



## **RUN WITH THE WILD 5K/10K 2025 Information Packet**

### **Event Site Location**

*Mark O. Hatfield West Trailhead (45.70369, -121.48685)*

As noted - there has been a location change from the previously advertised Waterfront location. Event will be taking place at the Mark O. Hatfield West Trailhead in Hood River, OR - the same location as previous years! We love this location - and know you will, too!

### **Parking**

There is *extremely* limited parking at the event site (under 30 spots in a day-use fee lot) - *and* it's open to the public. For this reason, please plan to park at the Hood River DMV (600 E. Marina Dr., Hood River, OR 97031). This is 6min north of the event site. Please use the free shuttle bus service that shuttles between the DMV and Mark O. Hatfield West Trailhead (Event Site) between 8am and 12pm. *Just park and look for the large buses with the "Explore The Gorge" logo on the side!*

### **Free Shuttle Service**

Explore The Gorge has graciously donated free shuttle services that will pick up from the DMV lot starting at 8am. Last shuttles will wrap up with the event ending at 12pm. Leashed, well-behaved dogs are allowed on the shuttle bus.

### **Coat Check**

We are offering a free coat check service on-site this year, so you can bring your layers! Making purchases at the event? No problem! We'll hold them for you at coat check while you run.

### **Map**



For reference, **yellow star** is the official overflow lot where the shuttle service picks up participants (DMV lot).

**Orange star** is the park-and-ride lot which is the only other stop the shuttle makes to pick up participants (also where i recommend volunteers park & carpool)

**Red star** is the event site.



## Route

The route is along the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail, which offers stunning views of the Columbia River from above! The path is a wide, paved, gradual graded trail. It will remain open to the public, and bikes are allowed on the trail - so please be mindful of others' space. This is an out-and-back course.

## Can I walk?

Yes! We kindly ask that walkers stay towards the back when lining up at the starting line, to allow for runners to lead the way. Our event ends at 12pm, so keep that in mind.

## Kids

Kids 12 and under run at no cost! Just make sure to register them on our registration site, so we get a proper headcount and waiver signatures.

## Schedule

Early Packet Pick-up  
available @ Shortt Supply  
APRIL 11: 4pm - 7pm

# 2025 SCHEDULE

APRIL 12, 2025

Park @ DMV to catch FREE SHUTTLE



**8:00 - 9:55 Check-in OPEN**

- Lawn Games
- Music
- Refreshments
- Sponsor Tents
- Kids Bib Design Station (coloring, stickers, etc!)
- Silent Auction
- Meet Smokey Bear
- Photos by Amanda Gehrich
- Interactive Fire Truck Station
- Raffle
- Facepainting

**9:35 - 9:45 Guided Yoga Warm Up**  
lead by local instructor: Lexi Stickel (Wild Bloom Yoga)

**9:45 Announcements**

- Live Auction
- Top Fundraisers Awarded
- Raffle & Silent Auctions close @ 9:59am.

Last chance to enjoy the above festivities!

**10:00 5K & 10K begins**

When you cross finish line, check the board to see if you've won prizes!  
Enjoy a beverage at the Beer Tent! Mingle & Cheer!  
Grab freebies & goodie bag!

**12:00 Shuttle closes down & event wraps up**

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## **Dogs**

Dogs are allowed. Dogs must be kept on leash no longer than 6'. We will have doggie water stations at the event site and along the route - along with poo drop off stations. We will have dog goodie bags with freebies for pups courtesy of Dog River Pet Supplies!

## **Strollers & Wheelchairs**

The trail is ADA accessible. It's a wide paved trail.

## **Same day Registration**

We do allow same day registration, however, we *strongly encourage* signing up ahead of time. We plan supplies according to sign ups - so signing up early allows us to know how many supplies to purchase.

## **Early Packet Pickup**

Early packet pick-up will be available at Shortt Supply in downtown Hood River (116 Oak St., Hood River, OR 97031) from 4pm-7pm on Friday, April 11th. *If picking up your packet early, please be sure to still stop by the check-in table on event morning!*

## **Toilets**

We will have port-a-potties graciously donated by Columbia River Affordable Portables. These are located at the event site. We do not have toilets along the route.

## **Aid Stations**

We will have one aid station located just shy of the 10k turnaround spot. We will have bottled water, garbage receptacles, and electrolyte packets courtesy of sponsors like Nuun, LMNT and Liquid IV. We will also have a dog water station located here.

## **Timekeeping**

This is a pull-tab timing event. Bibs have two pull-tabs, one for a free beverage, and one with a spindle hole that is for timekeeping purposes. When crossing the finish line, be sure to pull the pull tab off your bib with the spindle hole for the timekeeper. Times will be posted and available electronically shortly after crossing the finish line.

## **Beer Tent**

All participants receive a free beer. Just pull the "free beverage" pull tab off your bib and hand it over for a free beverage at the **Working Hands** beer tent!

## **Non-Alcoholic Beverages**

We will also have a variety of non-alcoholic beverages on-site that do not require a "free beverage" pull tab, but are free courtesy of sponsors like GORGIE (energy drinks) and Best Day (non-alcoholic beer)! Stop by our refreshment table for other warm beverages such as hot chocolate, tea and coffee - amongst other tasty treats!



### **Bystanders**

We encourage a crowd! Bring your friends to cheer you on. We will have noise makers for the kiddos.

### **Payment Methods**

We accept cash, check and credit card. As a reminder, 100% of proceeds for registration, event merchandise and apparel, raffle tickets and auction purchases ALL go directly to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation!

### **Can I Fundraise More?**

Yes! After you register on our registration site, you will receive an email to set up your PledgeReg website. This is simple and takes minutes to customize. You can then share your customized PledgeReg website with friends and family to raise money for the Wildland Firefighter Foundation! It's similar to the concept of a GoFundMe. Keep sharing your personalized link - the top fundraiser gets a plaque on event day! The top fundraising team also gets a plaque! The best part is that you can participate in this from anywhere in the country. Sign up for a virtual 5K/10K category on our registration website and you will get the opportunity to create a PledgeReg account! If you win the Top Fundraiser placement by event day, your plaque will be mailed.

### **Can I Sponsor The Event?**

Yes! Visit our sponsorship section on our website: [www.runwiththewild.com/sponsors](http://www.runwiththewild.com/sponsors), or send us an email: [runwiththewildrace@gmail.com](mailto:runwiththewildrace@gmail.com)!

### **Where Can I Learn more?**

You can learn more about the event at [www.runwiththewild.com](http://www.runwiththewild.com) and the registration site: [www.runreg.com/run-with-the-wild](http://www.runreg.com/run-with-the-wild). To learn more about the 501(c)3 nonprofit that our event benefits, visit [www.wffoundation.org](http://www.wffoundation.org)!