

END OF THE ROAD HALF MARATHON & ONE TUNNEL 4 MILE

ATHLETE GUIDE



RACE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, 10/23

- **Early Packet Pick Up and Race Expo:** 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Holiday Inn Express Breezewood, [16503 Lincoln Highway, Breezewood PA 15533](#)
- **Emergency Spray Paint Session:** 5:00-6:30 pm on the turnpike (see below)

Saturday, 10/24:

- Packet pickup: 7:00am – 8:45 am at race site
- Pre-race meeting: 8:50 am
- Half Marathon Start: 9:00 am
- Half Marathon awards: approx. 12:15pm
- Course closes: 1:30 pm (4.5 hour limit, about 20:30 min per mile pace)
- Movie night at the Turnpike: 6:30 PM EST (Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for kids under 16)

Sunday, 10/25:

- Packet pickup: 6:00am – 7:45 am at race site
- Pre-race meeting: 7:50 am
- Half Marathon Start: 8:00 am
- 4 Mile Start: 8:20 am
- 4 Mile Awards: Approx. 10:00 am
- Half Marathon awards: approx. 12:00pm
- Course closes: 1:30pm
- Half Marathon: 4.5 hour limit, about 20:30 min per mile pace

Emergency Spray Paint Session

Third Annual Emergency Spray paint session on the Turnpike: 5:00-6:30 pm

Help us spray paint over the obscenities (we got approval from The Old PA Pike, we promise)

If you plan to spray paint and also want to attend early packet pickup at the hotel, **please go to packet pickup first.**

Then navigate to the course using Core Valley Travel Plaza on the Abandoned Turnpike - **3005 Pump Station Road, Waterfall, PA 16689**. Park at the plaza and meet at the start/finish line.

We will drive from the start line to the tunnels promptly at 5:00 pm.

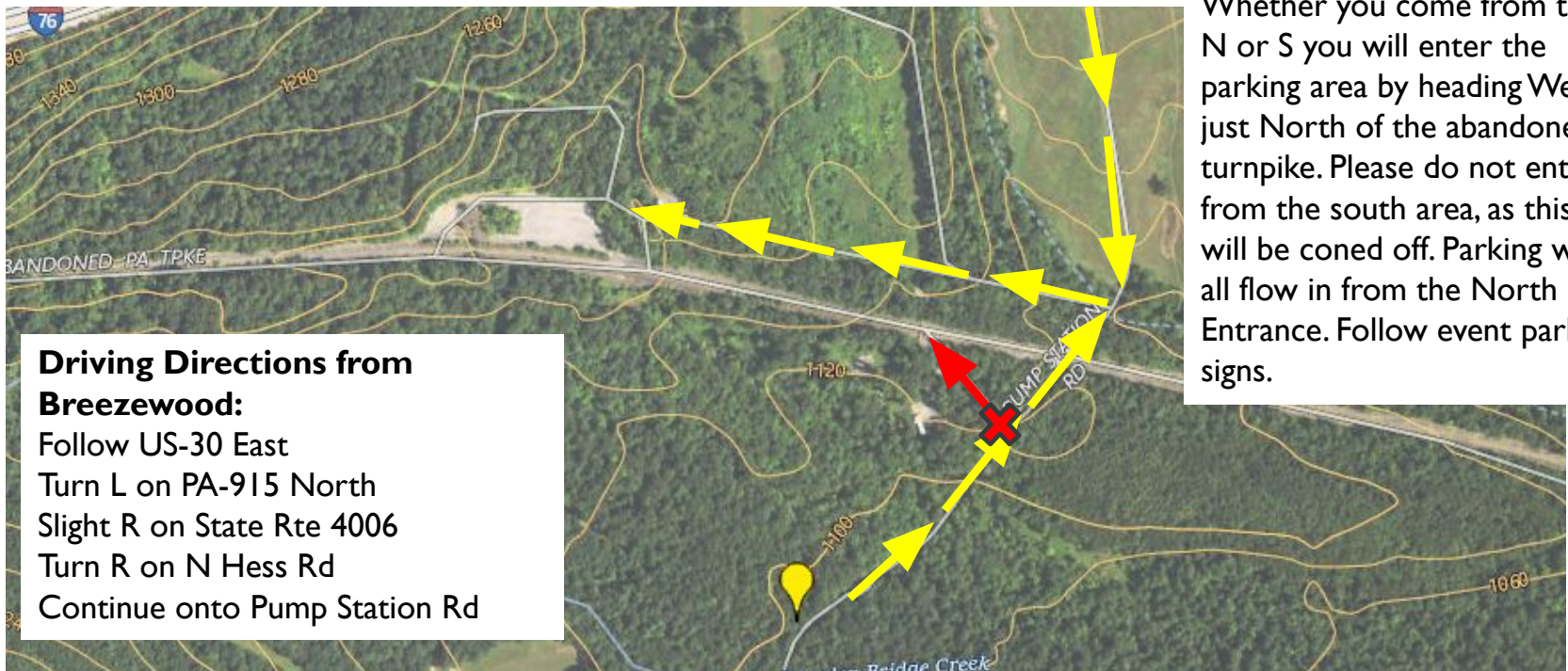
Bring your own spray paint and a headlamp or flashlight.

Let us know you're coming by completing this quick form: <https://forms.gle/U7rq2sa81rReEP2w8>

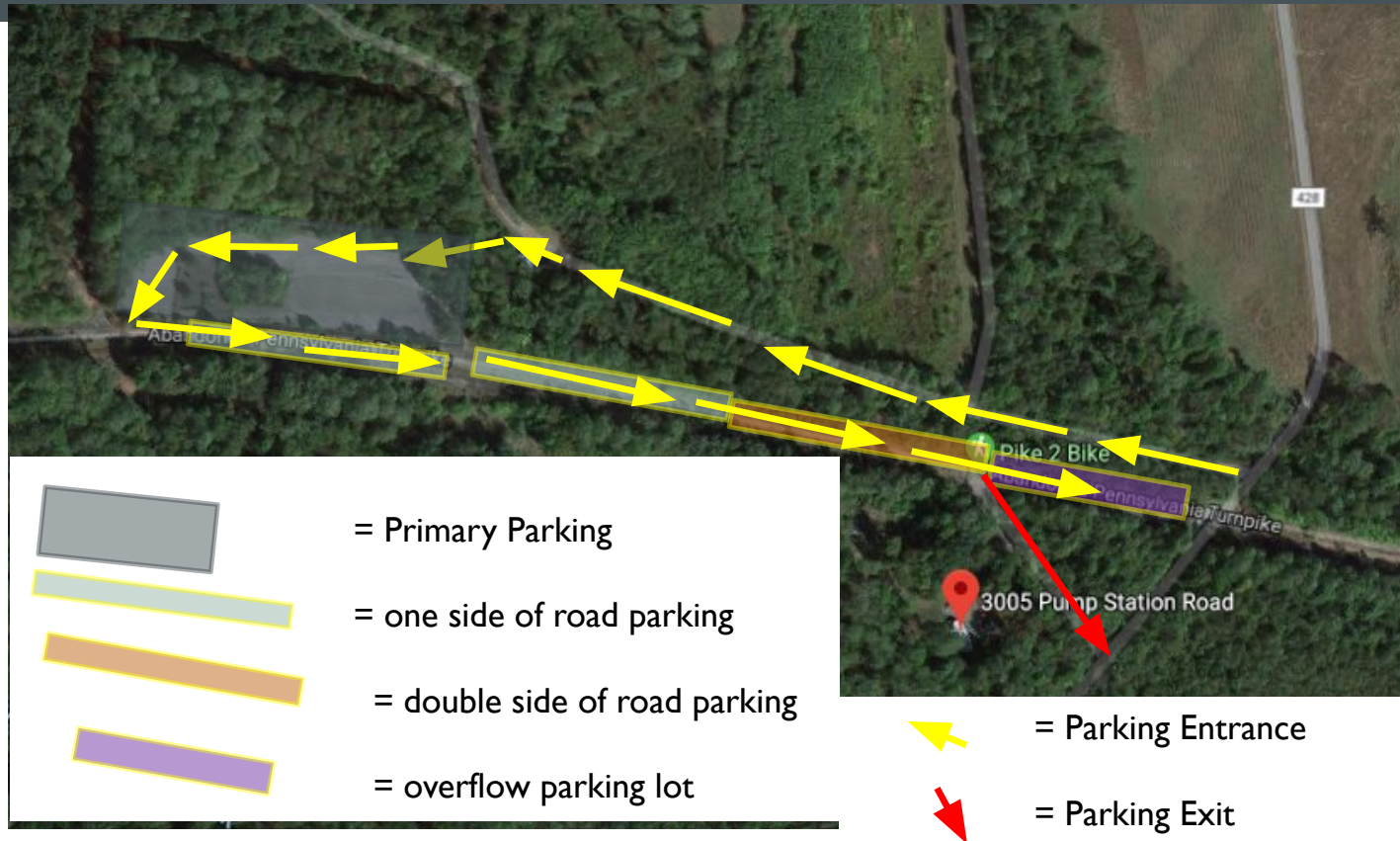
RACE COURSE ADDRESS

Cove Valley Travel Plaza on Abandoned Turnpike
3005 Pump Station Rd
Waterfall , PA 16689

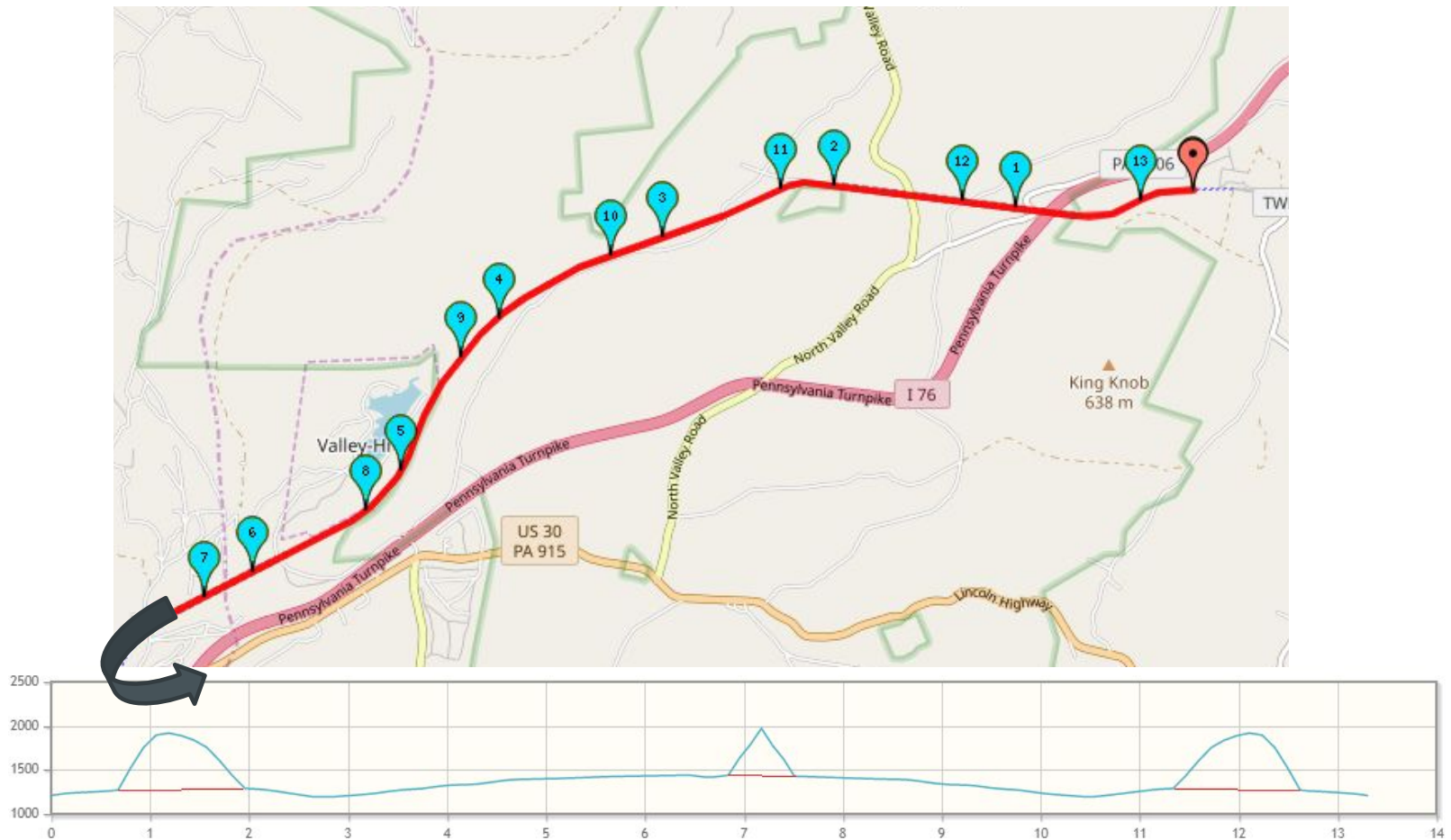
MAP TO RACE START LINE



PARKING

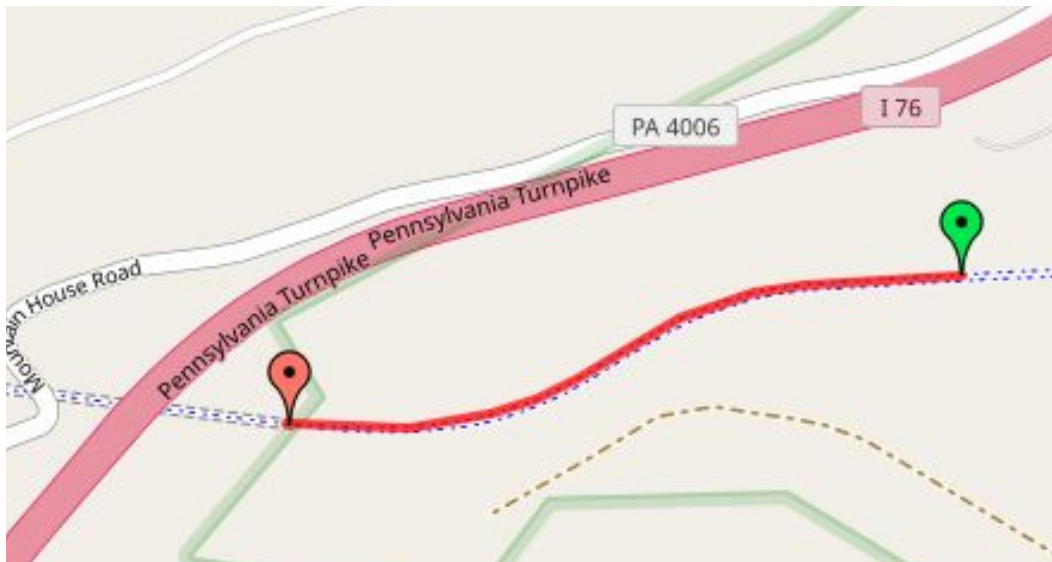


MAP OF HALF COURSE

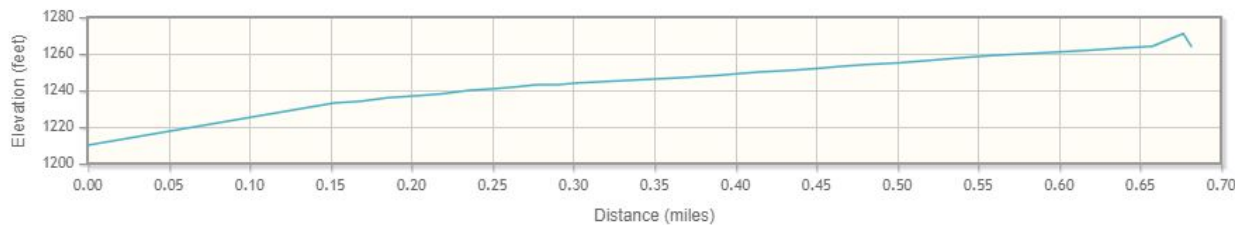


While this is not a “PR” course it is also a lot less hilly than you would think. Please note the red line is a better indicator of the elevation gain. The hills on this elevation graph are showing the tops of the tunnels, not going through them.

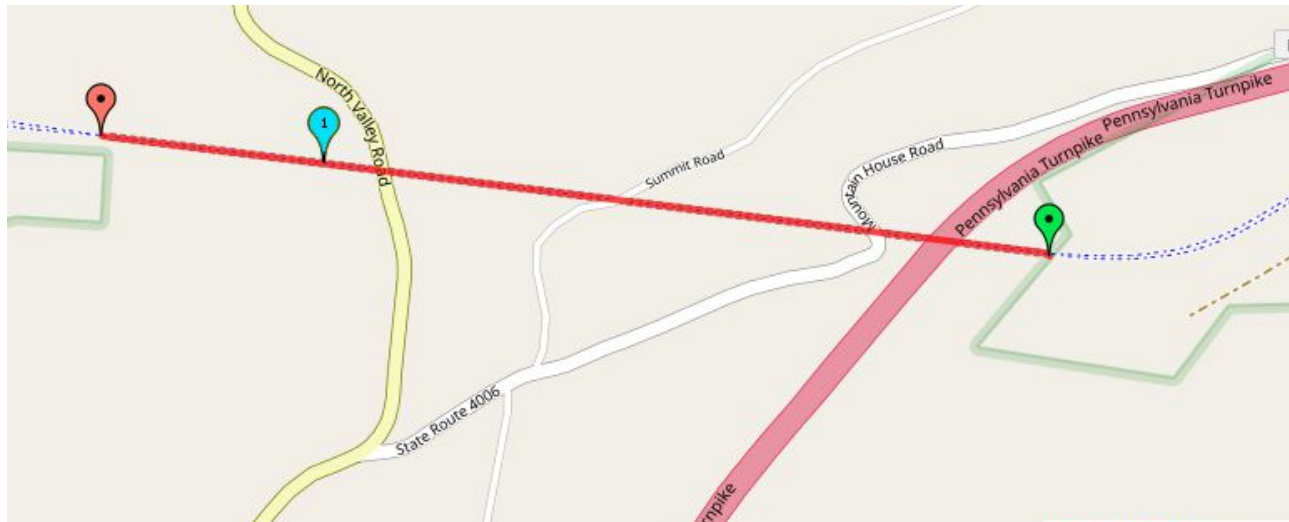
START TO FIRST TUNNEL



The lead up to the first tunnel is about .7 miles. This is a small climb (about 60 ft of total climb during this .7 miles). It is a good chance to loosen up your legs and get moving before we enter tunnel #1 and begin our underground adventure!

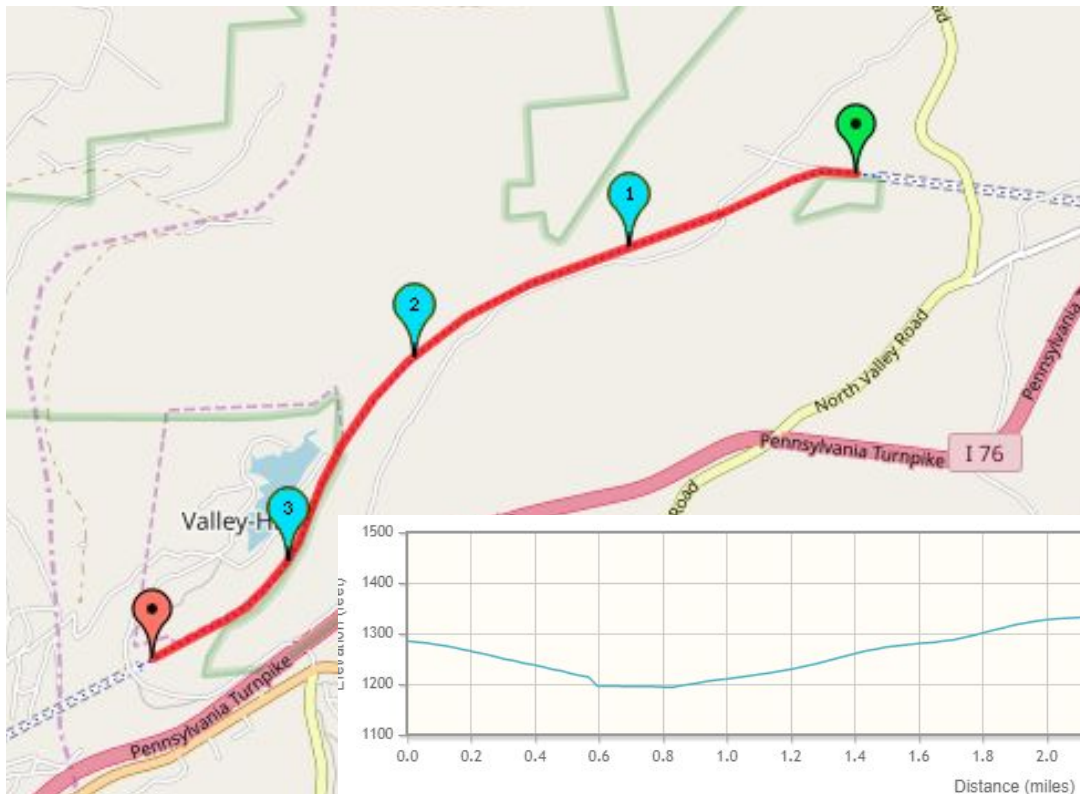


TUNNEL #1 SIDLING HILL



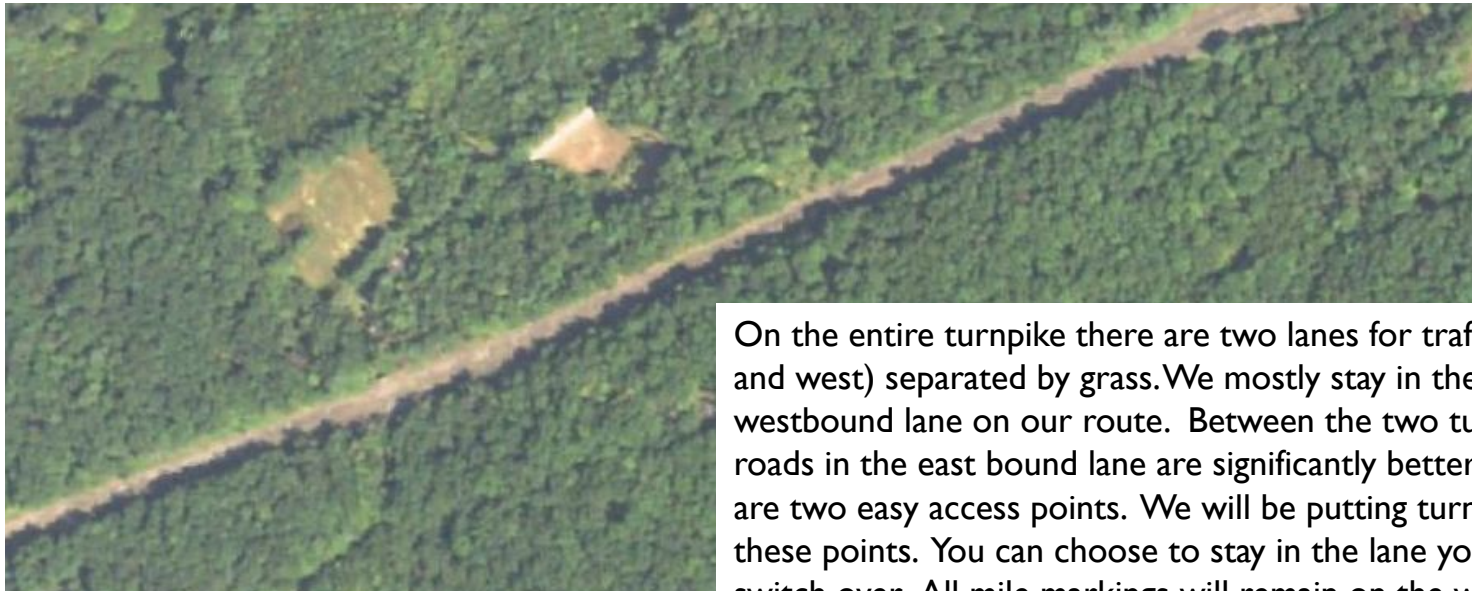
There is very little elevation change within the tunnel, and the Southern Alleghany Conservancy will be using a street sweeper this week to clean out the tunnels. This will be the warmest portion of the course as you will feel about a 20 degree increase in temperatures from the outside temperature. Remember, in this tunnel you cannot see the other side when entering, so lights are mandatory! We will have LED candles in the tunnel to give you direction and perspective inside the tunnel!

THE BETWEEN LANDS



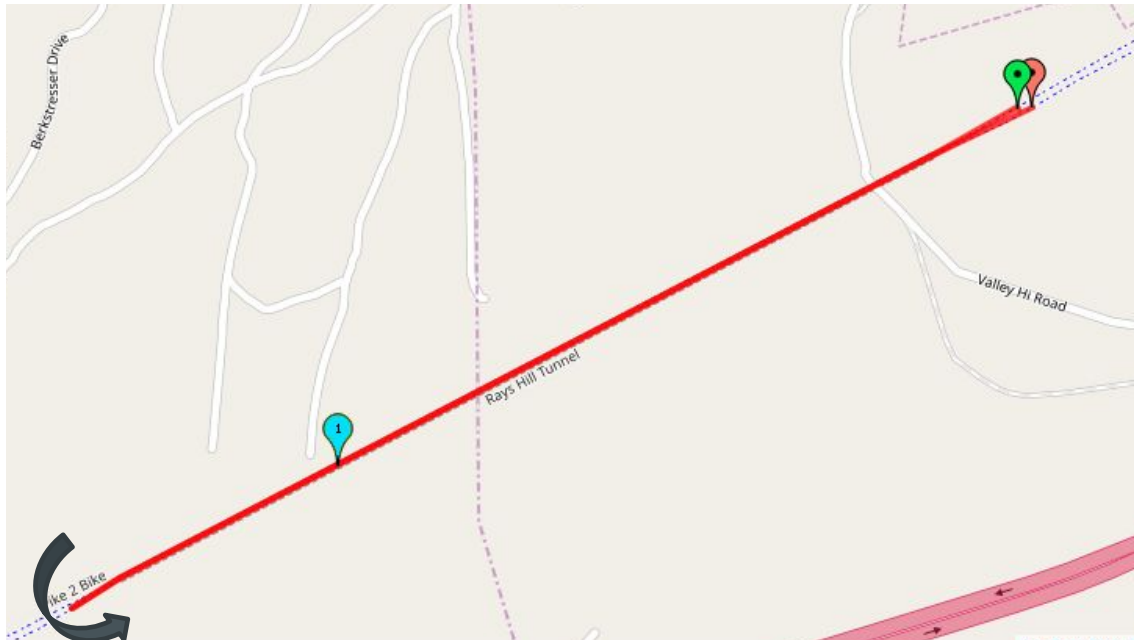
Here is where the elevation starts to really come into play. Athletes will descend quickly for a half a mile coming out of the tunnel and then have a steady gradual climb over the next 3 miles to Ray's Tunnel. This will be a beautiful section of the course with awesome views, and picturesque fall foliage!

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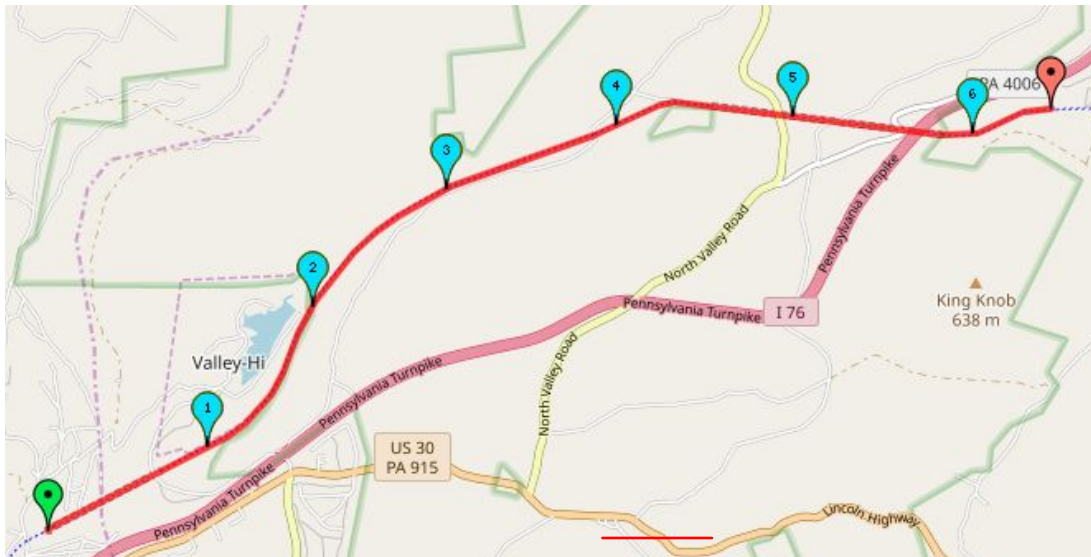
On the entire turnpike there are two lanes for traffic (east and west) separated by grass. We mostly stay in the westbound lane on our route. Between the two tunnels, the roads in the east bound lane are significantly better and there are two easy access points. We will be putting turn arrows at these points. You can choose to stay in the lane you are in or switch over. All mile markings will remain on the west bound lane and all measuring is done from just the west-bound lane

TUNNEL #2 (RAY'S HILL TUNNEL)

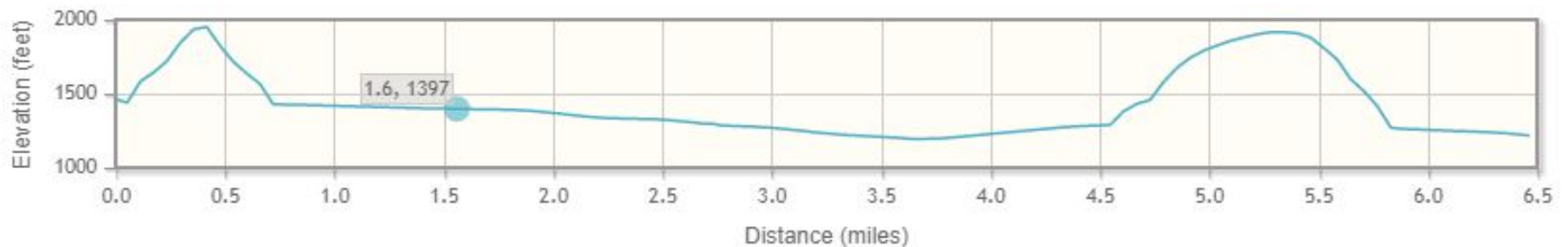


This is the shorter of the two tunnels, but since you will be running out one side, turning around, and running back in, you will be spending close to 1.5 miles underground! Again, tunnels will be warmer than the outside air, and you will need a headlamp! Make sure you are staying on your right as you u-turn across our timing mats. When reentering the tunnel make sure you stay to the right.

RETURN



- Athletes will return the direction they came from, running through both Ray's Hill Tunnel and Sidling Hill Tunnel a second time. This will be a net downhill return



MAP OF 4 MILE COURSE



This is not an overly hilly 4 mile. The red line is a better indicator of the actual elevation. Within the tunnel athletes will see a very gradual increase in elevation on the way out, and on the way back a slight downhill.

COURSE MARKINGS

Since this is a simple out and back course, the only time you will see the signs on the right, are on The Land Between the Tunnels, where we give you the option to run in the opposite lane (see previous slides). All Mile markers and U-Turns will look like the sign on the left!



A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a yellow t-shirt and a headlamp, is running on a paved path through a forest. The path is surrounded by trees with green and yellow leaves. A large orange banner with white text is overlaid on the image. A yellow lightbulb icon with the word 'Idea' inside is positioned at the end of the banner.

PREPARE FOR THE TUNNELS

You will need a light in the tunnels on this race. There are no lights inside, other than the little LED candles that we place out to give you an idea of the course direction, but those are not enough to light the space. Make sure you have a good headlamp or flashlight on race day! Check out some light recommendations here, <https://runsignup.com/Race/EndoftheRoadMarathon/Page-26>.



END OF THE **ROAD**

AID STATIONS

Aid Station	Mile Marker Half Marathon	Mile Marker 4 Mile	Fuel
1	2	2	Water and Tailwind
2	4.4		Water and Huma Gels
3	5.8		Water, Tailwind, Granola Bars, Candy
4	7.3		Water, Tailwind, Granola Bars, Candy
5	8.7		Water and Huma Gels
6	11		Water, Tailwind, Coke

END OF THE ROAD CHALLENGE

Join us for the entire End of the Road weekend and complete the **Two-Day Race Challenge**! This is for those looking for an added challenge where you'll run/walk a distance on Saturday AND Sunday to experience extra miles and tunnels along the Abandoned Pennsylvania Turnpike. After crossing the Half Marathon finish line on Saturday, you can also join us Saturday night for Movie Night on the Turnpike.

Two-Day Race Challenge Options:

- **26.2 Road-Closed Rambler Challenge**
 - Half Marathon on Saturday (only distance available Saturday)
 - Half Marathon on Sunday
- **17.1 Tunnel Traveler Challenge**
 - Half Marathon on Saturday (only distance available Saturday)
 - One Tunnel 4 Miler on Sunday

2026 swag coming soon

Movie Night on the Turnpike

On Saturday, October 24th, 2026 at 7:00 PM ET we will be hosting End of the Road Movie Night at the race start/finish area.

The 2026 movie is *Gremlins*!

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and experience Movie Night on the Turnpike. Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for kids 16 & under. Tickets can be purchased during registration or added on in your RunSignup account. Tickets include snacks! Space is limited to 100 participants.

[Here's how to add tickets in your RunSignup account.](#)

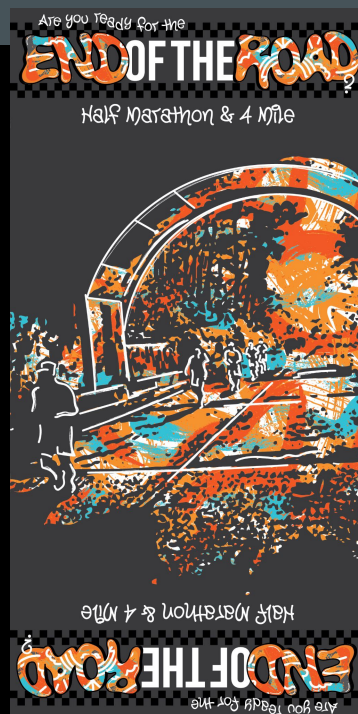
2026 Swag



2026 Add-On Swag



Stickers \$3/ea



Buff \$5



Hoodie \$30