



2026 RIVERTOWN RACES

RACE DAY GUIDE

Welcome to the 13th annual Rivertown Races presented by Bridge Street Ministries. We are excited to bring you a premier endurance race in West Michigan. This is what you need to know:

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - APRIL 17:

3 - 6 PM: Packet pick up at Striders

(4051 Chicago Dr SW, Grandville, MI 49418)

- We will have "dynamic bib assignment". This means you will be assigned your bib when you pick up your packet
- You may pick up a friend's bib
- You can switch races
- We will have onsite registration
 - *Registering on our [website](#) before you arrive will make the process smooth, but this is not required.*

5 - 5:45 PM: Rivertown Kids packet pick / late registration - **Millennium Park ONLY.**

IMPORTANT: If your kids are running on Friday and you are running on Saturday, you need to pick up your packet at Striders and your kids at Millennium Park.

6 PM: Rivertown Kids Fun Run - Millennium Park's Grant Pavilion
(1400 Maynard Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534)



SATURDAY - APRIL 18:

6:00 - 7:30 AM - Packet Pick up at Millennium Park's Grant Pavilion
(1400 Maynard Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534)

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7:55 AM - Half Marathon start

8:25 AM - 5k & 10K start

Please consider picking up your packet on Friday to save yourself the stress of rushing on race morning, and leave yourself plenty of time on race morning! There will be lots of people converging at the same time, and things always take longer than you think they will. 😊

AWARDS CEREMONY:

We will have an award ceremony for overall and all age group winners for our 5k. To avoid long wait times, only Overall and Masters winners will be announced for the 10k and half marathon. Age group winners in the 10k and half marathon are welcome to pick up their awards at the award table under the Pavilion no less than 10 minutes after their finish.

Times are approximate:

- **9:15 AM - 5k awards**
- **9:30 AM - 10k awards**
- **10:30 AM - Half Marathon awards**

Should you have ANY questions after reading this guide, please email us: info@rivertownraces.com.

Thank you again for your continued support of Rivertown Races and Bridge Street Ministries!

-Rivertown Race Committee



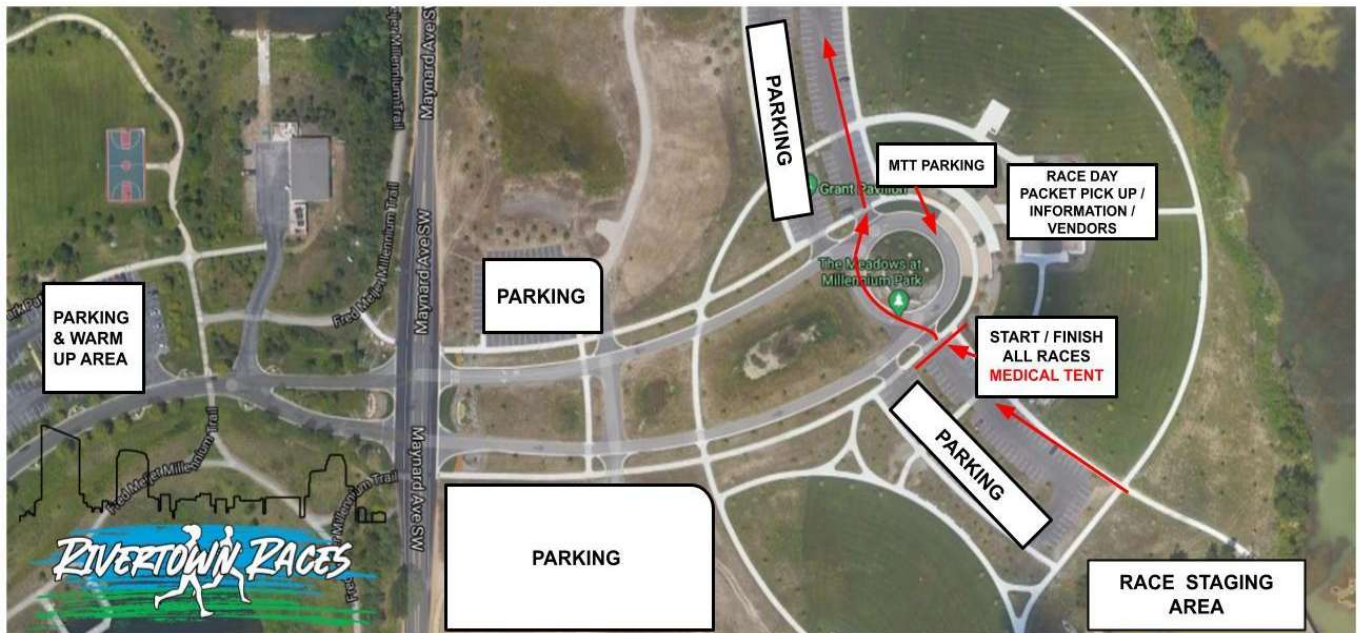
SITE MAP / TRAFFIC / PARKING

We will be using Millennium Park's Grant Pavilion (1400 Maynard Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534)

Millenium Park has plenty of parking and areas to do your warm-up run, stretching, and whatever else you need to do before your race. If you are doing a warm-up run we ask that you do this away from the race courses. There is an area highlighted for a warm-up area to the west of the start/finish area.

We suggest coming from the north on Maynard, especially after 7:45 AM as the races will be crossing Butterworth & Maynard to go to Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Please pay attention to the logistical site map and the flow that we have set up and also where to go for your race staging.





In the race staging area, you will line up BY PACE. For the half marathon, we will have pacers that will help you with this. For the 10k and 5k, there will be signs. If you plan to walk or have a running stroller, please line up at the BACK of the staging area. Thank you for your help and assistance with these guidelines.



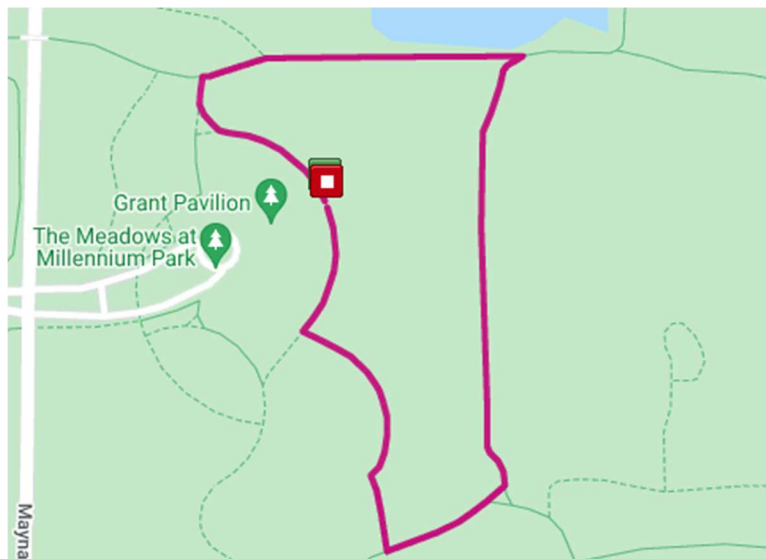
COURSE INFORMATION

All three courses are well-marked and labeled. Please continue to pay attention to where you are going! Study the course maps. They are all available on our [website](#). **Please do your best to stay and run on the right and pass on the left.** If you are walking the course we encourage you to stay on the right, walking single file, and be aware of runners passing on the left.

Always be aware of your surroundings. This is a public space and there will be other people using the park that are not involved in Rivertown Races.

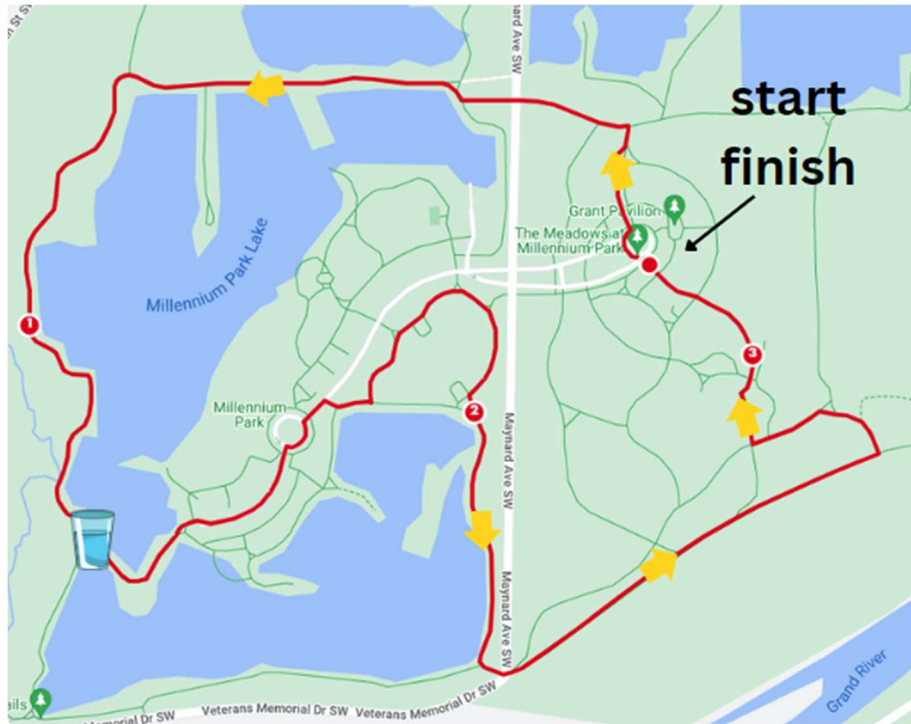
COURSE MAPS

RIVERTOWN KIDS FUN RUN - START TIME: 6 PM





RIVERTOWN RACES 5K COURSE (3.1 MILES) - START TIME: 8:25 AM



5K

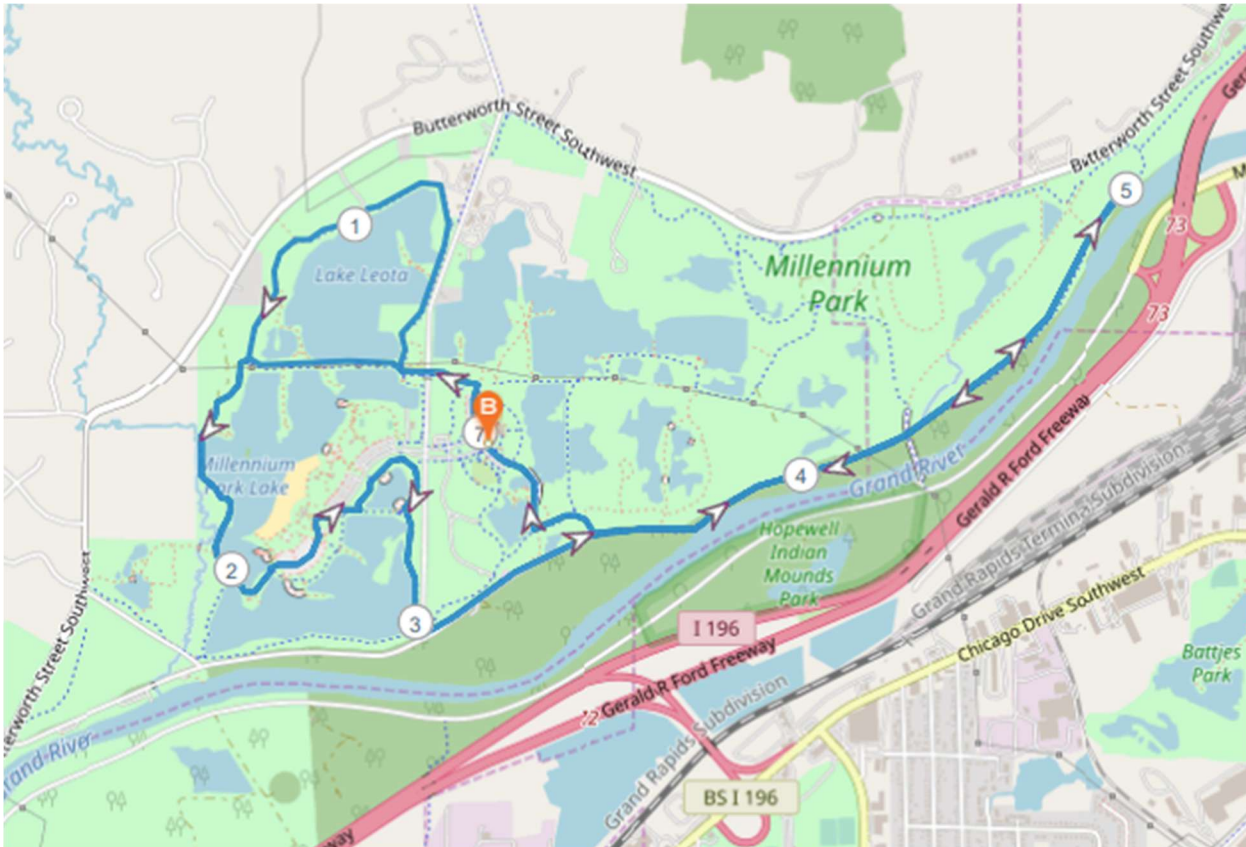
<https://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/5296347163>

Aid Station #1: 1.25 Miles + U of M Health -West Sports Medicine Station

Aid Station #2: (not on map) 2.75 Miles + Bathroom



RIVERTOWN RACES HALF MARATHON COURSE (13.1 MILES) START TIME - 7:55 AM
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[Rivertown Race 13.1 2026 Flood Plan - 21km Running Route near Walker \(ID: 3284328\)](#)

Aid station #1- 2miles & 8.2miles: Water/Gatorade + U of M Health - West Sports Medicine Station + Bathroom

Aid station #2- 4 & 6 & 10.5 & 12miles: Water/Gatorade + U of M Health - West Sports Medicine Station + Bathroom

Aid station #3- 7Miles (start/finish): Water/Gatorade + Bathroom



Medical Support at Aid Stations & Finish Line Provided by:



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MICHIGAN MEDICINE
Sports Medicine

On-course medical services will be provided by University of Michigan Health-West Sports Medicine clinicians at certain Aid Stations. Stop by if you need care for blisters, chaffing, muscle and joint pain, or any other medical need you may have.



Finish Line massage & stretch support provided by:



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HALF MARATHON PACERS:



In our half marathon, we provide a team of experienced pacers to help you reach your goals! They will be lined up with pacing signs. Thank you to Andrew Buikema for organizing our pace team! We also thank Clarity Realty for their sponsorship of the team.

We are providing the following pace times:

7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00



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