

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!
SHUTTLE AND CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS ARE IMPORTANT



Runway 5K Racer Instructions

What you need to know before arriving for the race - read carefully!

1. PACKET PICK UP FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 from 4-6pm

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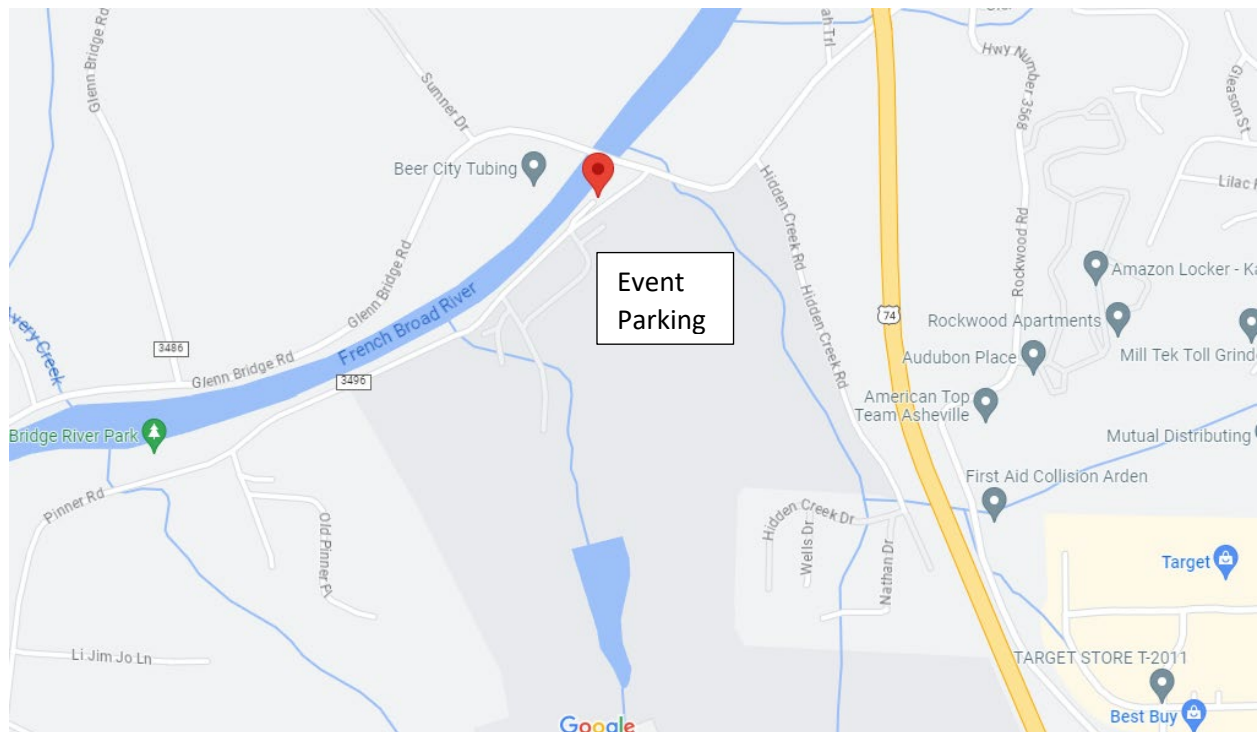
It is strongly recommended that you pick up your race packet at this time, as access to the race site is via shuttle only, and timing could be tight the day of the race. You may pick up a packet for someone else if that person has signed the waiver. You will be asked the person's date of birth and to sign for the packet.

2. RACE DAY – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 – ARRIVE EARLY! NO JOKE. WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS THE EVENT!

Race time is 10AM – but it will take significant time to shuttle all 1,000 participants and their family members to the event site! Event site opens at 7:30am (first shuttle leaves parking area at 7:30 am, and the LAST shuttle before the race leaves at 9:40 AM, and racers will be given priority closer to race time. Each shuttle seats 44 people, so we can't accommodate everyone if you all arrive later). PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE – PLAN AMPLE TIME TO SHUTTLE TO THE EVENT. Race check-in tent opens at 7:40am. (We've got you covered for the time before the race – music, plane spotting, snack concessions – smoothies, coffee, donuts & fun start at 8:00 am.)

3. PARKING – IMPORTANT! DIFFERENT LOCATION THIS YEAR!

9 Pinner Road, Arden, NC 28704 (use this address in your GPS – this will take you to Corcoran Ridge River Park – the airport event parking is directly across the street from the park). Watch for AIRPORT EVENT signs for entrance to parking on Pinner Road – near the north end of the AVL runway. This is airport property, fenced – we will have traffic officers pointing the way.



From Asheville:

Take I-26 East to Exit 37. Head right on ramp for NC-146 toward Skyland. Keep right, toward Brevard. Turn left onto Ledbetter Road. In 1.7 miles, turn left onto Glenn Bridge Road SE, then in 1 mile, left on Glen Bridge Road. In half a mile, turn right onto Pinner Road. Watch for event signs.

From Hendersonville:

Take I-26 West to Exit 40. Make a right turn off of ramp on to Airport Road, 280. Turn left onto Rockwood Road (at the first light/McDonald's intersection). In 1.2 miles, turn left onto Glenn Bridge Road, then in 0.4 miles turn left onto Pinner Road. Watch for event signs.

Shuttle buses will operate between the parking area and the event site, starting at 7:30 am, and ending at approximately 2pm. One ADA accessible bus will be available for those with special needs or strollers.

PLAN AMPLE TIME TO SHUTTLE TO THE EVENT! Racers will be given priority closer to race time, and the last shuttle prior to the race departs at 9:40am.

*All attendees must arrive and depart via shuttle.

4. WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE EVENT SITE

- Race check-in opens at 7:45am
- Bag check tent (drop off bag, pick up by noon – no access to bag available in-between)
- Large tent with DJ
- Three food trucks – smoothies, coffee and donuts (everything credit cards only) - please note: you can bring your own snacks and water, if preferred.
- AB-Tech Aviation and WNC Pilots Association aviation experts
- Star 104.3 FM
- 360 photo booth and other photo opportunities
- Special merchandise for sale
- PLANE SPOTTING! You will be adjacent to Asheville Regional Airport's active runway!

5. BAG CHECK

There will be a bag check station for racers. PLEASE NOTE: once you drop off your bag there will be no re-entry until you pick it up. Please make sure you have everything you need from your bag— you will not be able to access it until after the race. Please pick up your bag by noon.

6. COURSE, WATER, TIMING, AWARDS –

*PLEASE NOTE: You may bring your own non-disposable water bottles with you on the course. There will also be airport team members with water bottles on the course, if you need

one. YOU MUST DISPOSE OF WATER BOTTLES IN THE PROVIDED BINS. We cannot have debris on the racecourse that could blow over onto the airfield. There will also be water and granola bars at the finish for all racers.

AWARDS CEREMONY will take place at approximately 11:15 AM. No awards will be mailed.

(Food trucks will be open until approximately noon, so racers can buy snacks/drinks after the race, if desired.)

7. RACE SHIRTS

Those who registered by the t-shirt cutoff will receive the shirt/size they ordered at race pick-up.

Those who registered after the cutoff may receive shirts at packet pick-up, while sizes and supplies last.

T-shirt exchange will be available AFTER the race at the event site, for those who want to trade for a different size, if available.

8. RESULTS

Live results will be available during the race.

[SEE RESULTS HERE](#)

9. WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- The event site is a large field. **You may bring a camp chair or blanket** to enjoy the music and plane-spotting. (Watch the weather and plan accordingly.)
- **Water & snacks!** (Or have fun sampling from the local food trucks.)
- **Credit card** – no cash accepted!
- Proceeds benefit local aviation scholarship funds.

10. I'M A WALKER – WILL I HAVE TIME TO FINISH THE COURSE?

We hope everyone will enjoy running and/or walking on the airfield. However, we can't be out there all day! There is a possibility that if you are a walker, and you've walked pretty slowly, very friendly airport folk will use official-looking airport vehicles to create a detour and direct you to turn around if time is running short.

11. IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT, IMPORTANT! NO FEET ON GRASS – OR YOU’LL BE REMOVED FROM THE RACE.

The Runway 5K course is on an airfield, adjacent to an active runway. There are significant safety protocols – and all racers **MUST** remain on the hard surface (the gravel entry road and the paved taxiway). Airport security will be stationed along the course. If a racer is seen walking/running in the grass area adjacent to the taxiway, airport security will have to remove that racer from the event.

PARENTS – please ensure your children understand this rule. Thank you!

12. SORRY – NO PETS. NO BIKES. Strollers are ok.

13. Absolutely no pedestrians or participant vehicles (including bikes) are allowed on the access road to and from the event site.

The Runway 5K is on an active airfield and we must follow very stringent safety and security rules. This means – all participants must ride shuttles to and from the event site. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.