



WINTER TRAIL FEST EASTSIDE HALF MARATHON & 5 MILER 2026

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Race Day: Saturday, February 14th, 2026

- Packet Pickup: 9:45 AM – 11:45 AM
- Half Marathon Ruck Weigh In Closes: 10:10 AM
- Half Marathon Ruck Start: 10:30 AM
- Half Marathon Pre Race Meeting: 11:20 AM
- Half Marathon Race Start: 11:30 AM
- 5 Mile Pre Race Meeting: 11:50 AM
- 5 Mile & 5 Mile Start Start: 12:00 PM
- Half Marathon Cut off at **Mile 5**: 12:56 PM
- Course Time Limit: **3:15 PM** (17:10 pace based on Half Marathon Start Time)

Registration and Packet Pickup

Main Parking

overflow parking

Race Location:
Island Lake State Recreation Area
6301 Kensington Rd.
Brighton, MI

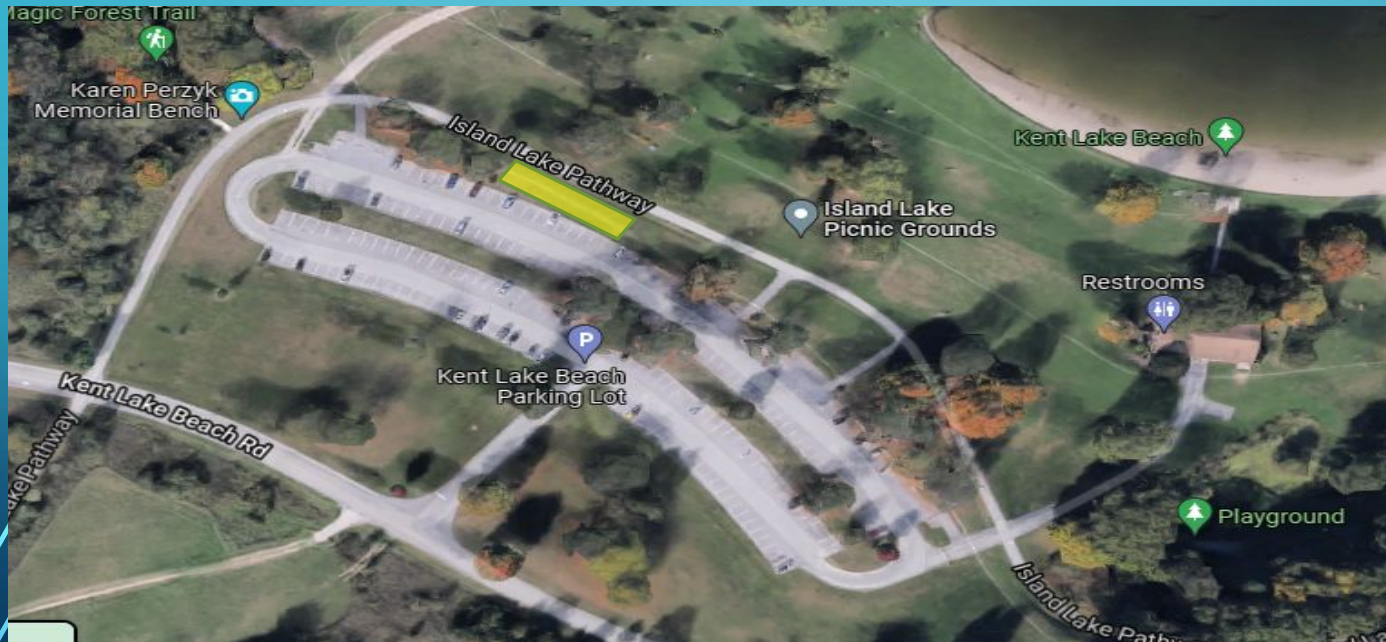
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Kent Lake Beach Parking Area

START AREA BATHROOMS



Bathrooms will be located North of the main parking area on the grass (see yellow area on map)

Ruck Details

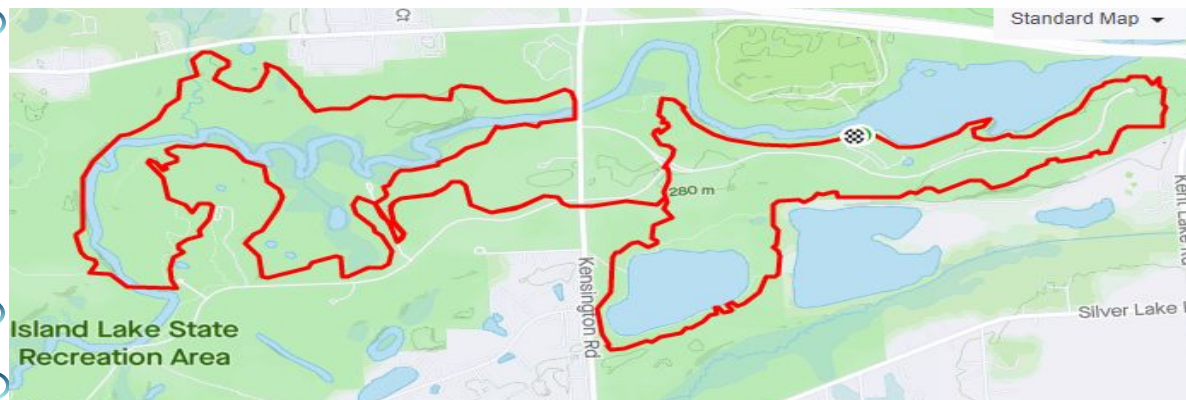
Ruckers Under 150lbs must have a backpack with 20 lbs

Ruckers Over 150lbs must have a backpack with 30 lbs

Ruck weight must be on the athlete at all times. No specific pack is required.

If you would like more information about rucking, click [here](#).

HALF MARATHON COURSE MAP



[Strava Map Link](#)

The half marathon course will start with a clockwise loop of the 5 mile course (east section of the course) when athletes reach the paved bike path, they will use that for under 1 mile to get to the Yellow Mountain Bike course where athletes will do a full loop before heading back to the east section to finish the hiking trail section. Click on the strava link to see an interactive map

5 MILE COURSE MAP



The 5 mile loop is a single loop of the hiking trail. This course is gorgeous and you only hit pavement when crossing the road and the bike path. Athletes on the 5 mile course will pass 2 aid stations.

[Strava Map Link](#)

AID STATIONS

5 Mile Aid Stations

- Mile 2.2 – Water
- Mile 4.0 – Water

Half Marathon Aid Stations

- Mile 2.2 – Water
- Mile 5.2 – Water/Tailwind
- Mile 8.4 – Water/Huma Gels
- Mile 10.9 – Water/Tailwind
- Mile 12.1 – Water

COURSE MARKINGS



- All turns will be marked with trail turn signs
- Areas of concern will be taped off with forcing athletes to go the correct direction
- Areas where BOTH half marathon AND 5 Milers will see blue surveyor flags or hanging tape.
- Half Marathon ONLY will see orange surveyor flags or hanging tape.
- Tape and flags will be on **THE RIGHT SIDE** of the trail to help guide athletes in the correct direction (approx. every .1 miles, more frequently near corners).

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RACEJOY LIVE TRACKING

Make sure to download the [RaceJoy](#) app by RunSignUp (available on Apple and Android) so that you can get progress alerts during your race and see a map of aid stations and bathrooms! If your friends, families, and teammates want to track you during the race, they can download this app as well. All they have to do is enter your name or bib number to watch your progress and send you cheers throughout the race!

