



**CHICKAMAUGA
BATTLEFIELD RACES**

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2026 Athlete Guide

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO BE READY
FOR RACE DAY ON NOVEMBER 14

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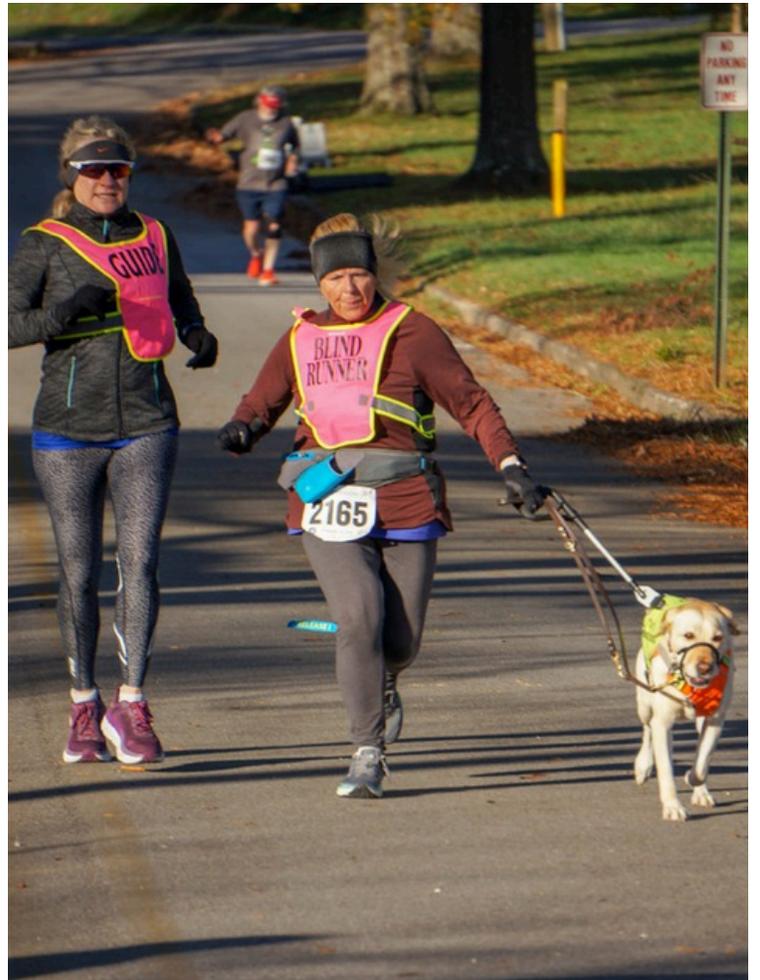


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About the Races

CELEBRATING 46 YEARS OF RACING THROUGH HISTORY

RACE HISTORY

Since 1980 the Battlefield Race series has been offering runners a chance to challenge their physical limits while immersing themselves in the historic, 9,000-acre Chickamauga Battlefield National Park.

The park honors one of the Civil War's most important battles, which we recognize as organizers through the signature cannon shot to start the day.

Additionally, this series is known for its ample sightings of deer and wildlife throughout the course, vibrant Race Village atmosphere, idyllic racing temperatures and creating MARATHONERS on a first-timer friendly course.



HOST ORGANIZATION

The Chickamauga Battlefield Races are organized, staffed and hosted by the [Chattanooga Track Club](#).

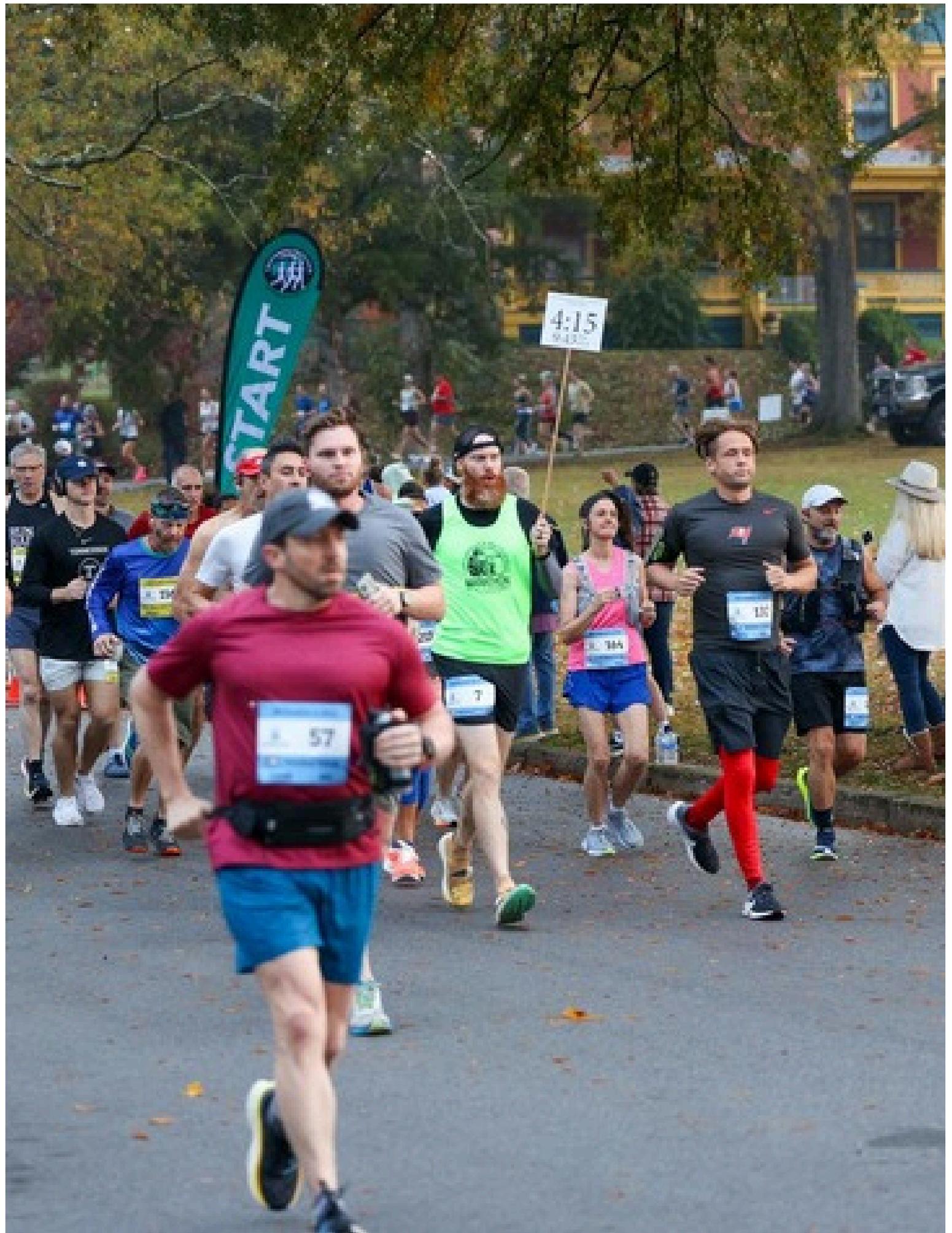
Founded in 1970, CTC is a non-profit organization with the goal of promoting running, walking, and general fitness in the Chattanooga area. The club pursues this goal through a number of activities including weekly group runs, annual road races, youth programs, and social events.



Each year [CTC produces a number of races](#) in addition to the **Chickamauga Battlefield Races**, including the Raccoon Mountain Road Race, Chickamauga Chase, Chattanooga Chase, Missionary Ridge Road Race, Signal Mountain Pie Run, Moccasin Bend Fall Classic, CAM Run, Elementary Cross Country Series, MAD Backyard Ultra, Locomotion, Scenic City Scorcher, Turkey Trot and Wauhatchie Trail Run.

The club also assists numerous other organizations put on races to raise money or awareness for their causes. The Chattanooga Track Club is a member of the Road Runners Club of America and USA Track & Field.





Know Before You Go

IMPORTANT RACE WEEKEND INFORMATION

PACKET PICKUP

All packets include race shirt and bib with timing chip. Additional vendors will be on-site. Come shop, meet other runners and get excited for race day.

Days & Times

Friday, November 13: 12 – 7:00 pm EST

Saturday, November 14: 6:00 – 7:00 am EST

Location

6 Barnhardt Circle, Fort Oglethorpe, GA
30742



5K participants can register online until 7:00 am EST, Junior Marathoners until 9:00 am EST on race morning (Saturday, November 14) and pickup their packets at the above times or on-site.

There will be NO race day registration for the Full or Half Marathons.

PARKING

We recommend arriving **no later than 6:15 am EST** to avoid backup delays and securing on-site parking. Cars arriving prior to 6:45 am EST can park at the [6 Barnhardt Circle](#) grounds. The lot will close promptly at that time to ensure a safe start and road closures for the race.

Do NOT park on Barnhardt Circle itself or on the grounds next to any monuments within the circle. Follow the instructions of onsite traffic sentries.

[St. Gerard Catholic Church](#), one block from the start/finish area, will provide parking to racers and spectators at \$5 per car.

Additional parking is available at nearby businesses and churches on Lafayette Road though we ask you follow all posted signs and regulations.

GEAR CHECK

There will be a bag check area near the start line on race day. Runners should place their belongings in a plastic bag clearly labeled with their race number.

Participants will need to show their race numbers to retrieve their bags post-race. Any outerwear clothing dropped at the first two waterstops will be waiting for you in front of the volunteer tent. Anything not retrieved by the close of the race will be donated to charity.

[ADDITIONAL RACE DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.](#)

Know Before You Go

IMPORTANT RACE WEEKEND INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5:45 am:** Barnhardt Circle parking opens
- 6:45 am:** Barnhardt Circle parking closes
- 7:20 am:** Presentation of the colors
- 7:28 am:** Marathon & Half Marathon Wheelchair Division starts
- 7:30 am:** Marathon & Half Marathon starts with signature cannon blast
- 8:00 am:** 5K starts
- 10:00 am:** Junior Marathon starts



There are no start corrals separating the half and full marathon.

Runners will organize according to where pacers are spaced throughout the start field.

**NOTE: All times listed are EST.*

PACE GROUPS

The Chattanooga Track Club offers free pace teams led by experienced pacers, each carrying a flag for their estimated finish time throughout the race. You do *not* need to sign up to participate in a pace group.

Times are based on the availability of volunteer pacers. Past pace groups included:

Half Marathon: 1:35, 1:50

Marathon: 3:15, 3:20, 3:25, 3:35, 3:45, 4:00, 4:10, 4:15, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:30

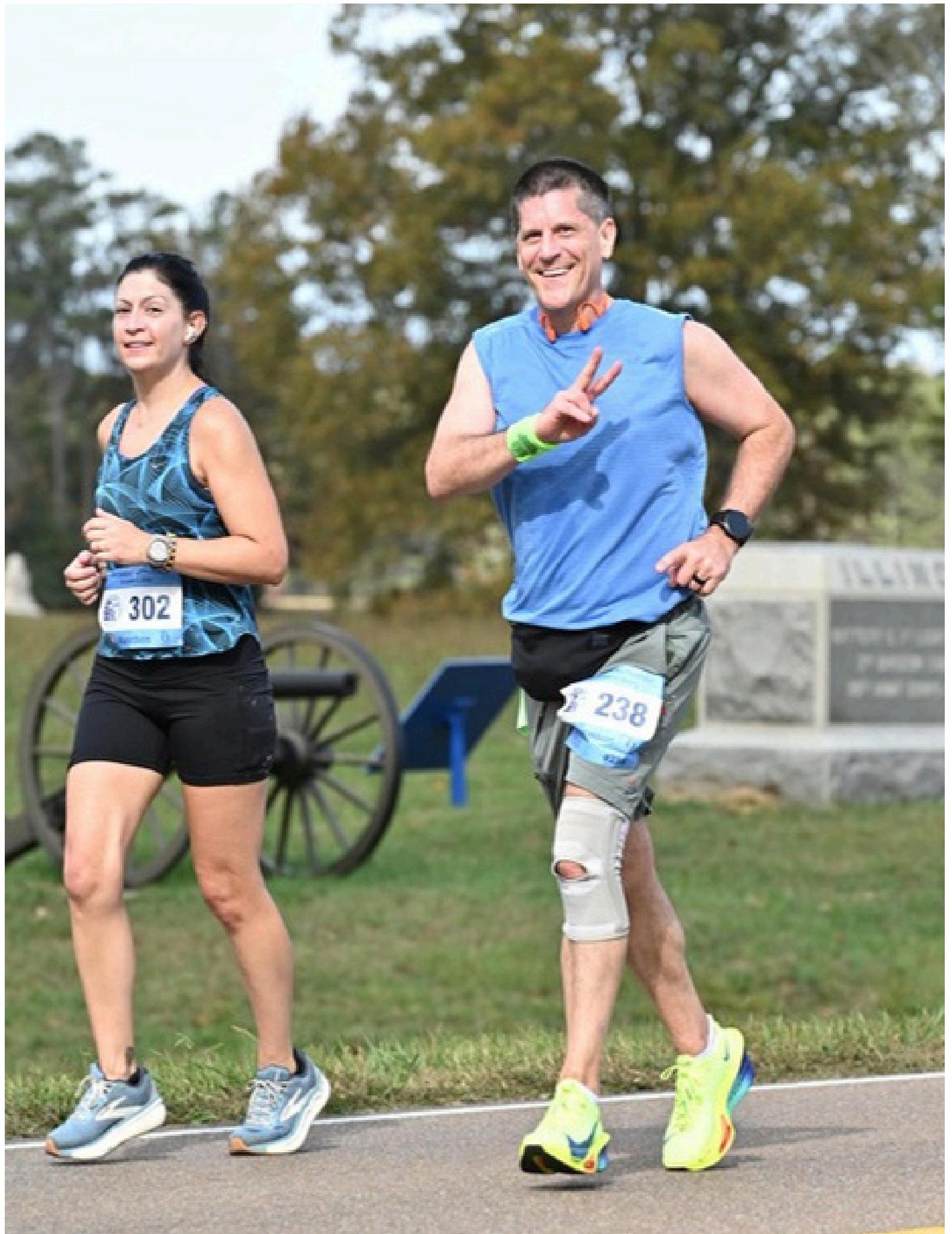
AID STATIONS & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The full & half marathon courses will have 6 aid stations, approximately every 2 miles, stocked with water, Powerade, fruit and basic first aid. The 5K course has one aid station, which will be passed twice during the race, serving water only. [Visit the race website](#) to download the course maps with station markers.

We encourage runners to carry their preferred nutrition.

Professional medical personnel will be stationed at the start/finish line in Race Village. Should any runner need care beyond basic first aid while on the course, they can alert a volunteer at an aid station and transportation will be provided to the finish.

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Plan Your Weekend

WHERE TO STAY, EAT, DRINK AND PLAY.

STAY

\$ Super 8 Fort Oglethorpe

2044 Lafayette Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia 30742

This recently renovated is located just 15 minutes from the start line in Fort Oglethorpe.

\$\$ Spring Hill Suites - Ringgold

155 General Lee Drive, Ringgold, Georgia 30736

This reasonably priced hotel is with 15 minutes of the start line and offers both double rooms and suites, the latter being ideal for families traveling to the race.

\$\$ Tru by Hilton Ringold

5509 Alabama Highway Ringgold, Georgia 30736

Located right off I-75 and Highway 15, this mid-range hotel is a short drive to local restaurants, the Ringold Nature Trail and the Race Village. It also features a heated indoor pool.

\$\$ Moxy - Downtown Chattanooga

1220 King Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403

This pet-friendly hotel is within walking distance to many restaurants and attractions in downtown Chattanooga, a 20-minute drive to Race Village. Lobby and patio feature a variety of games like fooseball, oversized checkers, chess, and board games for use.

\$\$ Spring Hill Suites - Chattanooga

495 Riverfront Parkway, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

Located right on the river and featuring all suites, this hotel is walking distance to the restaurants, shops and activities of downtown Chattanooga. The drive to the start line is approximately 20 minutes.

\$\$\$ The Read House

107 W MLK Blvd., Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

This upscale (and dog friendly!) hotel has a 1920s vibe with a bar, restaurant and Starbucks on the property. Right in the heart of Downtown Chattanooga, there are many restaurants and family-friendly activities within walking distance.

\$\$\$ The Edwin Hotel

102 Walnut Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403

This art-focused hotel is located on the Tennessee River with a restaurant, bar and cafe on-site. Just outside is direct access to the walking bridge over to the North Shore area for dining or shopping. Lots of restaurants and entertainment within a 10-minute walk.

\$\$\$ Hotel Indigo Chattanooga

102 Walnut Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37403

Located in the heart of the West Village in Downtown Chattanooga, this IHG property caters to outdoor enthusiasts and racers regularly and is steps from all the restaurants and attractions you want on race weekend.



Plan Your Weekend (Cont.)

WHERE TO STAY, EAT, DRINK AND PLAY.

EAT

Boathouse Rotisserie & Raw Bar L, D, FF

Overlooking the Tennessee River just outside Downtown Chattanooga, this wide variety of seafood & barbecued meats are served in a casual bar and grill.

First Watch B, L, FF, PF

Also on Chattanooga's North Shore, this spot specializes in breakfast and brunch with an extensive list of options for every taste & diet on the menu.

Brewhaus B, L, PF

A little further west on the North Shore, this German-theme brew hall welcomes guests for lunch, dinner and bar snacks either inside or on its covered patio overlooking the Tennessee River.

STIR B, L, D, FF, PF

Right in the heart of Downtown Chattanooga, Stir is housed inside the historic Chattanooga Choo Choo building serving upscale American food in modern surroundings.

Tupelo Honey B, L, D, FF

This Downtown Chattanooga restaurant located inside the historic Warehouse Row shops serving up classic Southern cooking, including it's signature biscuits and namesake honey.

Park Place Fort Oglethorpe B, L, D, FF

Just 3 minutes from the Race Village, this family-friendly eatery is the definition of "something for everyone." With it's extensive and diverse menu, no one will go hungry. *NOTE: Not open on weekends so plan your weekday visit accordingly.*

State of Confusion B, L, D, FF, PF

Despite it's name, there is no confusion here: you'll love the food. Elevated burgers, salads, tacos, nachos, sandwiches and more. Plus...right behind it is the best dog park you'll find anywhere, [Play Wash Pint](#).

1885 Grill B, L, D, FF, PF

Right at the foot of Lookout Mountain and the Incline Railway, this St. Elmo restaurant serves upscale (yet hearty) Southern fare for all. Indoor & outdoor (pet-friendly) seating available.

Tremont Tavern B, L, D, FF (daytime only)

Craving some protein? Head to Chattanooga's North Shore for the most extensive burger menu in the city. Voted Best Burger many years over, Tremont has an option whether you like it simply or fancy. Plus, the preferred side: tater tots!

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L - Lunch
D - Dinner
FF - Family Friendly
PF - Pet Friendly Patio

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EAT

PRE-RACE ITALIAN

Alleia D

Walk through the massive wooden door of this upscale Italian eatery and you'll swear you are in New York City or Chicago. The dimly-lit space and urban vibe pair perfectly with a plate of homemade pasta or any of the other elevated Italian options on the menu.

Boccaccia Restaurant D

Located in St. Elmo, this hidden gem is a little slice of Italy in Chattanooga. Nothing compares to the pasta in this family-owned eatery in the historic saddle mill building.

Mellow Mushroom L, D, FF

Pizza, pizza, pizza...and salad! Get a pie, calzone, breadsticks or all of the above at this signature pizzeria on the riverfront in Chattanooga. A perfect stop after a visit to the IMAX, Aquarium or Children's Discovery Museum.

Tony's Pasta Shop & Trattoria D, FF

Located in the Bluff View Arts District, Tony's is the perfect dinner spot following a walk on the [Walnut Street Bridge](#) or visit to the [Hunter Museum](#). All homemade pastas and pizzas to get your carb load on.

DRINK & PLAY

Chattanooga loves local businesses and breweries are no exception. Many of them are on tap at downtown restaurants, or visit their tap rooms for the full experience.

Hutton & Smith

Tap room has shuffle board tables, chess, and other board games available. Pet friendly.

Wanderlinger

Everyone is welcome at Wanderlinger. Key highlights: board games, live music, limited food menu, patio is pet friendly.

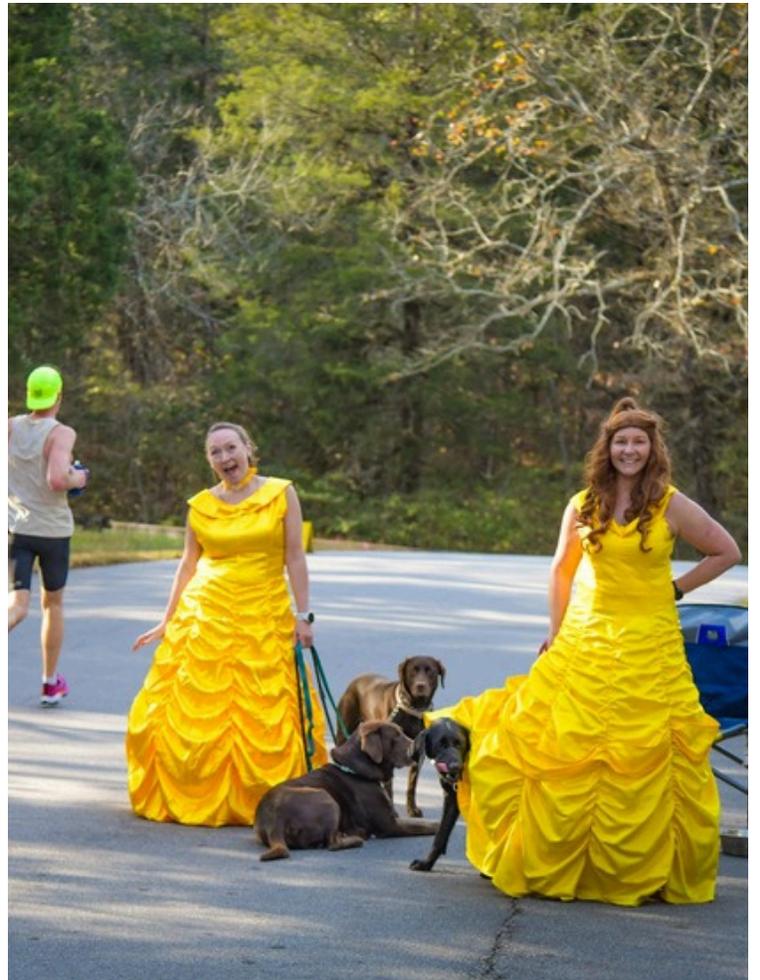
Tailgate Brewing

Full restaurant service goes along with this Nashville staple by the Chattanooga Choo Choo.

Oddstory Brewing

This family- and pet-friendly brewery has a full menu of food & expansive outdoor space for play.

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PLAY

OUTDOOR OPTIONS

[Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center](#)

Learn the history of the grounds you'll be running with an audio tour (driving or walking) of the 1863 battle. Be sure to check out the rifle museum in the back too!

[The Incline Railway & Point Park](#)

Take this unique railway up the side of Lookout Mountain to [Point Park](#) with its breathtaking vista views of the Tennessee River and Chattanooga from over 1,000 feet up. Be sure to pick up your favorite ice cream from Clumpies after your ride back down.

[Ruby Falls](#)

A classic Chattanooga experience, a tour at Ruby Falls takes you *inside* Lookout Mountain to see the tallest underground waterfall open to the public in the US. Plus, learn the history of how it was discovered.

[Rock City](#)

While atop Lookout Mountain, stop by Rock City to wander through this natural park turned attraction with its unique rock formations and views spanning 7 states! Fun for all ages

[The Chattanooga Zoo](#)

Monkeys, giraffes, and snakes oh my! The Chattanooga Zoo has animals from around the world with fun engagement options, like camel rides, that you'd expect in a larger city.

INDOOR OPTIONS

[IMAX Theater](#)

Once described as "a movie going experience on steroids," take the whole family for an immersive entertainment activity. Multiple shows (Standard & 3D) daily that change seasonally.

[Tennessee Aquarium](#)

Located in Downtown Chattanooga, the two-building attraction featuring salt and fresh water exhibits, regional specific habitats and animals. Great for all ages.

[Creative Discovery Museum](#)

Just a couple block walk from the aquarium, this is your ideal afternoon of fun for kids of all ages and abilities to explore, play, make friends and learn new things.

[Chattanooga Whiskey Tour](#)

Chattanooga is more than just a small batch brewery town. Go explore this active experimental distillery with a tour showing the production process with a sample tasting at the end.

FAQs

ANSWERS TO COMMON RACE QUESTIONS

What is included with my entry fee?

You will receive on-course race support, post-race home cooked food as well as custom shirts (short sleeve for the 5K and Jr Marathon, long sleeve for the half marathon, and long sleeve tech for the marathon), custom finisher medals for each distance, age group and overall awards, and a finish line festival for all.

What is significant about the Chickamauga Battlefield National Park?

Founded in 1890 by more than 12,000 veterans, the Chickamauga Battlefield is our nation's first national military park encompassing over 9,000 acres. It serves as a site for respectfully commemorating the Civil War battles in the fall of 1863 in the surrounding area.

What will I see in the national park during my Marathon or Half Marathon?

We hope you will take time to visit the amazing visitor center for a step back in history while in the area. During your Marathon or Half Marathon, you will see dozens of monuments of all sizes honoring soldiers from both the North and South. Additionally, along the paved roads of your run, expect to see forests, open fields, split rail fences, and many deer, turkey, and maybe a few fox

This is my first marathon or half marathon. Do I get anything special?

We are honored each year that hundreds choose these events as their first time. Let us know on your registration and we will have a first time of your bib to hand out after your finish.

Are the courses certified and timed?

The 5K, Half Marathon, and Marathon are all certified courses and results are chip timed. You will receive net and gun time results after crossing the finish line.

Is this marathon a Boston Qualifier?

Absolutely! Certification #GA25076WC. Fall temperatures and a few gentle rollers make this an great course for your BQ.

How big is the athlete field for the half and full marathons?

The park service limits us to 1,500 participants in the park for both races, which routinely sell out. Please [register early](#) for your spot.

Are all 4 races in the Chickamauga Battlefield National Park?

Marathon and Half Marathon start and finish just outside the park but 90% of the course is inside and throughout the national park. The 5K runs through historic Fort Oglethorpe but not in the national park. The Jr. Marathon last mile is a loop around the historic Polo Fields outside the park.

Is there a time limit for the marathon and half marathon?

The marathon time limit is a generous 6.5 hours to enable us to return the national park to all users. The unique nature of this course means it is perfect for the beginner half marathoner as they also have 6.5 hours to finish. Anyone who will finish outside of the cut off should know they will be recorded as DNF (did not finish), with no finish time, nor medal provided. Course hydration and markings will be removed per the permit authorities. We will provide golf carts for return transportation to race village.

FAQs (Cont.)

ANSWERS TO COMMON RACE QUESTIONS

What should I expect for temperatures?

Temperatures are typically in the low 40s to high 50s. Any extra clothing you have for the start can be dropped at the first two water stops and will be waiting for you at the volunteer tent upon your return.

Can I get a refund or a deferral?

Due to the nature of the upfront costs for our races, no refunds, transfers, or deferrals are allowed.

When does race registration close?

Online registration for the Marathon and Half Marathon closes at 7 pm EST on Friday, November 13th, unless they sell out ahead of time, which is routine. For the 5K and Jr Marathon, registration will also be open race morning under the tent from 6 to 7am EST for the 5k and until 9 am for the Jr. Marathon. There is no race day registration for the Marathon or Half Marathon.

Are there any discounts on race registration for military, first responders, or law enforcement?

In honor of your service, please [email the race director](#) with current or former professional ID and you'll be provided a discount code to save on registration for the half and full marathons.



Get In Touch

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

CONTACT INFORMATION

Have a question we didn't cover here or [on our website](#)?

Get in touch with our race staff and we'll be sure to get back to you as soon as possible.

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