



2026 Silver Springs Athlete Guide

Race Venue: Silver Springs State Park- 5656 E Silver Springs Blvd, Silver Springs, FL

Race Parking: Parking for the event will be located in the main parking lot of the Silver Springs State Park.

Packet Pickup: Packet pickup will be available on Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 3:00-5:30 PM and on race morning from 6:30- 7:20 AM in the parking lot kiosk under the main park entrance sign.

Start Line: The start line area is located inside the park at the end of the Ross Allen Boardwalk. Once you walk through the famous arch and pass the ticket booth, you will see the boardwalk to your right. Follow the boardwalk to the trail, and you will see the start line. The walk to this area is approximately an 8 to 10 minute walk.

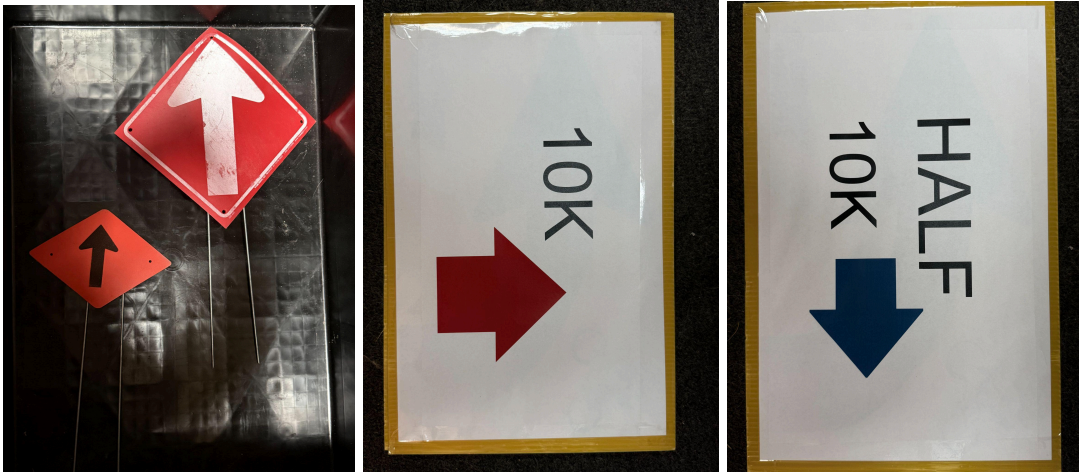
Race Number: Your race bib will be given to you at packet pickup. Your race number must be visible on the front at all times.

Run Course: This is a true Florida trail experience. The trails are mostly packed dirt trails with sandy patches, with occasional roots and uneven spots. It is mostly flat with a few small, gentle rollers here and there.

Course Markings: The HALF MARATHON course will be marked with **YELLOW** trail arrows. You will also see larger white signs with **BLUE** arrows:



The 10K course will be marked with **RED** trail arrows. You will also see larger white signs with red and **BLUE** directional arrows:



The 5K course will be marked with large white signs with red directional arrows.



The HALF MARATHON will also be marked with brightly colored **YELLOW** route arrows on the ground (through the campground parking lot) and **YELLOW** flags (through the playground area). **Pay attention to this area closely!!**

Course Maps: All course maps are available for download online at <https://sommersportsevents.com/Resources/Maps-Downloads>. GPX files are also available for download for your devices.

Aid Stations: This is a CUPLESS race! You must bring your own water bottle or hydration vest with you to the race. We will have water and Gatorade on the course for refilling- but NO cups!

Half Marathon Aid Station Mile Markers:

2, 3.5, 5, 7.5, 9.5, & 11 (Station at mile 3.5/5 will be unstaffed)

10K Aid Station Mile Markers:

1.5, 3.2, 4, & 4.7

5K Aid Station Mile Markers:

1 & 2

Each station will have water, Gatorade, and basic first aid supplies.

Campgrounds: There are campers in the area who may need to use the service roads to access their campsites during the event. Please stay to the right and exercise caution when running on the marked service roads.

Restrooms: There are no restrooms available on the 5K or 10K course. On the Half Marathon course, there is one porta-potty located on the River Loop between miles 6 and 7. There is also a bathroom building next to the playground area by the Swamp Trail when you get to the campground parking lot before mile 8.

Litter: Please respect the environment by helping keep the trails clean! Do not discard your product wrappers along the course. All trash must be discarded at the designated aid stations or trash receptacles.

Wildlife: Silver Springs State Park is home to a variety of native Florida wildlife. While encounters are uncommon, participants may see animals such as deer, wild hogs, snakes, or other small wildlife along the course. For your safety, please remain alert, stay on marked trails, and do not approach or feed any animals. If you encounter wildlife, give it space and calmly continue along the course.