PARTICIPANT GUIDE

Welcome to the 57th Running of the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race. Thank you for being part of the world's largest 10K and one of Atlanta's most cherished Fourth of July traditions.

For more than half a century, the Peachtree has brought people together through movement, community and celebration. This year is especially meaningful as our nation commemorates its 250th anniversary. There has never been a better time to celebrate our city and the people who make it so special.

Inside this guide, you'll find everything you need to prepare for race weekend, from participant packet pickup and transportation information to course maps, race day schedules and answers to frequently asked questions.

Whether you're chasing a personal best, walking with family and friends, volunteering or cheering from the sidelines, thank you for being part of this incredible tradition. We can't wait to celebrate with you on July 4.

Atlanta Track Club

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PEACHTREE HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO PRESENTED BY PUBLIX

Expo General Information

LOCATION

For the second year in a row, the Expo will take place in climate-controlled tents in the Macy's Parking Lot at Lenox Square.

HOURS

July 2	July 3
Atlanta Track Club Members Only: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. *General Public*: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	*Northside Hospital Peachtree Junior Only*: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. *Atlanta Track Club Members Only*: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. *General Public*: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

***Please note: All participants must pick up their number at the Expo unless they pre-purchased UPS number mailing.**

Exhibitor List | **Expo Map** | **Expo Booth Map**

Getting to the Expo

MARTA

If coming to Lenox Square via MARTA, the Buckhead Station and Lenox Station are both close by.

PARKING

If you are driving, ample parking is available at the following decks and **is free** for all participants.

Red, Blue and Green Decks
Macy's Deck - Lenox Road Deck - Red Deck
Neiman Marcus - Lenox Square Parkway Deck - Green Deck
Bloomingdale's - East Paces Ferry Deck - Blue Deck

We recommend that participants travel light as all bags will be subject to search.

From July 3 at 12:00 a.m. to July 4 at 11:00 a.m., Peachtree Road from Lenox Parkway to Lenox Road will be closed, as the iconic start truss is built ahead of the race. See here for other closures that may affect travel to the Expo.

Race Number Pickup

To pick up your race number at the Peachtree Health & Fitness Expo presented by Publix, you'll need two things:

Your Check-In Pass

This QR code can be found in the email confirmation you received when you registered for the race. It will be emailed to you again before the Expo opens.

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A form of photo ID

You must bring a form of identification with you. Acceptable forms include: photo/copy/original driver's license, passport, government/school-issued ID or employee badge.

Race numbers will not be available for pickup on race morning.

Picking Up For A Friend

If you are unable to pick up your race number at the Expo, your number may be picked up by a third party. However, the person making the pickup must have all the proper identification and verification documents required.

The two items a friend or family member will need to pick up your race number are:

An ID (photo/copy/original) of the participant

can be a driver's license, passport, government/school-issued ID or employee badge.

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Participant's Check-In Pass

Entries Are Not Deferrable and Nontransferrble

There is not a deferral or race number transfer system for the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race.

Changes and switches to your registration category are not permitted. The selling or purchasing of race numbers is not permitted and is grounds for disqualification and ban from future races.

Registration is refundable if you purchased REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION.

Plan Ahead: Prepare Your Race-Day

Transportation at the Expo

Download the Breeze Mobile app to your smartphone and pre-load the necessary fare for race day. Download it today.

Find Your Nearest Station

Check the Train Schedule

New Ways to Pay

Getting There

MARTA

MARTA starts early
Service begins at 4:00 a.m. on July 4.

Take MARTA to Lenox or Buckhead Station to get to the start line

Going northbound?
Remain on your train past Lindbergh to exit at Lenox (Gold Line) or Buckhead Station (Red Line).

Parking at Lindbergh?
Use the Sidney Marcus Parking Garage (entrance on Sidney Marcus Blvd.), the only MARTA-operated parking garage.

Note: Other garages (Garson and City Center garages) are operated by Reef Parking. MARTA riders can validate their parking tickets inside Lindbergh Station for a discount. Fees will apply to non-MARTA users.

RIDE SHARE & DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Participants planning to utilize ride share or be dropped off in the start area should use one of the three locations listed below.
Locations are identified on the start map.

Eastside	Westside	Northside
Lenox Road & Phipps Blvd.	East Paces Ferry Road & Roxboro Road	Peachtree Street & Narmore Dr.

PARKING

There will be no parking next to the start line unless Premium Parking was pre-purchased.

Assigned Waves

Waves are assigned based on the 2026 Wave Standards. Participants may run in their designated wave or move back. Volunteers will be stationed to remove runners who are not in their assigned wave. **Participants who start earlier than assigned are subject to disqualification.**

Start Line

The start line is located just outside the Lenox Square entrance. Start waves will be staged along Peachtree Road to Peachtree Dunwoody Road. Volunteers will help guide participants to their start wave staging location. See the Start Map for staging locations.

Plan to arrive by 6:30 a.m. to find your start wave, and plan for extra time to navigate closed and restricted areas surrounding the start area. Once the race begins, the start waves will advance and it may be difficult to find your wave.

6:12 a.m. - Elite Wheelers

6:43 a.m. - Elite Men

6:45 a.m. - Elite Women

6:50 a.m. - Seeded, Elite High School, Wave A

Waves will continue approximately every 5 minutes

8:30 a.m. - Start Line Closes

The race operates with a rolling start; please arrive prior to 6:30 a.m. to find your start wave staging area.

Start Map

ENGAGE WITH US

Share Your Story With #NHPRR

Help us share the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race magic with the world! Use the hashtag **#NHPRR** on all your race-related photos and posts on Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok. By using this hashtag, your photos, videos and experiences might be shared by Atlanta Track Club and the official Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race social media accounts.

Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race Facebook

Atlanta Track Club Facebook

Atlanta Track Club Instagram

Atlanta Track Club TikTok

Atlanta Track Club Threads

#RunningCityUSA

#NHPRR

Race Photos by MarathonFoto - Smile!

Race photos are handled by MarathonFoto. Event photos will be available in an email you receive after the event, at this link, or in the Atlanta Track Club Race Day app.
If any participants have questions regarding MarathonFoto photos, please visit their customer service help desk here for assistance.

Document Your Race On Strava

Connect with fellow Peachtree participants with the official Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race Strava Club, and document your race on Strava to be entered into a giveaway for a free annual Strava subscription and gear! Join the Strava Club here.

When you approach the start line this July 4, make sure to open your Strava app, select the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race route and start your race! Afterward, upload your activity to the official Strava Club, and we'll choose one lucky race participant who documented their race to **win a free annual Strava subscription and exclusive gear.**

COURSE

The 10K course starts at Lenox Square, heads south on Peachtree Road and turns left at 10th St. The finish line is located at 10th St. and Charles Allen Dr. Mile marker signs will be positioned at each mile along both sides of the road.

Aid Stations & Personal Hydration

There are five aid stations along the course featuring water, first aid and porto johns on both sides of the road during every mile. Electrolytes are NOT provided on the course, but will be available at the finish line.

Participants are allowed and encouraged to bring their own hydration and electrolytes. Shoulder, hand-held and waist hydration systems ***ARE PERMITTED.*** ***See examples of permitted items here.***

Course Time Limit

The finish line will officially close at 10:30 a.m. following a 21 minute mile pace from the start line closure time of 8:30 a.m.

Participants who finish after the time limit are not official finishers, may not receive full course support and are responsible for their own safety once roads reopen between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Entertainment

With more than a dozen bands, DJs and dance crews turning the 6.2-mile route into a non-stop party, the soundtrack to your July 4 will be all heart, soul and Southern swagger.

Course Map

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Spectator Viewing Areas

Spectating is not available directly at the start line or adjacent to the finish line. Atlanta Track Club recommends spectators begin lining the roadway at least half a mile south of the start line near Piedmont Ave. MARTA is the easiest way to get around on event day to many locations along the course. Popular viewing areas for the race include:

Cardiac Hill

From the bottom of the famous hill near Peachtree Battle just before Mile 3, all the way to the top at Piedmont Hospital, spectators line the incline to encourage participants through one of the event's toughest stretches.

AJC Headquarters & Colony Square

From MARTA, exit the Arts Center station. Walk east up 15th St. to Peachtree St.

10th & Peachtree

From MARTA, exit at the Midtown station and walk east up 10th St. to Peachtree St.

Finish Line

North of Charles Allen (link to finish map).

Spectator Cheer Item Pickup Location

Spectator cheer items, such as thunder sticks and hand clappers, will be available free of charge at set locations from
6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. at the following locations:

Mile 1
Outside of Shake Shack (3035 Peachtree Rd NE Suite A146)

Mile 1.8
Near Loudermilk Parking Lot (3122 Peachtree Rd NE)

Mile 2.4
Second Ponce De Leon Baptist Church (2715 Peachtree Rd NE)

Mile 3.7
Chick-fil-A at Collier Road (1901 Peachtree Rd NE)

Mile 4.7
In front of the AJC Building (1200 Peachtree St NE Suite 100)

Note: There are a limited number of cheer items at each station and one item per person.

Live Broadcast Coverage and Streaming

The live broadcast of the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race will air live from 6:00 - 9:00 a.m. on the AJC homepage and AJC News app.

Runner Tracking Information

Download the Atlanta Track Club Race Day App, available in the App Store and Google Play! This essential tool has everything you need to stay connected to race day and all Atlanta Track Club events. Features include: live athlete tracking, interactive course maps, event updates and more!

FINISH

Family Meeting Areas

After the race, families can meet in one of eight Family Meeting Areas located in the Meadow of Piedmont Park. Each area is marked by a color shown in the chart with matching signs and balloons.
Note your color ahead of time and share it to easily find your group after the race.

Last Names	*Family Meeting Area*
A-C	*Purple*
D-F	*Orange*
G-I	*Gray*
J-L	*Yellow*
M-O	*Blue*

P-R	Pink
S-T	Green
U-Z	White

Finisher's T-Shirts

After completing the race, finishers can collect their coveted T-shirt at the end of finish chute. The size you chose during registration is indicated on your bib and must be the size you pick up. You may not pick up a T-shirt for another participant, even if you have their race number. ***The Peachtree shirt is a finisher's shirt – no exceptions!***

There are no size exchanges on site on race day, but you may visit Atlanta Track Club's headquarters at 201 Armour Drive Atlanta, GA 30324 during the following hours to see if your preferred size is available for an exchange. Exchange hours are:

July 5, 12:00 p.m - 3:00 p.m.

July 6 - 9, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

July 13 – 17, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m

Your Race Bag

Shortly after you cross the Finish Line, you will receive:

Your finisher's shirt

A commemorative cooling headband thanks to hometown partners Coca-Cola & Delta Air Lines as a way to celebrate this milestone 250th July 4 holiday.

BODYARMOR

Chilled bottle of Dasani water

Chiquita banana

Peach and other snacks compliments of Publix

That's it Fruit Crunchables

Be sure to pick up a BODYARMOR and other Coca-Cola products in the meadow or at the 12th Street gate on your way to MARTA.

Results & Timing

Participants in the 2026 Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race will be timed using an RFID chip. Your race bib contains your timing tag—keep it visible, unobstructed and ***cross all timing mats*** to receive a complete and official result. Participants who do not cross the start line will not receive a finish result.

Awards

Race results are made official approximately two weeks after the event, at which time age group awards will be mailed. If you have any results inquiries, please complete the results form **here**.

In the Meadow

1. Post-race Beer from SweetWater Brewing Company

Coming back in 2026, we're excited to offer every Peachtree participant (ages 21+) a complimentary beer, courtesy of SweetWater Brewing, as part of the finish experience in Piedmont Park.

2. Shop Atlanta Track Club x adidas Merchandise

Celebrate your finish in style! Visit the Atlanta Track Club merchandise area after the race to grab the latest summer and Peachtree gear, including adidas apparel and exclusive race-day items. Don't miss your chance to commemorate the day with something special.

3. Top 1,000

The top 1,000 finishers (top 500 men and top 500 women), determined by gun time, will receive a special edition Top 1,000 finisher cup. Participants can pick up their cup at the Top 1,000 and Medal Distribution bins located behind the merchandise tent in Piedmont Park.

4. adidas VIP Experience

Run the Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race in adidas footwear and unlock the adidas VIP Finish Line Experience. All adidas VIPs receive a special adidas-branded gift plus automatic entry for a chance to win a grand prize. ⚽

5. adidas Runners Chill Zone at the Meadow

Join adidas Runners Atlanta in the Chill Zone after your Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race! Once you cross the finish line and make your way into Piedmont Park, find us in the meadow for a VIP experience for adidas Runners Atlanta community members. Show us that you've signed up for the community and the Chill Zone in the adidas running app for entry into the zone and access to perks and gifts!

6. MARTA Post-Race

Going southbound from Piedmont Park?
Walk west on 8th Street to Midtown Station.
Going northbound from Piedmont Park?
Exit the park at 12th Street and take the shuttle to Lindbergh Station. The fare will be collected at the rail station.

Finish Map

SAFETY & SECURITY

Safety is Atlanta Track Club's top priority. **With the help of the City of Atlanta and other local, regional and national agencies, we have done extensive planning to ensure the safety of our participants, spectators, volunteers and partners.**

There will be a substantial law enforcement presence at the start, along the course, at the finish line and in the post-event area.

Remember: See something, say something. Be vigilant. If you see something suspicious, contact the nearest police officer or call 911.

Prohibited Items

There are security checkpoints throughout the entire start area. All prohibited items will be confiscated, including backpacks.

The following items are prohibited:

Bags

Any bag brought to the start will be confiscated, or entry will be denied.
Atlanta Track Club does not offer a bag check at this event.
Anyone entering the Piedmont Park finish area with a backpack, bag, purse, etc. will be subject to search.

- Backpacks
- Drones
- Weight vests
- Containers holding more than one liter of liquid
- Firearms & other weapons
- Firefighter equipment
- Flags are allowed if carried, but flags on poles are not
- Glass containers
- Military equipment
- Pets
- Masks and costumes that are not form fitting
- Rolling bags and other luggage
- Wheeled conveyances (including strollers)

Event Alert Systems

Event Alert System signs will be located at the start line, along the course at the aid stations and in the finish area. The signs will communicate the alert level, based primarily on weather conditions, ranging from:

LOW (green)	MODERATE (yellow)	HIGH (red)	CANCELLED (black)

Medical Support

Medical staff are located at the start, along the course and at the finish.

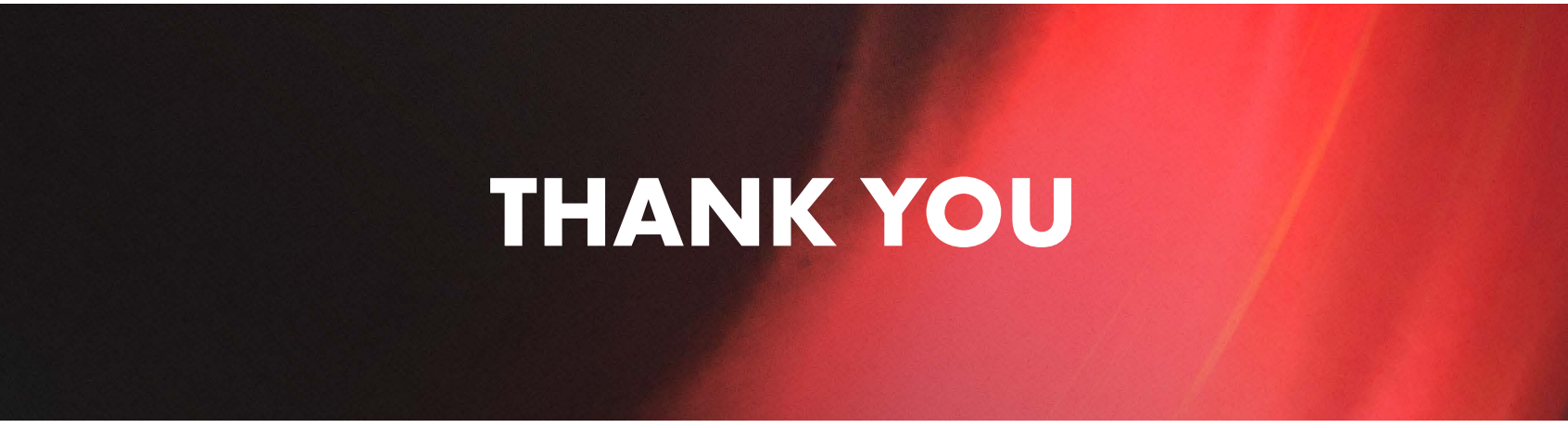
All medical tents can be identified by tall, red feather banners with a medical cross, and are equipped with a team of medical professionals, ambulances, emergency and first aid supplies. Please complete the emergency contact information on the back of your race number.

It is important you wear your race number and not someone else's number. Should an emergency occur, event organizers need to be able to contact someone for you.

NORTHSIDE HOSPITAL PEACHTREE JUNIOR

For the second year in a row, the Northside Hospital Peachtree Junior will take place at Lenox Square, the same location as the Peachtree Health & Fitness Expo presented by Publix and the starting line of the world's largest 10K!

Do you have a child that is running the Northside Hospital Peachtree Junior? You can access the participant instructions here.



Salute To Our Volunteers

The 2026 Northside Hospital Peachtree Road Race requires the time and talents of **more than 4,000 volunteers.** More than 175 of the volunteers are Crew Chiefs, volunteers who take the lead and manage all our different volunteer functions. Volunteer work begins well before race day with planning meetings, packing and sorting in our warehouse, the Peachtree Health & Fitness Expo presented by Publix and set up in the park.

Please take a moment and thank our volunteers throughout the race week! You can also tell us how great our volunteers are through the post-race participant survey. Your feedback and "thank you's" really matter!

Start your Peachtree by giving back. Volunteer opportunities are still available at the Expo, Peachtree Junior and the Start Line.

Event Partners & Sponsors

A special thank you to the 175 crew chiefs and more than 4,000 volunteers.
Without your support, this Fourth of July tradition would not be possible.

Thank You To Our Partners

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The many organizations, businesses, churches and residents of Buckhead and Midtown.

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