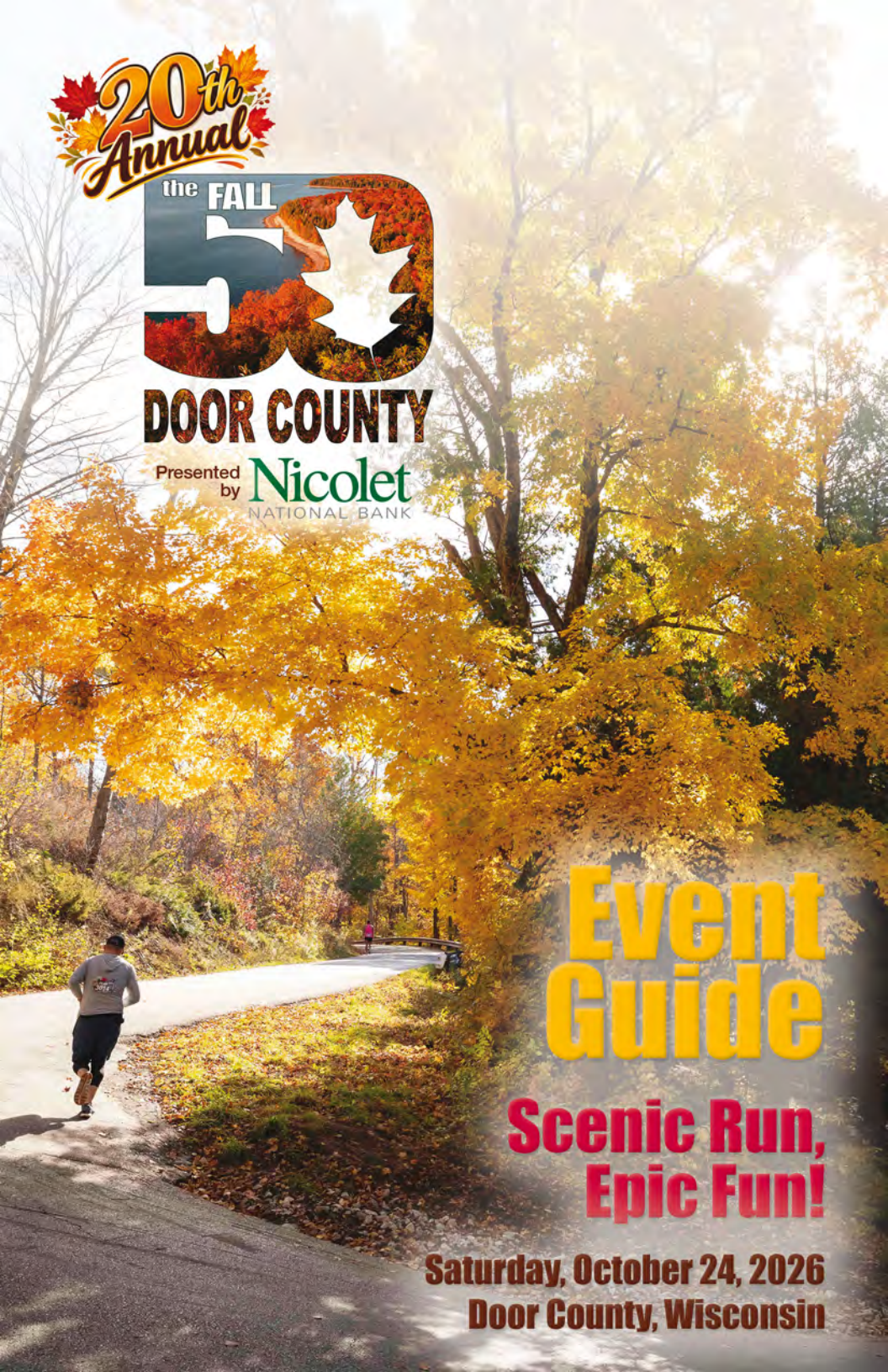

20th Annual
the FALL
50
DOOR COUNTY
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Event Guide
Scenic Run, Epic Fun!
Saturday, October 24, 2026
Door County, Wisconsin

Welcome & Weekend Schedule

This year the Fall 50 turns 20. It began in 2006 with a simple concept: A daylong run from the tip of the peninsula to Sturgeon Bay set against the backdrop of fall colors for teams of 2-5 people or, for the truly bold, as solo runners. The post-race party took place inside the bar at Stone Harbor Resort because we didn't have a tent at the finish line. We offered locally donated beer and wine along with pizza to satisfy the hungry crowd. That first year drew only 35 teams and 25 solo runners. But everyone loved the course and the post-race party, so we knew it would grow. Look how far we've come! This year the event reached it's 500-team capacity in just six days and the solo ultramarathon has a record crowd of more than 230 people. Thank you for being here to celebrate with us. We look forward to seeing all of you at the finish line!

—Sean Ryan, Race Director

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

2-7 pm	Registration (Solo Runners only) & Packet Pickup Stone Harbor Resort (Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th

4:45 am	Solo Runner Shuttle Departs Sunset Park
5:00 am	Solo Runner Shuttle departs from in front of Stone Harbor Resort
6:00 am	Ongoing Registration and Packet Pick Up for Solo Runners | Shoreline Restaurant in Gills Rock
6:30 am	Wave 1: Solo Runners (Bibs 1-300)
7:30 am	Wave 2: Pairs & Team Relay (Bibs 1001-1200)
8:20 am	Wave 3: Pairs & Team Relay (Bibs 2001-2200)
9:10 am	Wave 4: Pairs & Team Relay (Bibs 3001-3200)
10:00 am	Wave 5: Pairs & Team Relay (Bibs 4001-4200)
3:00 pm	Post-Race Party Begins – Sunset Park in Sturgeon Bay
6:30 pm	Finish Line closes
6:45 pm	Awards Ceremony – Sunset Park
8 pm	Party Ends (and continues in the local bars)

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

COURSE PROBLEMS? Call Brian Fitzgerald at (920) 421-1518.
FATIGUED RUNNER PICKUP Call Jason at (920) 495-4303.
MEDICAL EMERGENCY? Call 911.

Information & Rules of the Road

Be aware of the presence of motor vehicles on the course.
THE COURSE IS NOT CLOSED TO MOTOR VEHICLES.

DIRECTIONS TO THE START LINE: From Sturgeon Bay, drive north on Hwy. 42/57. Where it splits, continue north on Hwy. 42 until you arrive at Gills Rock (estimated drive = 1 hour). Watch for the Shoreline Restaurant and the parking attendants in yellow vests.

GEAR CHECK is available for solo runners at Stone Harbor Resort on Friday and at the start line on Saturday morning. Use the red numbered bins to have items delivered to each exchange. You may use the free drawstring bags we supply by writing your number and/or bib number on the outside or your own bags. At the rest stations, the gear will be set out on tables. ***IMPORTANT: To expedite the return of your gear to Sunset Park, place your gear bag back in the bin when you're done.*** Gear bags will be delivered to the Solo Runner Tent near the finish line throughout the afternoon.

BIBS: Participants should wear both their front and back bibs. This will allow runners to identify the wave assignment of other participants. See wave assignments for each bib sequence under Weekend Schedule on the previous page.

TIMING TAGS: For race timing purposes, all participants will have a MyLaps bib tag corresponding to their team number on their front bib. Please note that there are NO INTERMEDIARY TIMING MATS to provide split times on the course. Only the first runner (start line) and the last runner (finish line) will be recorded going over the mats. TEAMS MAY ONLY CROSS OVER THE FINISH LINE TIMING MAT WITH THEIR OWN TEAM AND BEHIND THEIR FINAL RUNNER. The red Fall 50 hand-off bands should be used by relay teams during the event simply to verify hand-offs.

MEDICAL PERSONNEL will be roaming the entire course with official Fall 50 vehicle logos on the side and will be located at all rest stations and the finish line.

MOST IMPORTANT RULE: Solo runners and relay teams must run the entire 50 miles to be eligible for awards. If a runner is unable to complete a leg, another member of the team must take over where the runner left off and complete the leg.

ASSISTANCE. Between RELAY runners, assistance in the form of cheering, provision of beverages, or provision of food on the course and at the rest stations (aka exchange points) IS PERMISSIBLE. The only assistance that is not permitted is physical transportation. In the SOLO event, participants may only accept food or beverage at the designated rest stations (100 feet before to 100 feet after). Within those zones, solo runners may accept food or beverage from staff, volunteers, friends or family. Between rest stations, solo runners may not receive assistance from anybody. **Non-registered friends or family may not run with, walk with, or bike with solo runners between stations. Violation of these rules may result in disqualifications.**

FALL 50 SIGNS are located at every turn and mile marker along the course. Always run on whichever side of the road the course signs are located on. In most cases, you will be running against the motor vehicle traffic along busier stretches of road.

OFFICIAL FALL 50 SUPPORT VEHICLE WINDOW CLINGS should be displayed in the windshield on the driver's side of your vehicle.

DESIGNATED EXCHANGE POINTS must be used for any team hand-offs. For safety reasons, exchanging outside of these points is prohibited. Use the red Fall 50 hand-off bands when you exchange. Only the next runner should be standing in the "waiting area" adjacent to the exchange zone which is designated by the red Fall 50 flags.

ALL NINE EXCHANGE POINTS offer ample parking, volunteers, bathroom facilities, food and drink, and a designated hand off point between two Fall 50 flags.

FOOD & DRINK: Every Exchange Point will offer water, Gatorade, Clif Bars, oranges, bananas, apples and bagels. This food is for participants only.

HALF WAY BUFFET: Exchange 5 at mile 29 in Juddville (formerly Villagio's Italian Restaurant) will offer the Half Way Buffet with hot soup, sandwiches and heavy snacks in addition to the fruit and Clif Bars. This food is for participants only.

FINISH LINE will close at 6:30 pm (sunset). As explained during registration, finish times WILL NOT BE RECORDED after this time.

THE POST RACE PARTY will take place under giant tents in Sunset Park. A DJ will play music and announce finishers. There will be free food and beverage inside the tent including pizza, breadsticks, beer, wine and soda. Admission into the tent is free to participants and volunteers. Be sure to have the ticket on your bib when you first enter the tent. The COVER CHARGE for non-participants (regardless of whether you are eating and drinking) is $25 for adults; $15 for children ages 7-17; children ages 6 & under are free.

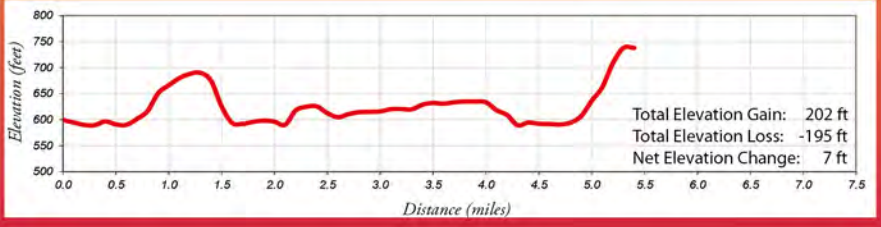
Leg 1 – 5.4 Miles

Cumulative Distance
5.4 miles



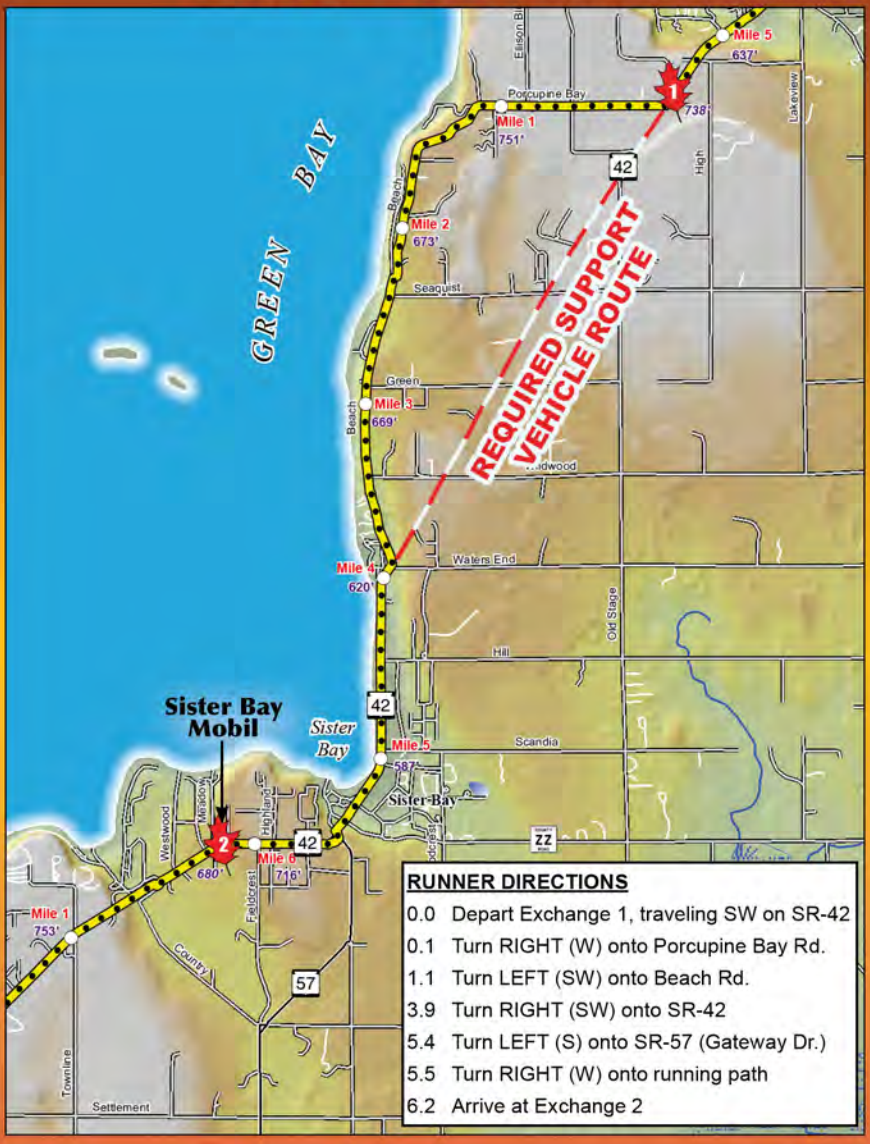
RUNNER DIRECTIONS

0.0	Depart Start, traveling south on SR-42
0.3	Turn RIGHT (SW) onto Cottage Rd.
0.6	Stay LEFT (SW) on Cottage Rd.
1.4	Turn RIGHT (W) on Blackberry Rd.
1.5	Turn LEFT (W) onto Garrett Bay Rd.
4.4	Turn RIGHT (SW) on SR-42
5.4	Arrive at Exchange 1



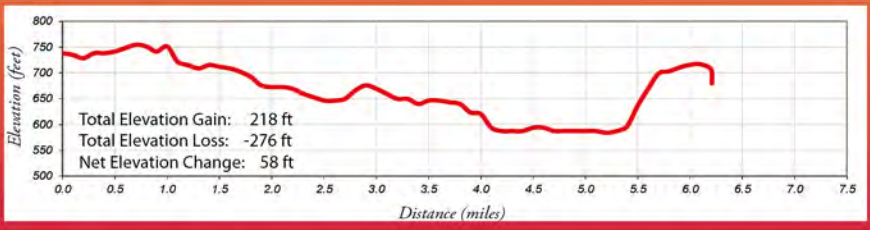
Leg 2 – 6.2 Miles

Cumulative Distance
11.6 miles



RUNNER DIRECTIONS

0.0	Depart Exchange 1, traveling SW on SR-42
0.1	Turn RIGHT (W) onto Porcupine Bay Rd.
1.1	Turn LEFT (SW) onto Beach Rd.
3.9	Turn RIGHT (SW) onto SR-42
5.4	Turn LEFT (S) onto SR-57 (Gateway Dr.)
5.5	Turn RIGHT (W) onto running path
6.2	Arrive at Exchange 2



Leg 3 – 7.2 Miles

Cumulative Distance
18.8 miles

VEHICLE PASSES REQUIRED IN PENINSULA PARK
All vehicles that pass through Peninsula Park must have an annual, one-day or one-hour pass. Every relay team receives one free pass inside of their packet. TEAMS WITH MORE THAN ONE VEHICLE AND SOLO RUNNER SUPPORT VEHICLES MUST PURCHASE THEIR OWN.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION: NO PETS ALLOWED OUTSIDE OF VEHICLES IN THE NICOLET BAY EXCHANGE AREA! Support vehicles are prohibited from hindering other motor vehicle traffic by driving slowly alongside their runner while passing through Peninsula Park. This is dangerous and shows no courtesy to other participants or park visitors. Park rangers will be roaming Shore Road looking for bib numbers of those who violate this policy. Violators will be disqualified without appeal and may be banned from future participation.

RUNNER DIRECTIONS

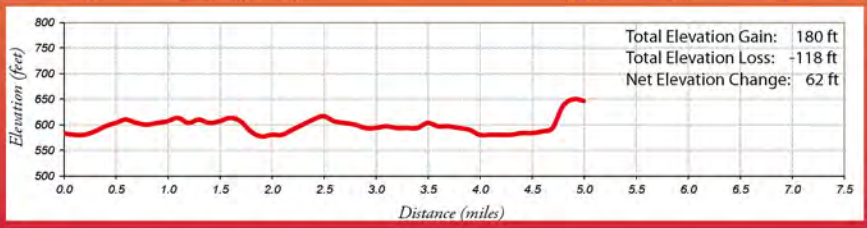
0.0	Depart Exchange 2, traveling west on running path.
0.5	Turn LEFT (SW) onto SR-42 (Water St.)
4.4	Turn RIGHT (NW) onto Shore Rd.
7.2	Arrive at Exchange 3



Leg 4 – 5.1 Miles

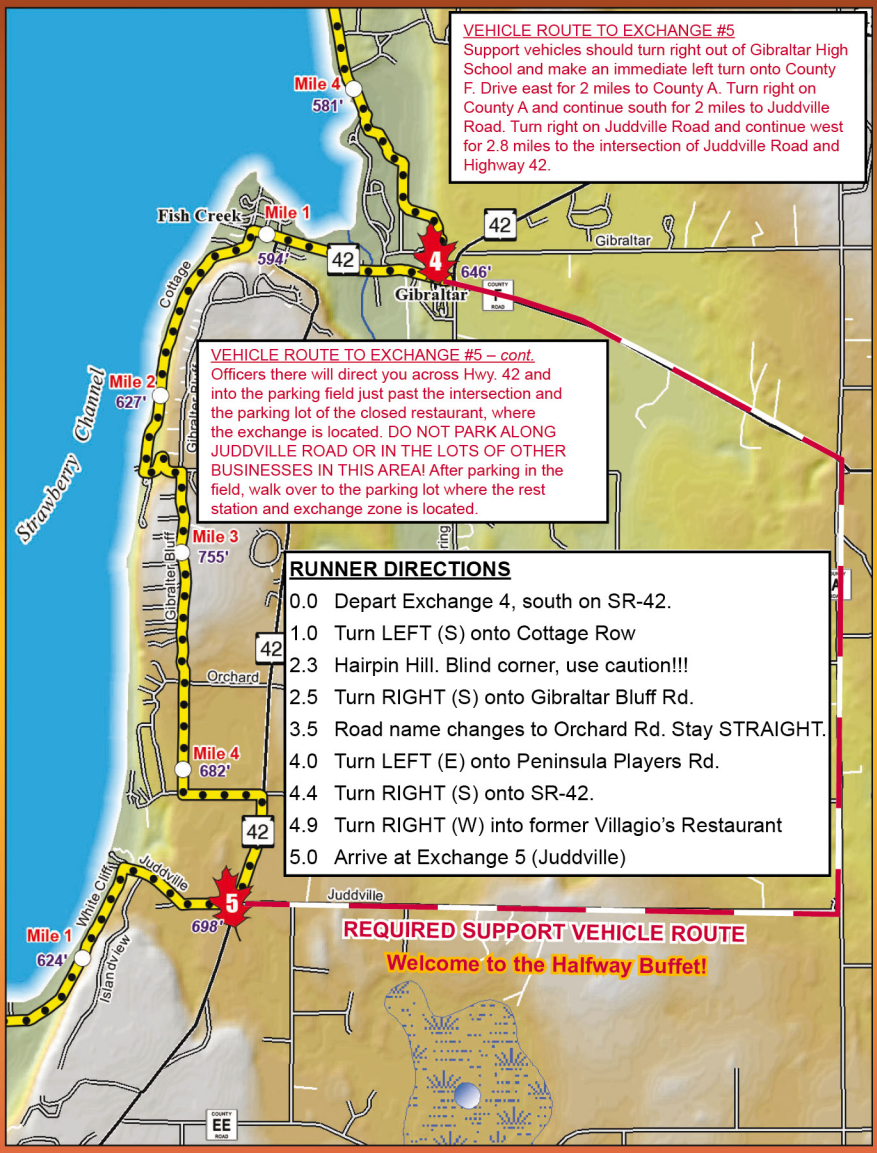
Cumulative Distance
23.9 miles

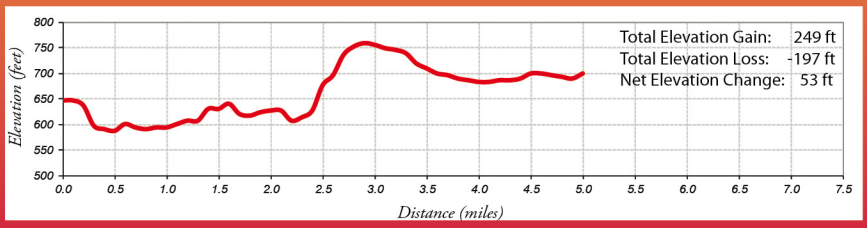




Leg 5 – 5.0 Miles

Cumulative Distance
28.9 miles





Leg 6 – 3.8 Miles

Cumulative Distance
32.7 miles

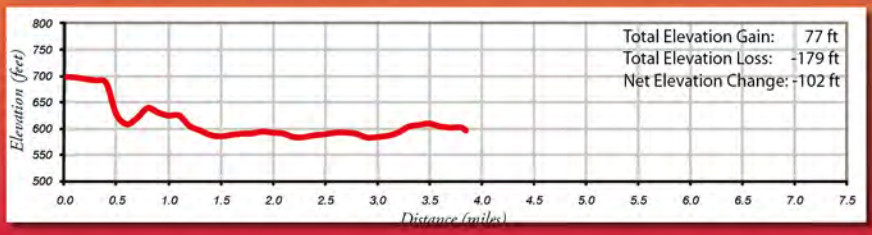


VEHICLE ROUTE TO EXCHANGE #6

Vehicles cannot follow the runner route for leg 6 since the north entrance to the Egg Harbor Dock is limited to pedestrian access only. Instead, depart Exchange #5 (Juddville) and travel along Hwy. 42 into Egg Harbor. Once in Egg Harbor, you may turn right on County G, then right onto Dock Road and look for parking in the dock area. Be wary of runners coming up the hill! If this area appears congested with team vehicles, consider parking in the parallel spaces along the highway near Shipwrecked or behind the Main Street Market just past Shipwrecked on the left side of Hwy. 42.

RUNNER DIRECTIONS

0.0	Depart Exchange 5, traveling west on Juddville Rd
0.5	Turn LEFT (SW) onto White Cliff Rd.
2.6	Stay RIGHT (W) on White Cliff Rd.
3.7	Stay LEFT (S) to veer onto Dock Rd.
3.8	Arrive at Exchange 6



Leg 7 – 4.1 Miles

Cumulative Distance
36.8 miles

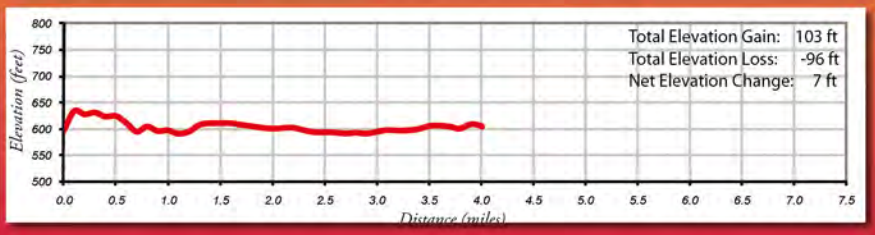


VEHICLE ROUTE TO EXCHANGE #7

At Exchange #7 (Murphy Park), support vehicles must park in the fields on the east (left) side of the road. The north gate will be open and manned by parking attendants. You must do exactly what they say since they are armed and dangerous. You should enter this gate and drive to the far south end of the field to park. Parking volunteers in yellow vests with orange flags will direct you where to park. After parking, you should walk across the road into Murphy Park where the exchange is located.

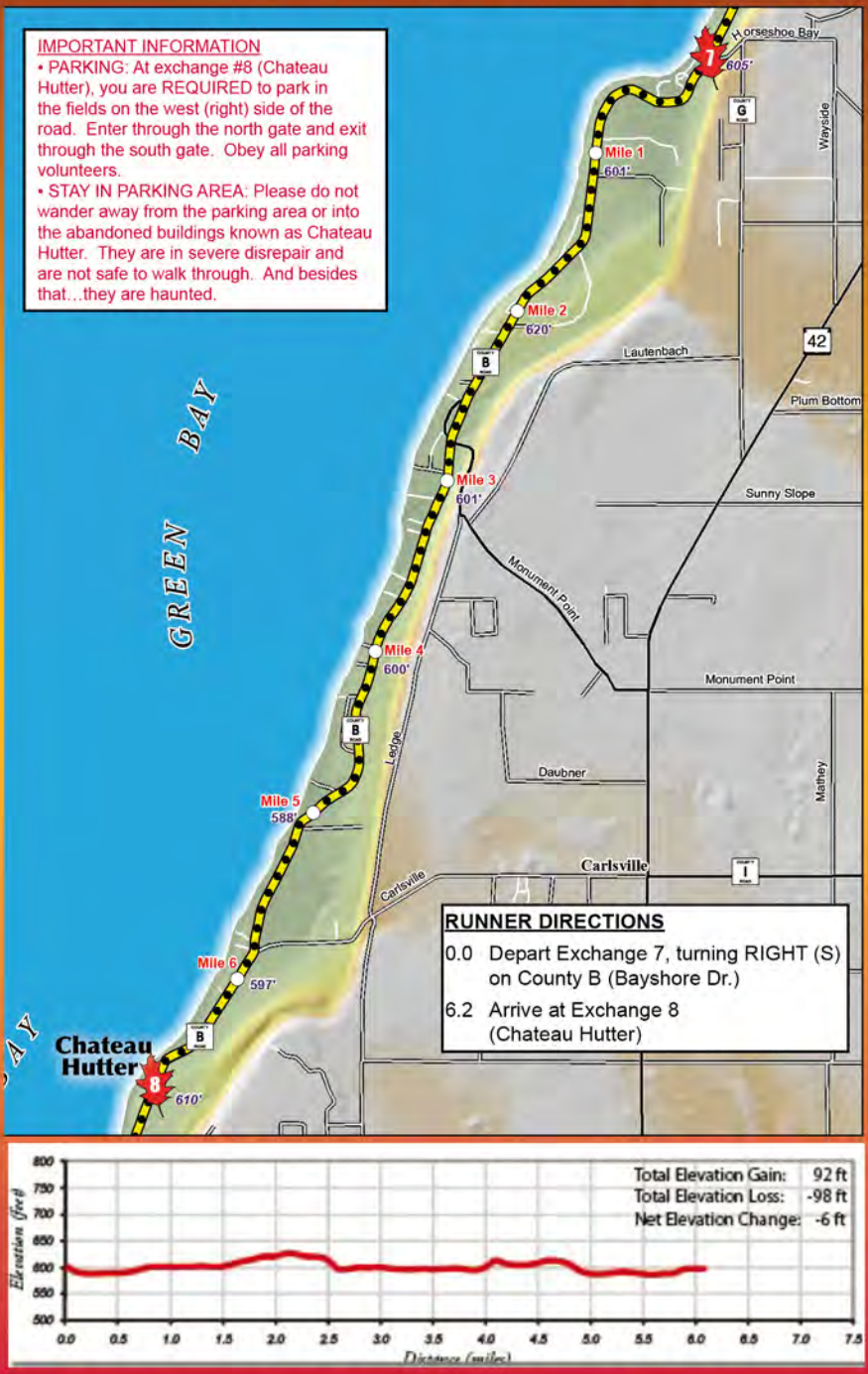
RUNNER DIRECTIONS

0.0	Depart Exchange 6, traveling south on Dock Rd.
0.1	Turn RIGHT (S) onto Horseshoe Bay Rd.
0.5	Stay LEFT (W) on Horeshoe Bay Dr.
4.1	Arrive at Exchange 7



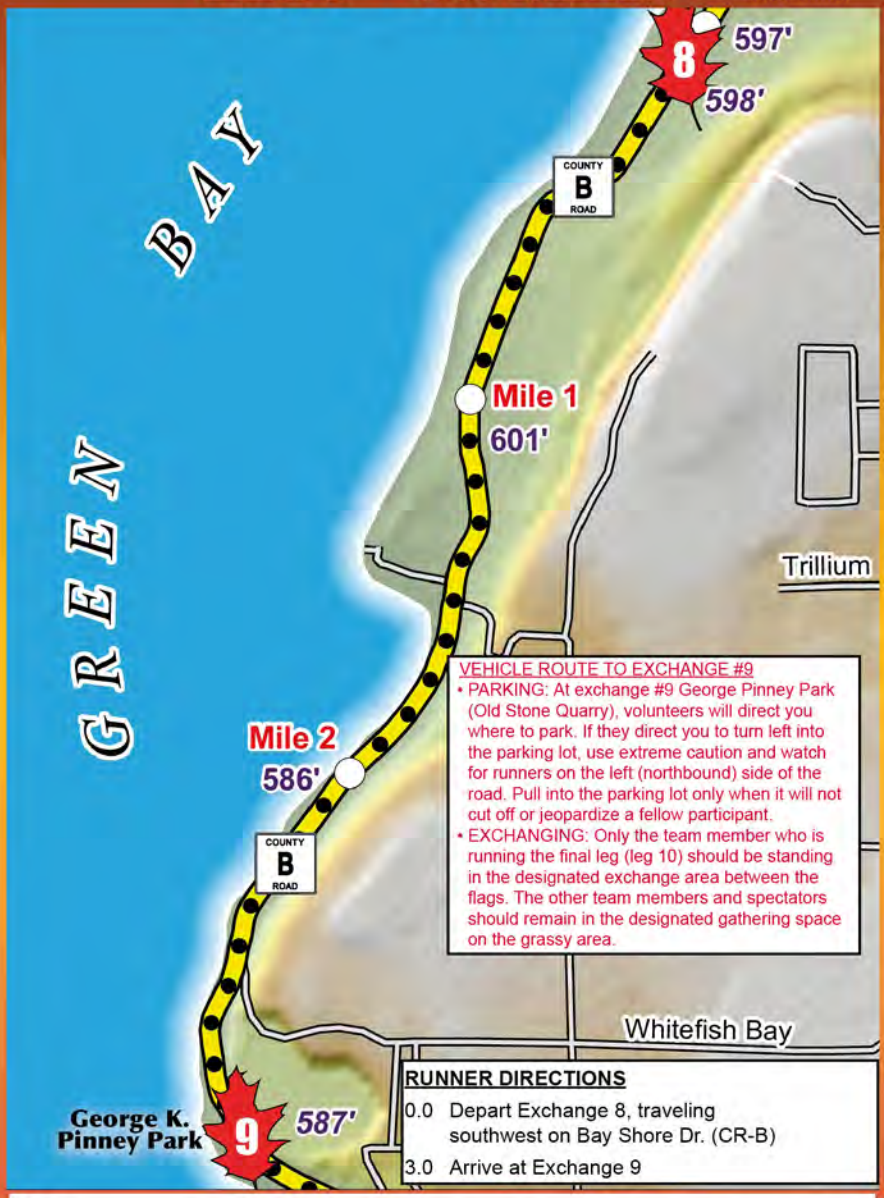
Leg 8 – 6.2 Miles

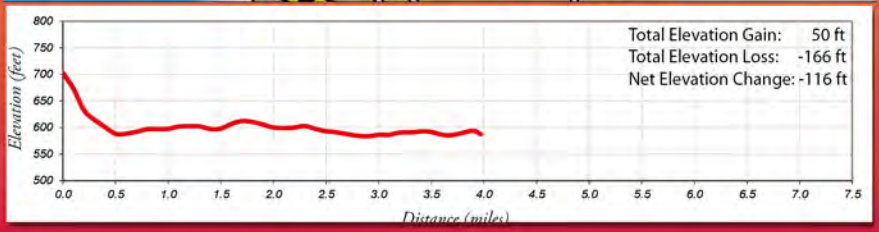
Cumulative Distance
43.0 miles



Leg 9 – 3.0 Miles

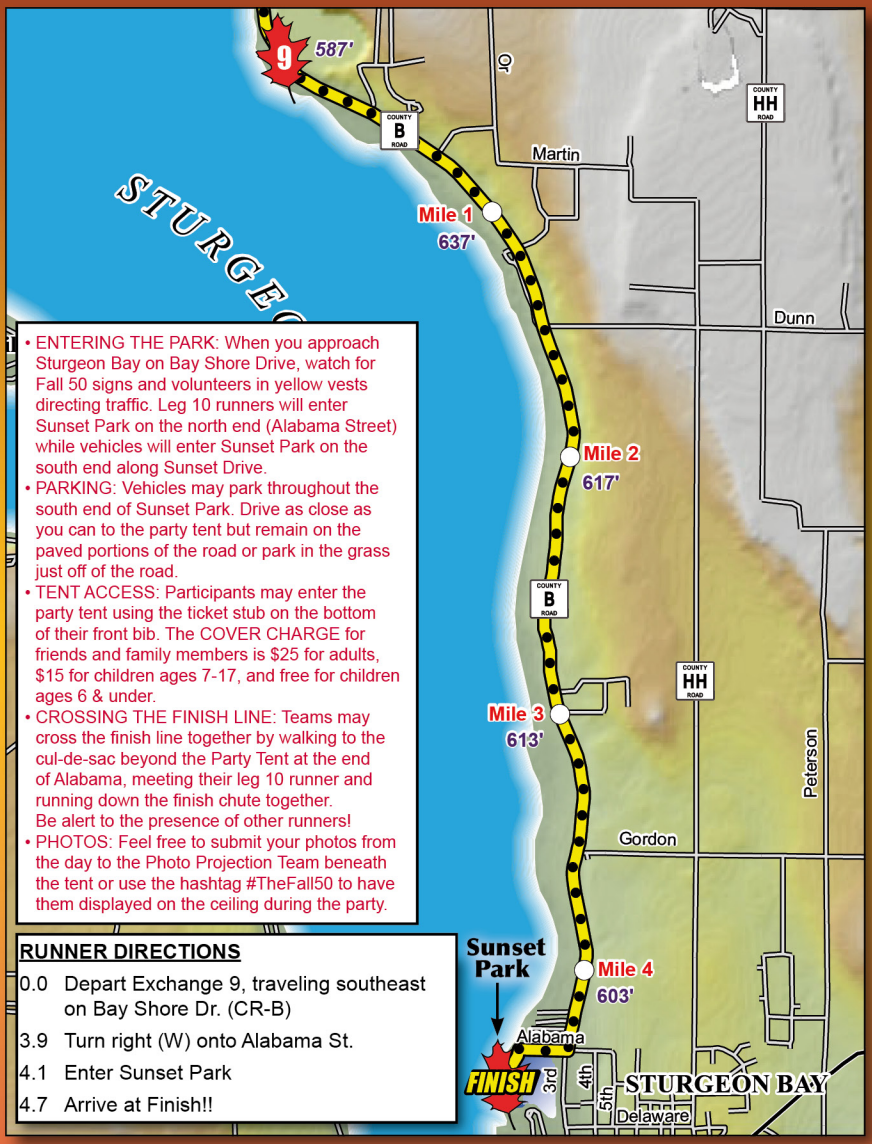
Cumulative Distance
46.0 miles





Leg 10 – 4.7 Miles

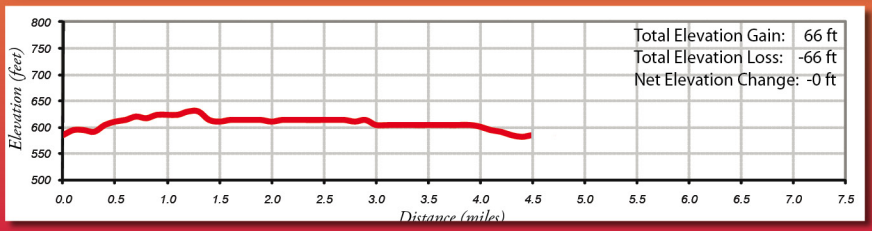
Cumulative Distance
50.7 miles



- ENTERING THE PARK: When you approach Sturgeon Bay on Bay Shore Drive, watch for Fall 50 signs and volunteers in yellow vests directing traffic. Leg 10 runners will enter Sunset Park on the north end (Alabama Street) while vehicles will enter Sunset Park on the south end along Sunset Drive.
- PARKING: Vehicles may park throughout the south end of Sunset Park. Drive as close as you can to the party tent but remain on the paved portions of the road or park in the grass just off of the road.
- TENT ACCESS: Participants may enter the party tent using the ticket stub on the bottom of their front bib. The COVER CHARGE for friends and family members is $25 for adults, $15 for children ages 7-17, and free for children ages 6 & under.
- CROSSING THE FINISH LINE: Teams may cross the finish line together by walking to the cul-de-sac beyond the Party Tent at the end of Alabama, meeting their leg 10 runner and running down the finish chute together. Be alert to the presence of other runners!
- PHOTOS: Feel free to submit your photos from the day to the Photo Projection Team beneath the tent or use the hashtag #TheFall50 to have them displayed on the ceiling during the party.

RUNNER DIRECTIONS

0.0	Depart Exchange 9, traveling southeast on Bay Shore Dr. (CR-B)
3.9	Turn right (W) onto Alabama St.
4.1	Enter Sunset Park
4.7	Arrive at Finish!!



Divisions & Awards

DIVISION / SUBDIVISIONS AWARD DEPTH

SOLO DIVISION AWARDS

Open (Age 39 & Under) Male and Female – 5 deep
Masters (Age 40 & Over) Male and Female – 5 deep

PAIRS RELAY (2 RUNNERS) AWARDS

Open (One or Both Age 39 & Under) Male – 1 deep
Open (One or Both Age 39 & Under) Female – 1 deep
Open (One or Both Age 39 & Under) Mixed – 1 deep
Masters (Both Age 40 & Over) Male – 1 deep
Masters (Both Age 40 & Over) Female – 1 deep
Masters (Both Age 40 & Over) Mixed – 1 deep

TEAM RELAY (3-5 RUNNERS) AWARDS

Open (At Least One Age 39 & Under) Male – 3 deep
Open (At Least One Age 39 & Under) Female – 3 deep
Open (At Least One Age 39 & Under) Mixed – 3 deep
Masters (ALL Age 40 & Over) Male – 3 deep
Masters (ALL Age 40 & Over) Female – 3 deep
Masters (ALL Age 40 & Over) Mixed – 3 deep

BEST TEAM NAME AND BEST COSTUMES COMPETITIONS

Each year we award magnum champagne bottles to the top three teams judged to have the “Best Team Name” and the top three teams judged to have the “Best Team Costumes” at the post-race party. The Best Team Name awards are based on online voting by race staff and volunteers (no participant voting allowed for obvious reasons). The Best Team Costume awards are selected by a panel of judges who float around the post-race party on Saturday afternoon. The panel, which consists of both men and women, uses ballots to tabulate the top vote-getters. The best team name and best team costume awards are announced after the awards for being fast.



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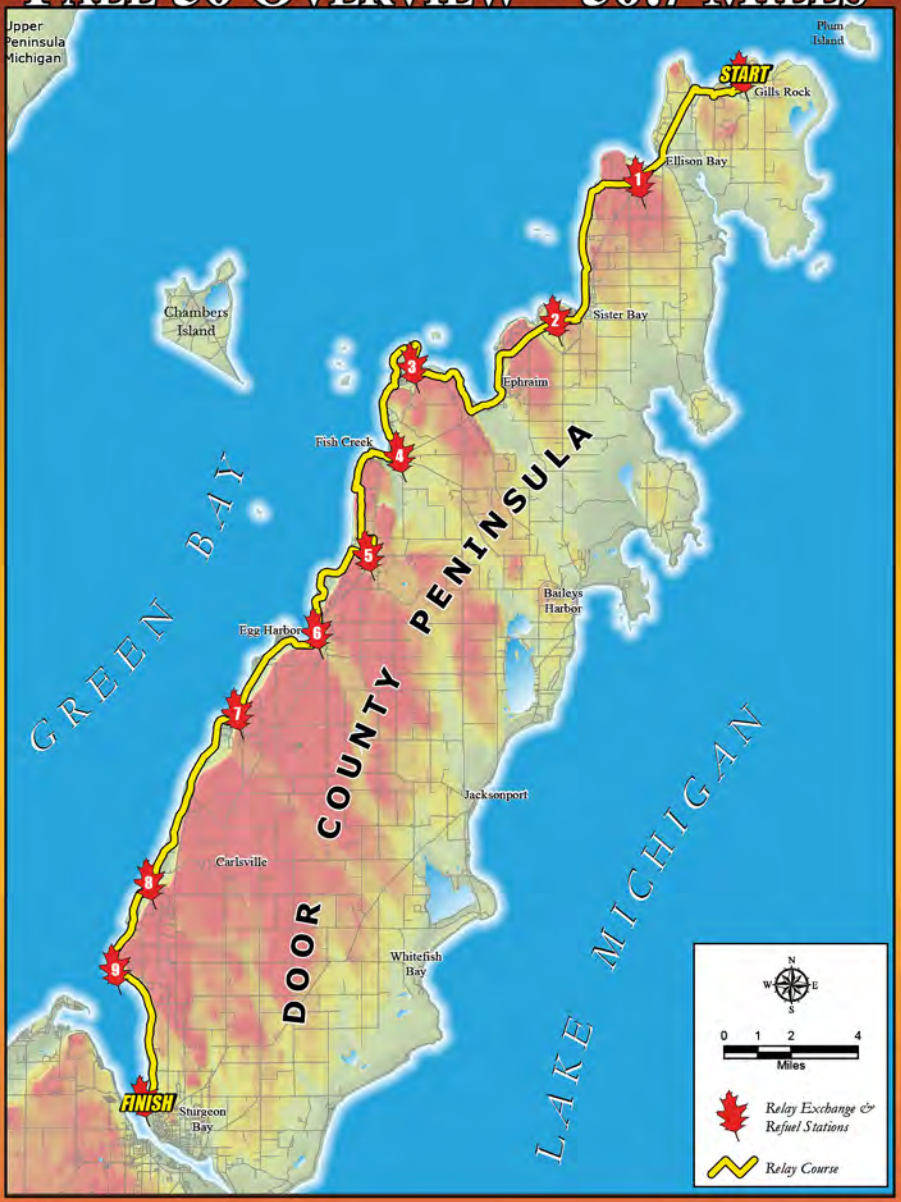
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Fall 50 Overview – 50.7 Miles





See You Next Year on October 23, 2027!