

2026 Tampa Electric's Run for the Manatees

Frequently Asked Questions

When & where is the 2026 Tampa Electric's Run for the Manatees

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2026

Florida Conservation and Technology Center (FCTC)

[321 Noonan Branch Rd](#)

Apollo Beach, FL 33572

The FCTC campus is just south of the Manatee Viewing Center, right off Dickman Rd.

What is the race day timeline?

6:30 am Day of Registration (if available) & Bib Pick-Up Opens

7:50 am Pre-Race Announcements

8:00 am 5K Starts

9:00 am Awards

What is included in the participant registration price?

Chip timed numbered bib

Unisex long sleeve dri-fit shirt

Finisher medal for all participants

Am I guaranteed a race t-shirt and finisher medal?

Participants who register for the 2026 Tampa Electric's Run for the Manatees prior to November 16, 2026 will receive an event shirt and finisher medal.

Please note, race participants must be present to receive race giveaways including event shirts and finisher medals. If you are unexpectedly unable to attend the race, you are not guaranteed these items, and we are unable to mail them.

Are there Awards?

Awards will be presented to the 1st place male and female finishers in the following age groups:

12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+

When & Where is Pre-Race Packet Pick-Up?

Thursday, Dec. 10, 2026

Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00pm

Manatee Viewing Center

[6990 Dickman Rd](#)

Apollo Beach, FL 33572

Can I pick up someone else's race bib or can someone pick up mine?

Yes, you can pick up for others, however, you must bring a copy of that person's registration confirmation or photo ID.

Is there a penalty for giving my bib to another runner on race day?

Yes. Any participant who runs under someone else's bib will be disqualified and will not be scored. For the safety of our runners, and in case of a medical emergency, it is imperative that the registration data associated with the race number belongs to the person wearing the bib. If race organizers become aware that a runner has participated in one of our events with a bib that is not registered to that runner, both the runner and the person to whom the bib is registered will be prohibited from participating in subsequent events

Where do I park on race day?

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Is gear-check available race morning?

Gear check/hold is not available.

Are bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, wheeled shoes, or other wheeled transportation allowed in the race?

For safety reasons, except for running joggers/strollers, anything on wheels will not be permitted.

Are dogs/pets allowed at the race?

Due to the nature of the race site, pets of any kind are NOT permitted.

Where can I find race results?

Results will be uploaded to the RunSignUp site after the race!

About the Florida Conservation and Technology Center:

Are you a fan-atee? That's what we call people who love manatees as much as we do. And you can help us keep those manatees well-fed and happy!

Our Tampa Electric's Run for the Manatees will pass by the Manatee Viewing Center, the cornerstone of FCTC, and wind through the gorgeous trails on the FCTC campus. Best of all, the unique run will raise awareness and support for Tampa Electric's manatee conservation efforts by supporting seagrass restoration (a manatee's favorite dish)!

The 2026 Tampa Electric's Run for the Manatees is a chip-timed event. Registration is capped at 350! All participants will receive a T- shirt and finisher medal.

After the race, feel free to explore the FCTC campus! It's a showcase for three champions of the environment: Tampa Electric, the Florida Aquarium and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Learn more at www.tampaelectric.com/fctc