

Grand Rapids Marathon Races



M METRO HEALTH
Grand Rapids Marathon
Foster Swift Half Marathon | Pepsi Zero Sugar Marathon Relay

Metro Health Grand Rapids Marathon

October 19-20, 2019 16th Annual

<http://grandrapidsmarathon.com>

Also includes:

Foster Swift Half Marathon
Pepsi Zero Sugar Marathon Relay

And Saturday events:

Fitness Expo
Helen DeVos Children's Hospital Grand Rapids Kids Marathon
The Chemical Bank Run Thru the Rapids 5K & 10K (A YMCA Service Club Event)

Our "Flagship" event, the Metro Health Grand Rapids Marathon and affiliated races bring over 5000 runners and 1000 volunteers to Grand Rapids for our fall event. Started in 2004, has become the premier distance running event to end the season in Grand Rapids. Headquartered at the David D Hunting YMCA in downtown Grand Rapids, we show off our downtown before taking a beautiful color tour of Millennium Park



Last Chance BQ.2 Marathon – Grand Rapids

September 7, 2019 6th Annual

<http://lastchancebqgr.com>

Targeting runners who have a high likelihood of qualifying for the BAA Boston Marathon, this event in its first two years held the distinction of having the fastest average finishing times of any marathon. In 2018 this was the #1 Boston Qualifying Marathon in the nation. (Based on percentage of finishers)



Millennium Meadows Marathon, Half Marathon, 6 mile

August 25, 2019 2nd Annual

<http://millenniummeadowsmarathon.com>

The BQ.2 course is so beautiful, we wanted to share it with runners of every speed! So, three weeks before the BQ.2, we're holding an event for everybody. With a marathon, a 13.3 mile half marathon (with a certified half marathon split at 13.1) and a 6 mile race, we'll show off the beautiful Millennium Park to runners from all over the country.



Groundhog Day Marathon

January 31-February 1, 2020 8th Annual

<http://www.groundhogmarathon.com>

Marathon, Half Marathon, "Groundhog Eve" 1/6 Marathon

Reminiscent of the movie Groundhog Day, the runners have the opportunity to relive the same day over and over again, running the 4.4 mile course and crossing the finish line six times in order to finish the marathon. It's a great event to take advantage of the Michigan winter. Our mascot, Grand Rapids Gus (much more interesting cousin of the famous Punxsutawney Phil) invites hearty souls with a great sense of humor to join us for this great winter event. Half-marathon option is available on race day, and on the night before we have a moonlight 1/6 marathon with headlamps for those looking for a shorter option or perhaps a warmup for the main event.

Other Events

New Holland/Grand Rapids Marathon Beer Runs

In conjunction with our sponsor, New Holland Brewing, we put on a series of 8 "Beer Runs" at various locations in West Michigan from June through November. The low-cost events include a fun run, door prizes, and of course, a sample pint of New Holland beer.

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