

TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON
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The **TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON** is a citywide thrill for more than a million fans who line the course to cheer on the 50,000 runners throughout the five boroughs. Like the runners, spectators need to prepare, plan, pace themselves, and be ready for anything.

REUNITING WITH YOUR RUNNER

- **Family Reunion**
Central Park West, West 62nd to West 65th Street. Open from 12:00 to 5:30 p.m. You and your runner should plan to meet at a letter—we suggest the first letter of the runner's last name. Enter at Broadway between 62nd and 65th streets. Everyone entering Family Reunion will be subject to bag inspection and screening. It may take runners 45–60 minutes to reach Family Reunion after crossing the finish line. Use the app to check your runner's progress. If you are unsure whether your runner has finished, you can call the **Runner Information Hotline at 800.496.6193**.
- **Other meet-up spots**
To avoid the crowds, reunite with your runner at a local restaurant, bar, or hotel. Visit nycgo.com, New York City's official digital guide, for the best spots to celebrate near Central Park.

PLEASE NOTE: Cellular saturation may prevent you from using your cell phone in and near the post-finish area.

RACE-WEEK EVENTS

There's something for everyone during TCS New York City Marathon week. Check out all the amazing events taking place before and after Sunday's race. Information is subject to change and reservations/tickets are subject to availability; check tcsnycmarathon.org for updates.

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3**
TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON PAVILION
8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.,
Central Park at the TCS New York City Marathon finish line
This spectacular indoor space, just steps from the race finish line, offers programs, shopping, food, drink, classes, and entertainment to runners, friends, family, and the general public.
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**
TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO
10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. (bib pickup closes at 7:00 p.m.)
Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, Hall 3B (11th Avenue at 36th Street)
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4**
TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON PAVILION
8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.,
Central Park at the TCS New York City Marathon finish line
This spectacular indoor space, just steps from the race finish line, offers programs, shopping,

- food, drink, classes, and entertainment to runners, friends, family, and the general public.
- TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON OPENING CEREMONY PRESENTED BY UNITED AIRLINES**
5:30–7:00 p.m., *Central Park at the TCS New York City Marathon finish line*
A spectacular parade, followed by the TCS New York City Marathon Fireworks Presented by Poland Spring.
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5**
ABBOTT DASH TO THE FINISH LINE 5K
8:30 a.m., *NYC streets and Central Park*
A 5K in Manhattan with a finish at the TCS New York City Marathon finish line.
- TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO**
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- Center, Hall 3B (11th Avenue at 36th Street)*
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**
GRANDSTAND SEATING
9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.,
Central Park at West 63rd Street
Information and tickets: tcsnycmarathon.org
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7**
MARATHON MONDAY AT THE TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON PAVILION
7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.,
TCS New York City Marathon Pavilion, Central Park
Limited-edition finisher gear and select 2016 ASICS apparel; Fond Memories finisher medal engraving; sales of the New York Times special marathon results section; and Hospital for Special Surgery Recovery Zone.

RUNNER KEY

- Exit Only
- Entrance Point
- Spectator Viewing
- Public access at Columbus Circle
- Toilets
- Information
- Security Checkpoint
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1 Post-Race Poncho Runners
Lime green wristband required

2 Bag Check Runners
Bibs 31000–72999

3 Bag Check Runners
Bibs 500–30999

4 Charter Buses
Central Park West between W. 85th St. and W. 96th St.

5 Post-Race Poncho Walkoff

6 Bag Check Walkoff

7 Post-Finish Runner Amenities

GENERAL SAFETY

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING
Safety and security are everyone's responsibility. If you see something or someone suspicious, notify a law enforcement officer or race official, or call 866.705.6626.

NO-DRONE ZONE
Drones, photo-copters, and unmanned flying devices are illegal in New York City, and are not permitted anywhere at the TCS New York City Marathon. If you see one on or before race day, report it to a law enforcement officer or race official, or call 866.705.6626.

UNAUTHORIZED PARTICIPANTS
Individuals not officially registered for the race may not join the race or accompany any participant in the race. Any person without an official race bib will be directed to leave the course immediately. Bicycles, skateboards, and other unauthorized vehicles are not permitted on the course.

RACE EMERGENCY HOTLINE
If you see a runner in need of medical assistance on race day, call 866.705.6626.



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STAY CONNECTED

Download the TCS New York City Marathon Mobile App Powered by Tata Consultancy Services, available at the App Store and Google Play, to track up to 20 runners, learn about race-week events, and view start, course, and finish maps.

SMILE MARKERS
The race is on! We've placed 26 Smile Markers throughout New York City on everything from bus shelters to billboards. How many can you unlock? Playing along is easy—just stroll up to a Smile Marker, open the app, and enjoy a unique digital experience at each location.

TUNE IN
Fans in the NYC metro area can watch live coverage of the race on WABC-TV, Channel 7 starting at 9:00 a.m.

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Visit mta.info/Weekender to check for any changes in service on race day.

SPECTATOR GUIDELINES + TIPS

From mile 3 to mile 26, the majority of the course is open to spectators. Yell yourself hoarse and have a blast—here's how:

BEFORE THE RACE

- Get the app. If you're planning to cheer for your runner from multiple locations, track their progress using the TCS New York City Marathon Mobile App Powered by Tata Consultancy Services.
- Tell your runner where on the course you'll be, so they know when to expect your support!

ALONG THE COURSE

- Don't stop cheering. All runners—not just yours—need and appreciate encouragement. Make sure they can hear you! Look at their shirts and race bibs and greet them by name, number, or country.
- Stay behind the blue tape or barricades and leave the roadway open for runners.
- Make signs, bring flags, and cheer on runners. But leave the amp at home. Unofficial use of speakers is not permitted in New York City.

- Stick to the streets. Spectators aren't allowed on any of the bridges on the course.
- Be respectful of private property. Don't obstruct access to buildings or leave trash or signs behind.
- Portable toilets are for registered runners only.

AT THE FINISH

The race finishes at 67th Street on West Drive. Spectators can access the final approach to the finish in two ways:

- **Grandstand Seating:** Tickets are required and are available for \$75 at the Expo, Pavilion, and tcsnycmarathon.org prior to race day. On race day, purchase tickets at the West 63rd Street entrance to Central Park.
- **Standing Spectator Area:** Located inside Central Park from Columbus Circle to the south end of the grandstands, approximately 500 feet before the finish. NYPD, NYRR, and the NYC Parks Department may limit access at times, based on capacity. No chairs or seats are provided or allowed. There is no spectator access north of the grandstands in Central Park.

BEST SPOTS TO WATCH

The best way to catch your runner two or three times at different spots along the course is to take the subway; visit mta.info to plan your trip and get up-to-date schedules.

- **Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn (Miles 2-4):** Catch runners as they exit the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and move along Fourth Avenue. **R**
- **Team for Kids Brooklyn Cheer Post:** Fourth Avenue and Pacific Street (southeast corner) **B D N Q R 2 3 4 5**
- **Brooklyn Stage:** Fourth Avenue and Atlantic Avenue **B D N Q R 2 3 4 5**
- **Williamsburg and Greenpoint, Brooklyn (Miles 10-13):** Enjoy local treats as you watch runners head toward the Pulaski Bridge to cross into Queens. **G L M J**
- **Pulaski Bridge (Mile 13.1):** The bridge is closed to spectators, but many fans watch on the Queens side, just past the race's halfway mark, where runners appreciate some loud encouragement. **7 G**

- **First Avenue, Manhattan (Miles 16-18):** The avenue's many bars and restaurants contribute to the festive atmosphere. **4 5 6 N Q R**
- **East Harlem (Miles 18-20):** Runners fear hitting the dreaded "wall" here, so this is a perfect location to cheer your heart out to help keep the motivation high. **6**
- **Mott Haven, Bronx (Miles 20-21):** Catch runners as they come off the Willis Avenue Bridge. The Bronx serves up some of the least crowded spots for spectating. **6**
- **Team for Kids Manhattan Cheer Post:** Fifth Avenue and 106th Street (southeast corner) **6**
- **Fifth Avenue between 90th and 105th Streets (Mile 23):** Museum Mile is a cultural hub as well as a crucial spot to catch your runners before they enter Central Park. **4 5 6**
- **TCS Cheer Zone:** Columbus Circle **A C B D 1**
- **United Stage:** Columbus Circle **A C B D 1**



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