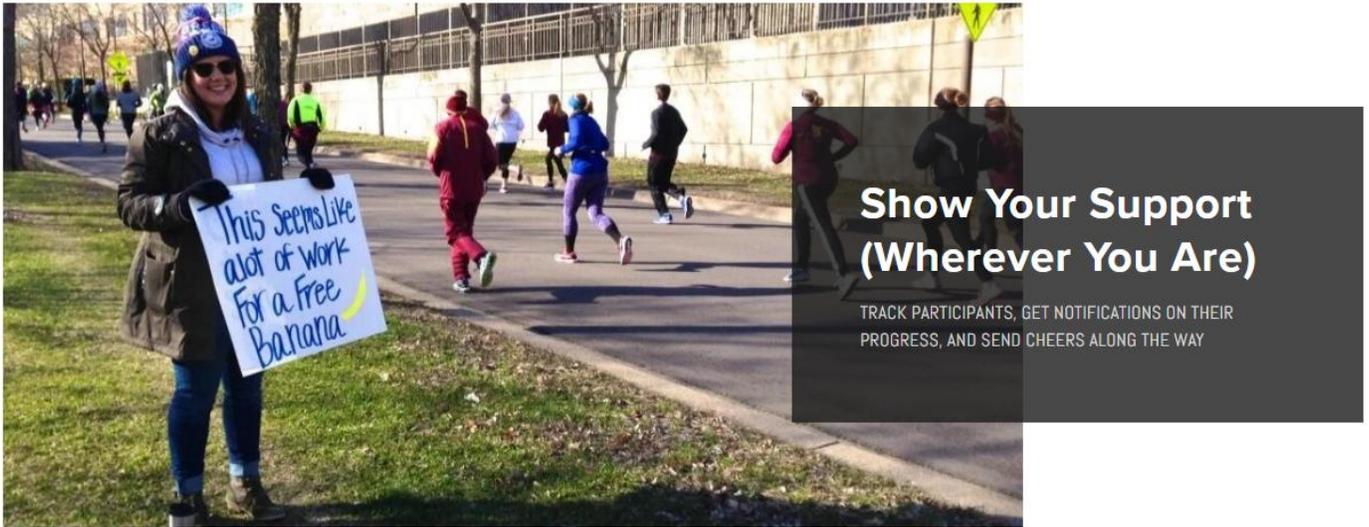
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997 ft  
856 ft  
717 ft

1.5 mi                      8.3 mi                      17.9 mi                      24.7 mi



# RaceJoy for Spectators



## How does RaceJoy Work?

RaceJoy is a GPS-based tracking app that follows a runner's progress in real-time as they run their race. Both the runner and the spectator must download the app, and keep their phones with them - but with a few easy steps, you have access to a number of fun features.

## LIVE PHONE TRACKING

This is not an estimator and is based on the actual position of the participant's phone - you know exactly where your participant is. Includes NearMe alerts and handy MeetUp feature.

## GPS PROGRESS ALERTS

Receive progress alerts from your runners as they cross milestones along the course. Typically, alerts are sent at EVERY MILE, including location, pace, elapsed time and estimated finish time.

## CHEERS

Send motivational, pre-recorded audio cheer clips or personalized Text-to-Cheer messages to race participants leading up to, during, and after the race.

We are providing you with RaceJoy as part of the official race experience for TheTrailbreaker Marathon at no charge. [Download the RaceJoy mobile app](#) in advance to ensure proper phone setup.

Download now



## **Silver Circle Sports Events, LLC**

Silver Circle Sports Events, LLC was founded in 2010, when a local Village Board decided to hold a new 5K run and realized they needed a quality event coordinator to oversee and organize the new event. Silver Circle Sports Events, LLC has earned a reputation for high-quality community events that focus on first-class, memorable, AND safe experiences for athletes.

With all events created under the guidance of experienced athletes, instructors, and medical personnel, SCSE promotes individuals, families, and businesses to become more active while having fun and engaging in their communities, making us one of the largest sporting events companies in the Midwest.

