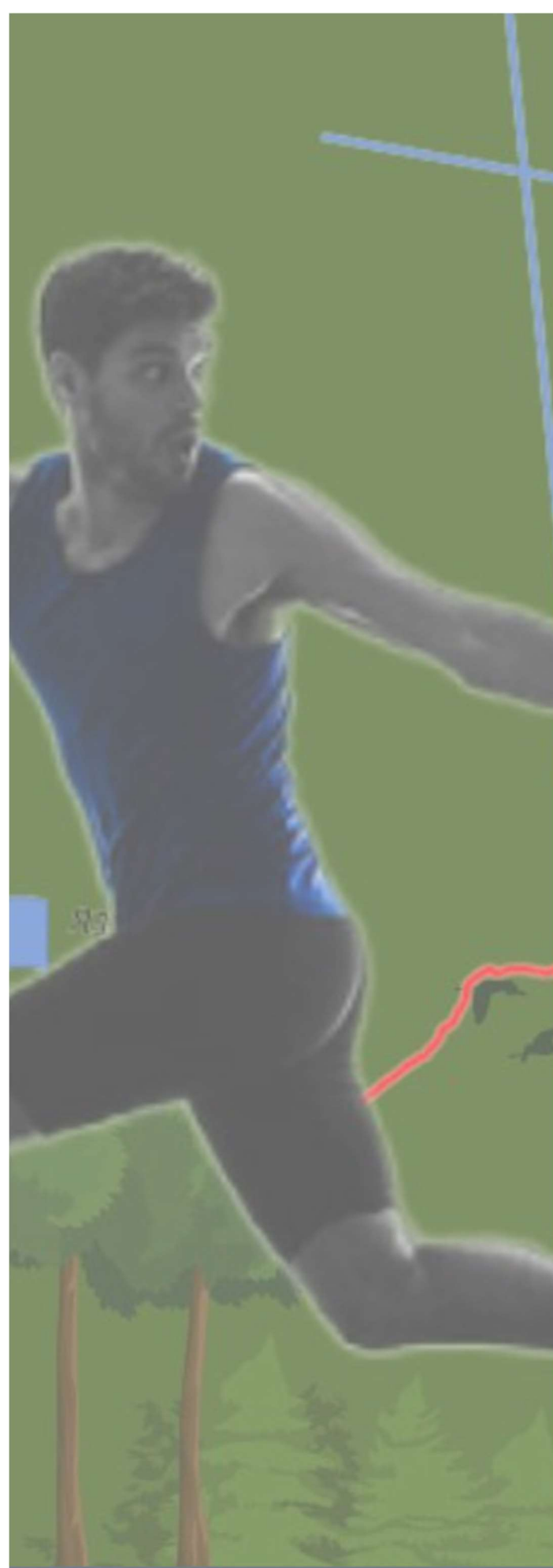


The background of the slide features a stylized map of the San Antonio River Run (SARR) course, overlaid on a faded image of a female triathlete in motion. The map shows a red line representing the race route, with key landmarks labeled: IH10, EISENHOWER, TWISTED HILL, 10, 15, 1604 Trailhead, LERO, and HANDECKER. Small green icons of a runner are placed along the route. The text 'SARR' is prominently displayed in red, bold, sans-serif font, centered horizontally and partially overlaid by a thin orange horizontal line.

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# **Great Greenway Marathon Relay**

*Race Guide*



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## RACE RULES

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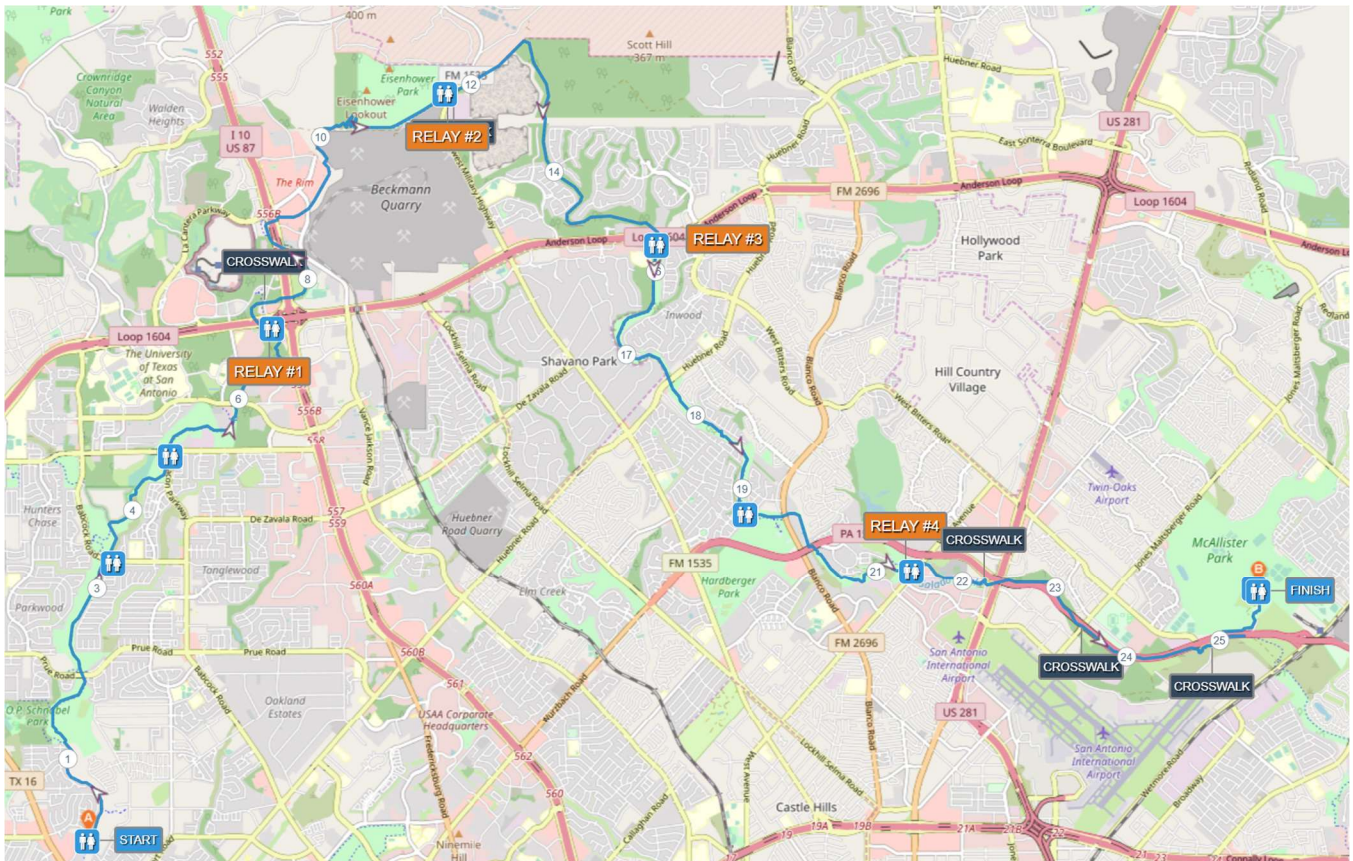
Welcome to the inaugural **Great Greenway Marathon Relay**, a celebration of the Howard Peak Greenway System and a chance for the running community to experience 26.2 miles of this wonderful trailway. Here are the main things your runners need to know:

- There is NO packet pickup on race day. Packets must be picked up on Friday or Saturday (check website for details.)
- Race starts at 7am at Mainland Trailhead. Race cutoff is 2pm.
- Timing chip is on the baton, which will be handed out race morning. All runners must carry the baton while running and hand-off to their next runner.
- There will be water coolers along the route but there will be NO cups. You must carry your own cups or containers. (Each runner will get a reusable cup in their race packet.)
- MAKE A TRANSPORTATION PLAN! There will be NO shuttles provided. Each team is responsible for getting their runners to the right relay point and picking them up. (This is part of the adventure and fun of a point-to-point relay race.)
- This is an open course and will NOT be closed to the public. Watch out for cars, bikes, and other pedestrians. Run on the right side of the path. There are some street crossings along the course. BE CAREFUL!
- If you get injured or need help during the race or see another runner who needs help, call the **Race Hotline at (210) 400-3336**.
- Each runner must complete their entire leg (or legs if running more than one). Baton handoffs must take place at designated relay points. There will be a relay coordinator at each handoff point writing down bib numbers as the runners come through to make sure all legs have been completed.

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## 1. THE COURSE

This is a point-to-point 26.2 mile course along the Leon and Salado Creek Greenway. The race starts at the Mainland trailhead off Bandera road. The first relay handoff (Relay 1) is at the Valero trailhead. Relay 2 is at Eisenhower Park, Relay 3 is at the 1604 trailhead, and Relay 4 (the handoff to the last runner) is at Walker Ranch park. The race ends at the McAllister Dog Park. Below is the course map and here is the link: <https://www.plotaroute.com/route/2064914>.





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## 2. RELAY LEGS

### LEG #1 (The Leon Creek Leg)

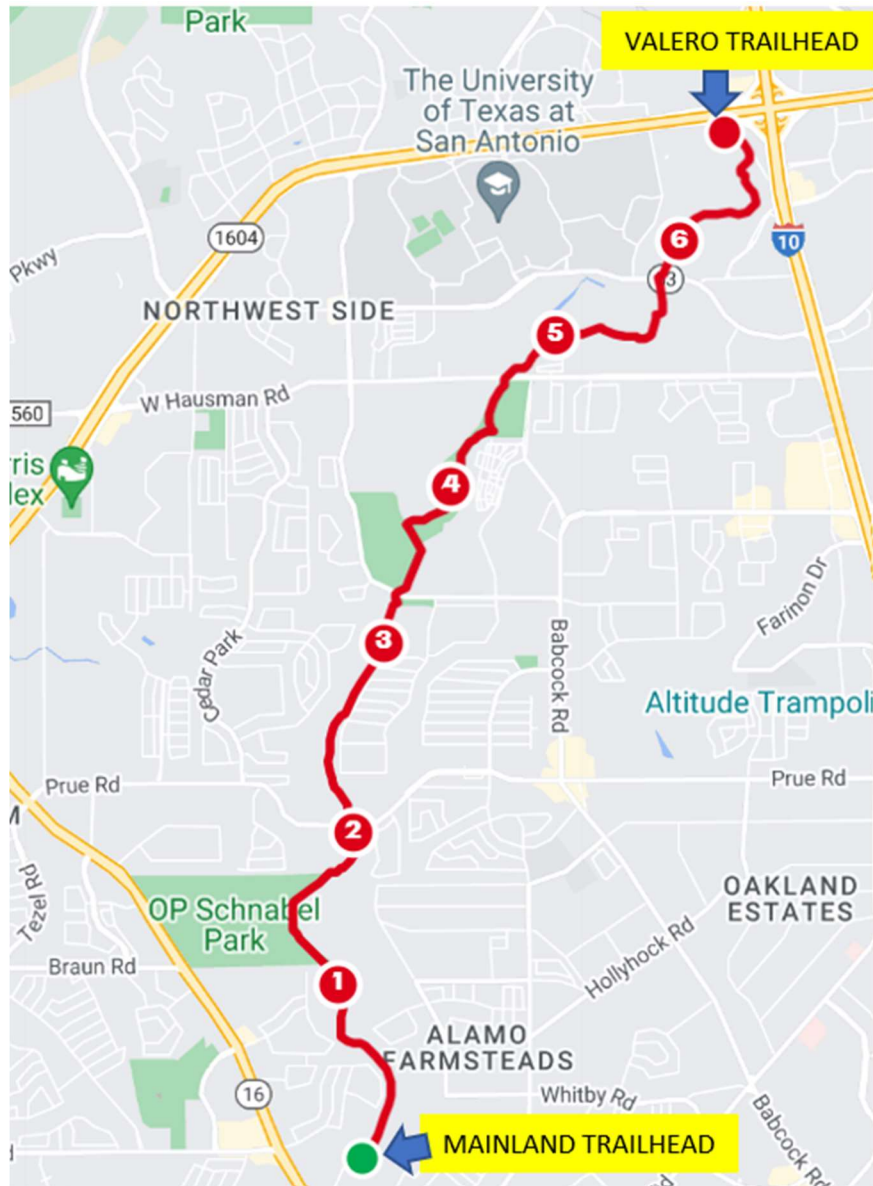
DISTANCE: 6.86 Miles

START: Mainland Trailhead, 8241 Mainland Drive, 78240

END: Valero Trailhead, 5902 TX-1604 Loop, 78251

POINTS OF INTEREST: OP Schnabel Park, Buddy Calk Pond, Fox Park

NOTES: Longest leg, mostly flat.



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## LEG #2 (The Rim Leg)

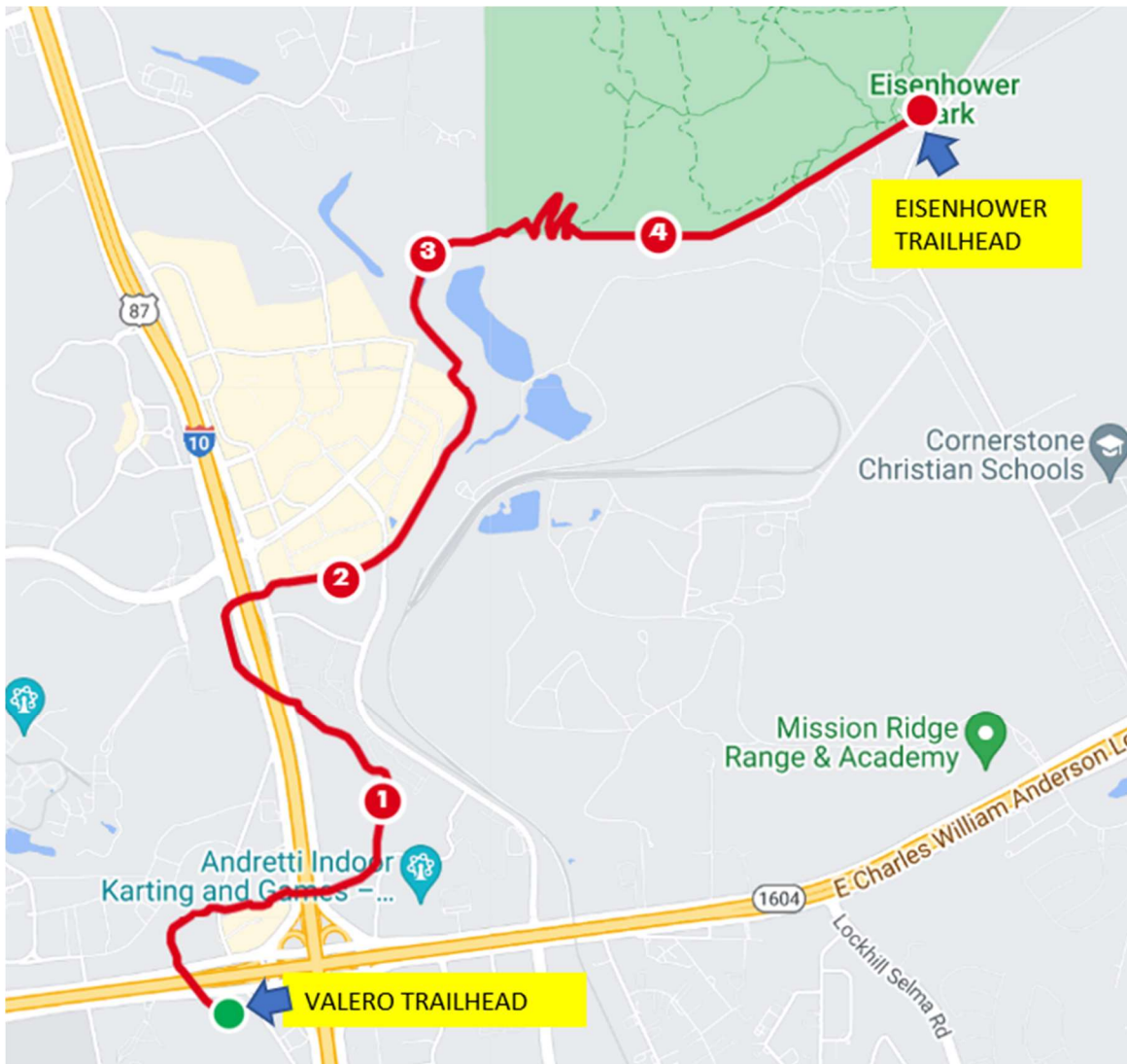
DISTANCE: 4.7 Miles

START: Valero Trailhead, 5902 TX-1604 Loop, 78251

END: Eisenhower Park, 19399 NW Military Hwy, 78257

POINTS OF INTEREST: La Cantera, The Rim, Leon Creek, Twisted Sister Hill (highest elevation)

NOTES: Big hill climb but finishes with long downhill. Caution at crosswalk on Old Fredericksburg Road.



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## LEG #3 (The Quarry Leg)

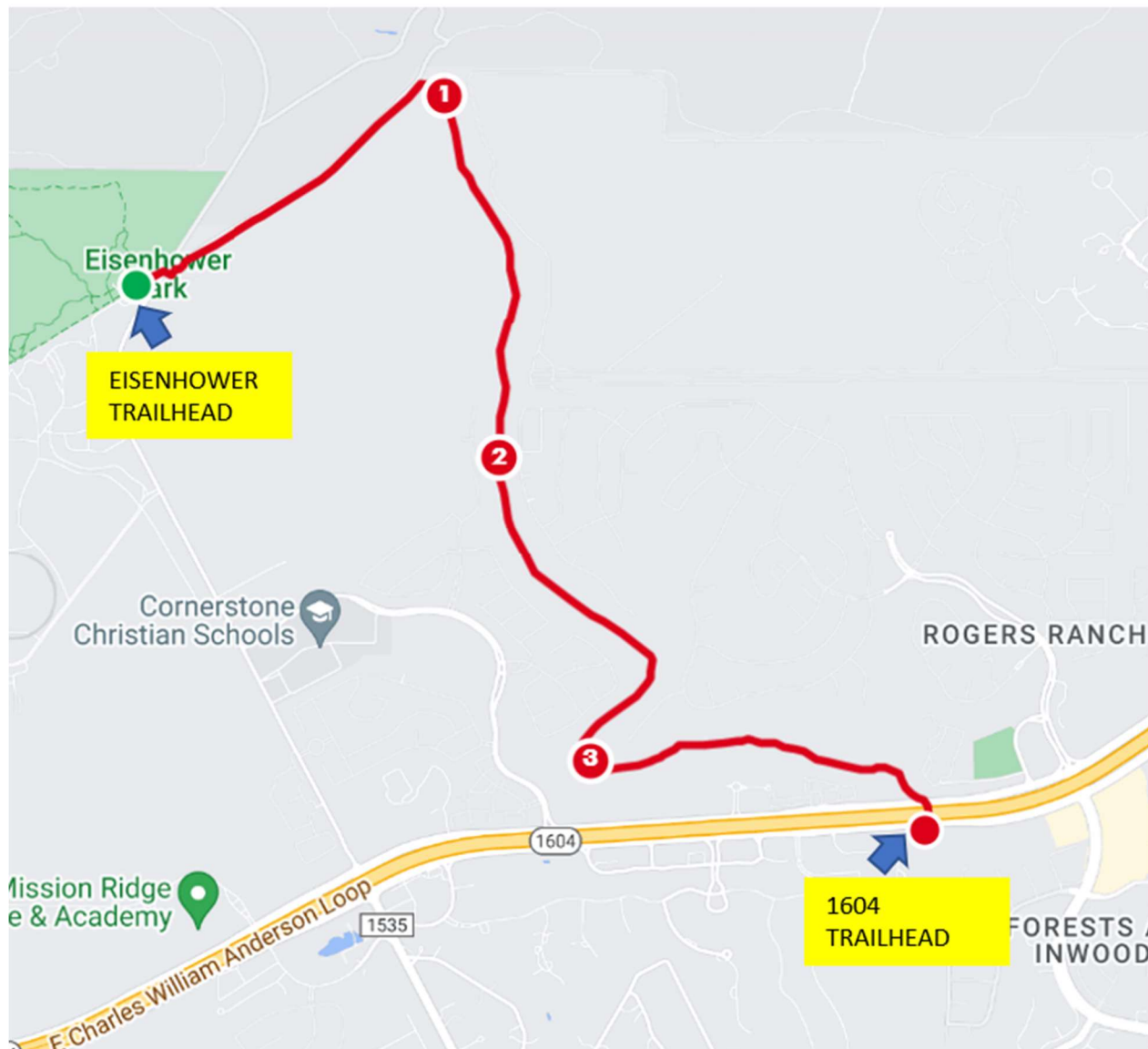
DISTANCE: 4.0 Miles

START: Eisenhower Park, 19399 NW Military Hwy, 78257

END: 1604 Trailhead, 3104 N Loop 1604 W Acc Rd, 78231

POINTS OF INTEREST: Rock quarry, Camp Bullis, Medicine Climbing Wall

NOTES: Mostly downhill, shortest leg. Caution at crosswalk at NW Military at beginning of the leg.



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## LEG #4 (The Shavano Leg)

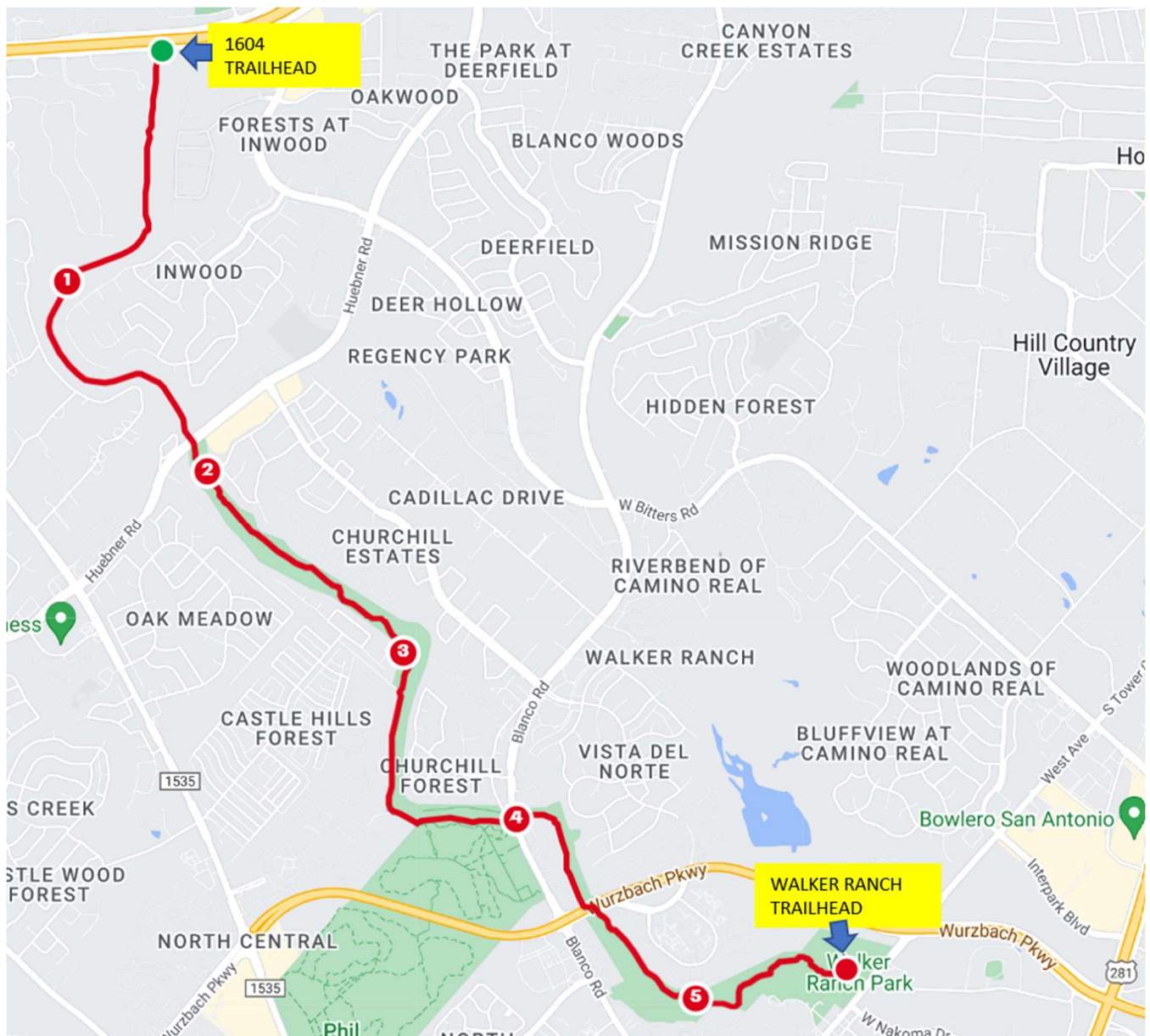
DISTANCE: 5.65 Miles

START: 1604 Trailhead, 3104 N Loop 1604 W Acc Rd, 78231

END: Walker Ranch Park, 12603 West Ave, 78216

POINTS OF INTEREST: Hardberger Park

NOTES: Mostly flat, very shaded. At Hardberger Park run on Voelker Lane, not through the park. Stay right upon entering Walker Ranch Park.





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## LEG #5 (The McAllister Leg)

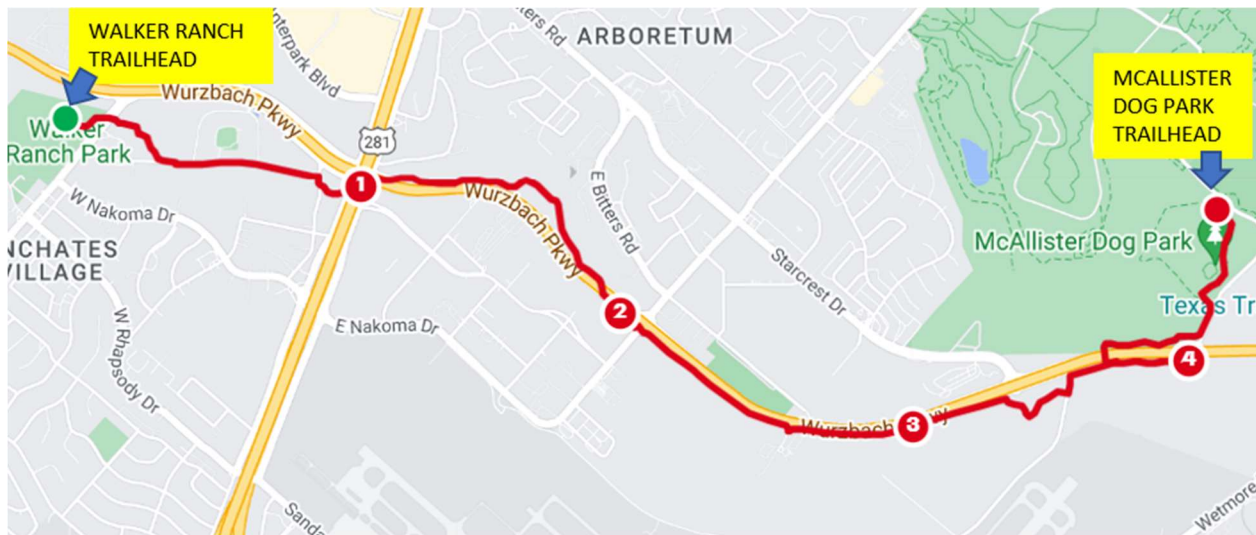
DISTANCE: 4.99 Miles

START: Walker Ranch Park, 12603 West Ave, 78216

END: McAllister Dog Park, 8418 Buckhorn Road, 78247

POINTS OF INTEREST: McAllister Park, Airport

NOTES: Mostly flat, some rolling hills. Caution at crosswalk at Jones Maltsberger.



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## 3. PARKING

Part of the fun of a point-to-point relay race is getting your runners to the right spots and the right time. **MAKE A TRANSPORTATION PLAN!** You will need to drop-off and pick-up your runners at different spots along the course. Figure out about what time each of your runners will arrive at their Relay Hand-off Spot. Make sure your next runner is at their spot waiting for the hand-off. We recommend each Leg runner arrives about 30 minutes before they expect their hand-off to take place.

Parking is extremely limited at these trailheads. So, it is best if you can do a drop-off / pick-up for each runner. But if you need to park, below are the recommendations where to park. Only park in designated spots. The city will tow cars not in valid parking spots.

### **PARKING – Mainland Trailhead (Start Line)**

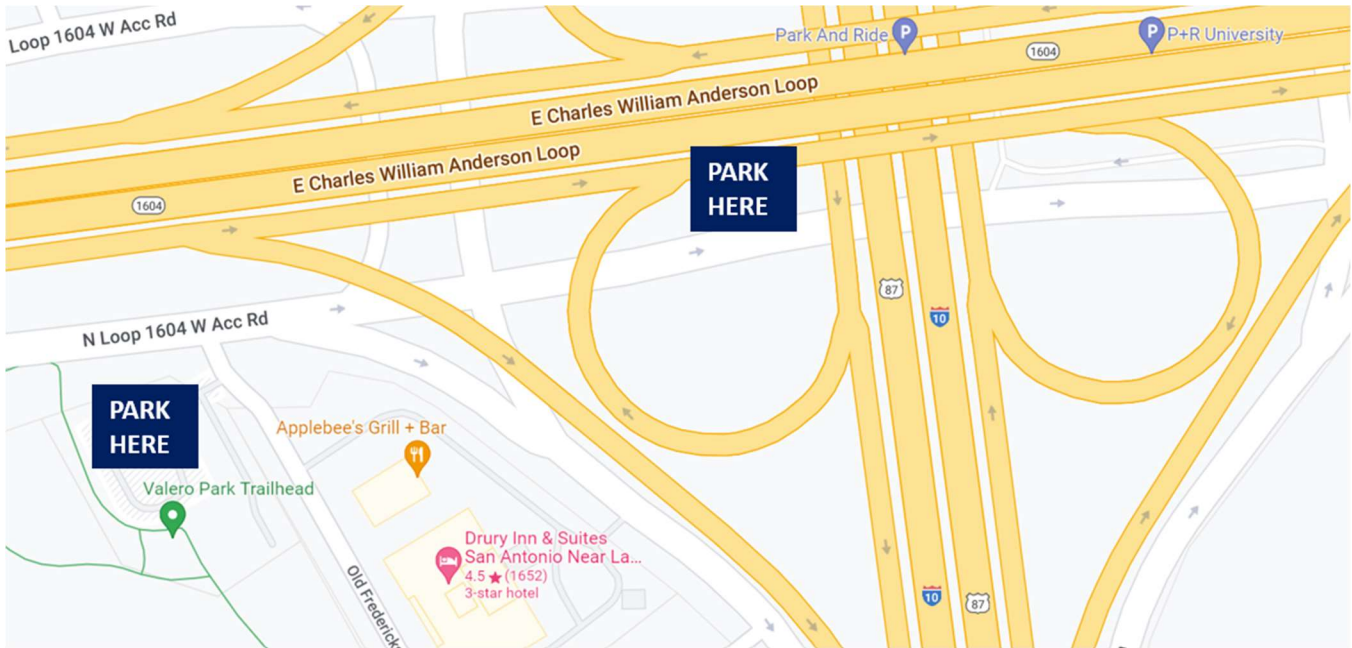
Park in Wal-Mart parking lot across street from Mainland trailhead. The trailhead parking lot will be closed off.



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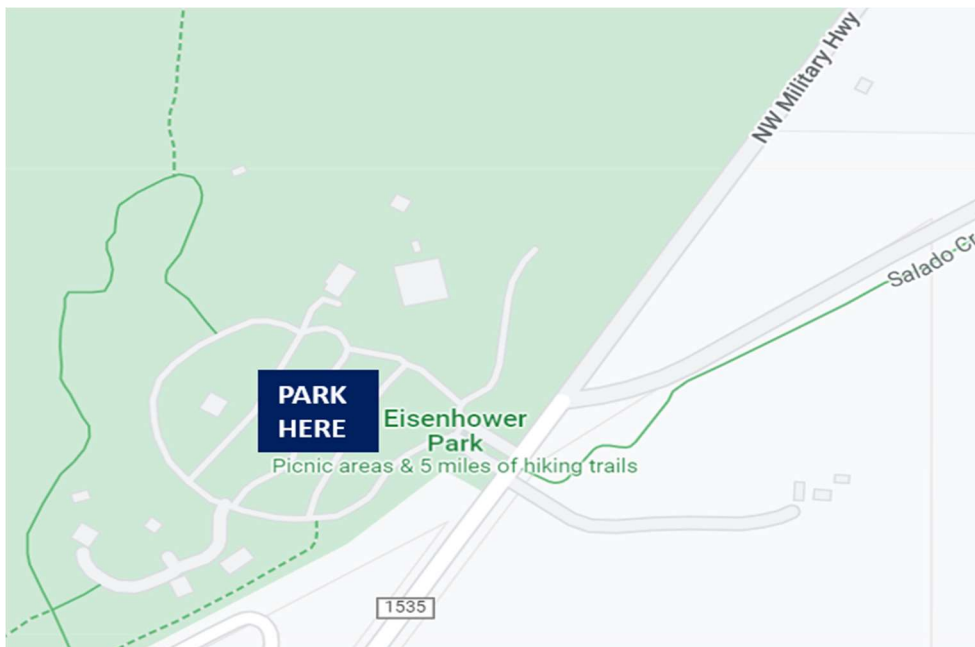
## PARKING – Valero Trailhead (Relay #1)

Park at Valero trailhead or overflow parking is under 1604 near Park-and-Ride. Do not park at Applebee's or the Drury Hotel; they will tow.



## PARKING – Eisenhower Trailhead (Relay #2)

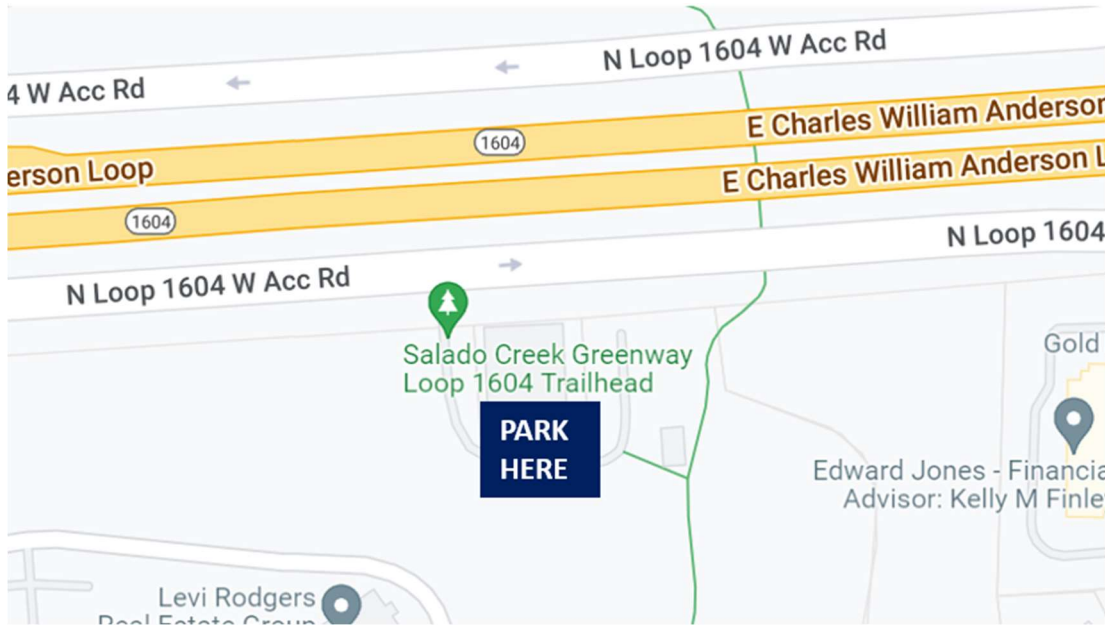
Park in Eisenhower parking lot.



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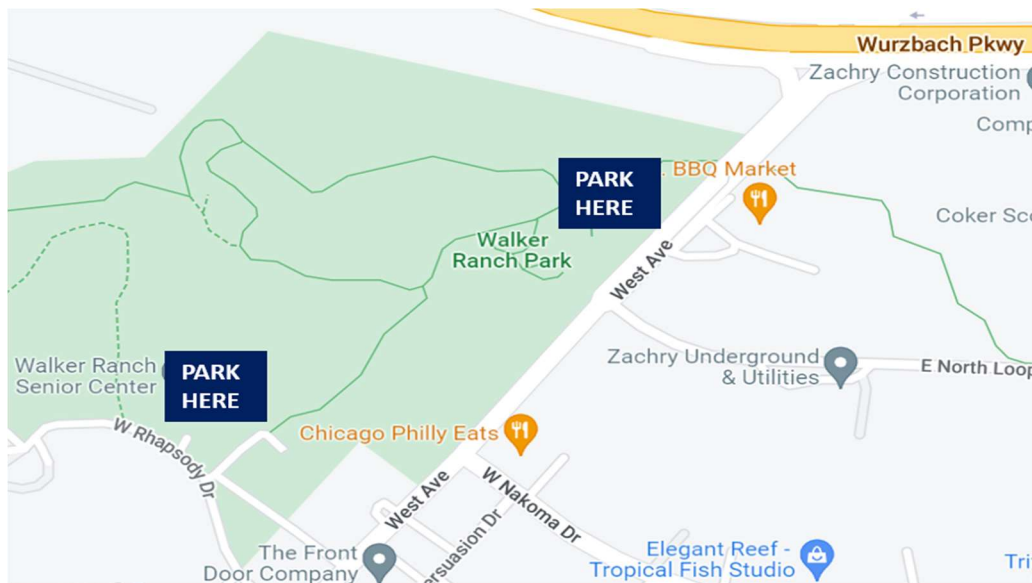
## PARKING – 1604 Trailhead (Relay #3)

There is very limited parking at this trailhead and no good overflow parking spots. Highly recommend runners get dropped off and picked up instead of parking.



## PARKING – Walker Ranch Trailhead (Relay #4)

Park at Walker Ranch parking lot or overflow parking is at Walker Ranch Senior Center (off Rhapsody Dr).

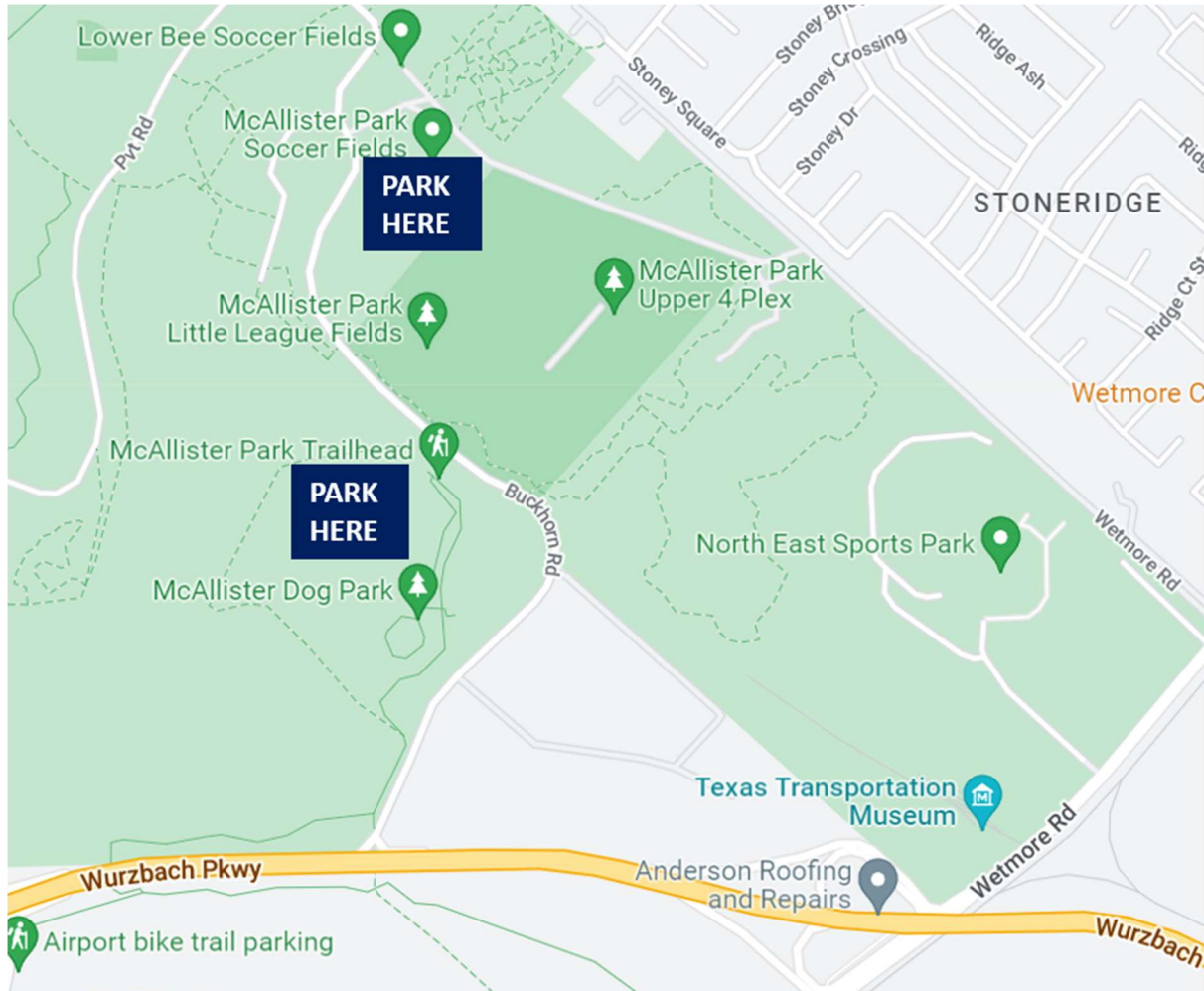




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## PARKING – McAllister Park Trailhead (Finish Line)

Park at McAllister Park parking lot near trailhead or overflow parking is down the street near the soccer fields. Do not park on the grass or side of road. Also, do not park in the small lot that is reserved for the dog park.



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## 4. FAQs

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. Do I have to have 5 runners on my team?

A. No, you can have anywhere from 2 to 5 runners per team.

Q. If I have less than 5 runners, is my team eligible for category awards?

A. Yes, all teams are available for awards. However, it is assumed that teams with more runners will have an advantage over teams with fewer runners.

Q. If I have less than 5 runners does that mean some of my runners have to run more than one leg?

A. Yes, all teams have to run the 26.2 miles but you decide which of your runners run which legs. For example, if you have 3 runners on your team you may want to have Runner A run Legs 1 & 2, Runner B run Legs 3 & 4, and Runner C run Leg 5. Alternatively, you could have Runner A run Legs 1 & 4, Runner B run Legs 2 & 5, and Runner C run Leg 3. Whatever works best for your team.

Q. Are dogs or strollers allowed?

A. No, this course is too narrow to safely allow dogs or strollers.

Q. Is this a closed course?

A. No, the Greenway is open to the public, but it is expected that pedestrian and bike traffic in February will be subdued. Please be courteous to others on the trail. We will have signs indicating to others that a race is in progress.

Q. Will there be shuttles to take runners between relay spots or to the start or finish line?

A. No, part of the adventure of a point-to-point relay is coordinating getting your runners to the right place at the right time.

Q. Do teams need to supply their own baton?

A. No, teams must use the official batons because the batons will have a timing chip on them.

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Q. Are all runners timed?

A. Individuals are not timed. We will track when teams start and when they finish.

Q. Will there be packet pickup the morning of the race?

A. No.

Q. What if one of my runners becomes injured or needs help during the race?

A. Call the **Race Hotline at (210) 400-3336**. We encourage runners to carry their phones during the race. (Great for selfies, too!)

Q. Can a team use a different relay spot to handoff the baton?

A. No, all teams must use official relay spots for baton handoffs. There will be Relay Monitors at each Relay Spot to track teams coming through.

Q. Is there a time cutoff?

A. Yes, the race will close 7 hours after the start. The course will remain open since it is open to the public, but time tracking will end at 2pm.

Q. What if there is bad weather?

A. The race will take place as scheduled unless there is lightening or flooding that prevents runners from safely participating.

Q. Will there be a post-race party?

A. YES! Please have your entire team meet at the finish line to cheer in your last runner and get your team medals. There will also be food, beer, and a DJ to keep the party going while teams finish throughout the day.

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