

# Welcome to the Asheville Marathon & Half at Biltmore Estate!

OFFICIAL RACE START 7:30 A.M.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please check the info on your bib and make sure that all of it is correct!
- All Runners and Spectators in your car need to have Biltmore entrance tickets IN HAND. They will be checked 2 times in-route.
- All runners must have entrance tickets and be through the front gate of the estate by 6:30am.
- We encourage carpooling on race morning.
- Spectator tickets are available at the Group Sales Office at 6am on race morning.
- Please familiarize yourself with ALL the race FAQ's on our website at AshevilleMarathon.com
- The CLEAR bags you receive at the Race Expo are your FINISHER BAGS.

**2020 RACE DATES: March 21 & 22**  
Sign up race weekend for incredible savings!

## Awards Ceremonies in Race Hub

**10:30am (approx.) Saturday & Sunday:** Half Marathon Award Ceremony

**11:30am (approx.) Sunday:** Full Marathon Award Ceremony for overall winners

**12:30pm (approx.) Sunday:** Award Ceremony for Full Marathon Age Group Categories

## Race Day Schedule SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**4:30am - 6:15am:** Race Shuttles, leaving approx. every 20-30 minutes from DoubleTree Hotel and AB-Tech for the race start. Last shuttle leaves at **6:15am.** Shuttle tickets + Biltmore tickets will be checked when boarding.

**5:00am:** Front gate of Biltmore Estate opens for runners and spectators. Have and keep your tickets in hand until you park your car.

**6:00am:** Coffee available for purchase at Creamery in Antler Hill Village (AHV) and The Kitchen Cafe at Village Hotel.

**6:00am - 1:00pm:** Spectator tickets can be purchased at the Group Sales Office (first building on the right when you enter the estate).

**6:30am: All participants must BE ON THE ESTATE GROUNDS NO LATER THAN 6:30 am.**

**7:10am:** Welcome and line-up and Race Announcements.

**7:25am:** Honorary Race Starter Announcements.

**7:30am:** Official **RACE START** (Close to the Farmyard area beside AHV).

**7:45am:** Estate traffic will be held until all runners move through the Antler Hill Village area.

**8:30am - 11:15am (Saturday) / 2:00pm (Sunday):** Ingles Food Tent complimentary for race participants and volunteers.

**8:30am - 11:15am (Saturday) / 10am - 2:00pm (Sunday):** Post Race Celebrations – Oskar Blues serving beer (21+ only, NC Law prohibits serving alcohol before 10am on Sundays). A \$4 dollar donation is suggested for beer, funds will be donated to Sky's the Limit Fund & Brave Like Gabe. Massages by YAM available in Historic Horse Barn for \$1/min.

**8:30am - 3:00pm:** Runners and Spectators can purchase upgrades to visit the Biltmore House at any Biltmore Guest Service Station (AHV Guest Services opens at 8:00am).

**9:00am - 5:00pm:** Biltmore House is OPEN. Biltmore Annual Passholders can enter Biltmore without a spectator ticket after 9am on race morning.

**9:30am - 11:30am (Saturday) / 2:00pm (Sunday):** DoubleTree & AB-Tech Shuttles leave Antler Hill Village to DoubleTree & AB-Tech every 30 minutes (on the top and bottom of every hour).

**10:00am:** Lunch items available for purchase from The Kitchen Cafe at the Village Hotel.

**10:30am (BTBC) + 11:30am (BTVC) Sunday:** Group Photo Op in the Race Hub

**11:00am:** Lunch items available for purchase from the Smokehouse at the Antler Hill Barn

**3:00pm (Sunday):** All discarded clothing/gear or items left at the Finisher Bag tent and not picked up will be donated to Western Carolina Rescue Ministries.

## CHECKPOINTS

**9:00am:** Checkpoint at Biltmore House at mile 6.

**9:30am:** Half marathon checkpoint at Bearpin at 7.5 miles.

**10:00am:** Checkpoint at Beat the Bridge (east to west side) at mile 10 for **MARATHONERS.**

**10:10am:** Checkpoint at Bridge at mile 10 for **HALF MARATHONERS.**

**11:00am:** Half marathon runners must be off-course, 3.5 hr time limit.

**11:45am:** Checkpoint #5 Beat the Bridge (west to east side) at mile 17 for **MARATHONERS**

**2:00pm:** Race finish! Marathon runners must be off-course, 6.5 hr time limit.

**IF YOU DO NOT REACH THESE CHECKPOINTS AT THE SPECIFIED TIMES YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER AND WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE RACE COURSE.**

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR RACE PARTNERS:



ADDITIONAL THANKS TO BILTMORE ESTATE, MATRAC AND BUNCOMBE COUNTY EMS AND RESCUE SQUADS, & BUNCOMBE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The race will start promptly at 7:30A.M. Runners may enter Biltmore grounds at 5 A.M. and must be on the property by 6:30 A.M. to run. Expect a line of cars at the Biltmore entry gate. Allow a minimum of 25 minutes to get from the Biltmore entrance to the parking lots, as traffic to the Winery area is heaviest /slowest as race time approaches.
- Runners and spectators are encouraged to carpool.
- You must stop and show your Biltmore Estate entrance ticket when you enter Biltmore property. Have tickets IN HAND and visible when entering the front gate to speed the entry process for all. Your tickets will be checked at the admissions gate and in Antler Hill Village before you park.
- Spectator viewing is limited to the Start/Finish area and along the French Broad River along the east sides of the estate. No Spectators are allowed across the bridge to the west side.
- Race Numbers MUST BE VISIBLE and on the FRONT of you during the race. If you are wearing a jacket please have your bib on the front of it. You will be asked at various checkpoints on the course to show your bib if you do not have it visible. We have zero tolerance for race bandits and you will be pulled from the race if you are not wearing your race bib. If your race bib isn't visible at finish, we cannot guarantee you will have a finish time.
- If you drop out of either races, please notify a water station or medical volunteer and the timing company at the finish line so we can account for you. If you accidentally take a wrong turn and don't get all your miles in, please let the folks know at the timing tent at the finish line.
- Marathon runners that elect to drop down to the half marathon during the race on Sunday, will be DQ'd, will not be scored in the results, and will not receive finisher awards. Please notify the timing tent when you finish if you make this decision.
- Our Finisher bags are a nice perk for our runners so that they can have a change of clothes, phones and money to purchase beer, massages, race merchandise or upgrade race tickets after the race. The finisher bags are not dropped along the course they stay at the finish area at the Finisher Bag Tent. The plastic bag you received at the expo with your goody bag is the FINISHER bag. At the Finisher Bag tent on race day you will have your number written on the outside of the bag. Drop bags off at the Finisher Bag tent close to the finish area next to AHV prior to the race. Your bag will be ready for pick-up at the same location when you are done with the race. Only official race finisher bags dropped with a race number will be accepted at this drop location. We will not accept any other bags or loose items in this area.
- Restrooms are located at the Start/Finish area by the Farmyard, Antler Hill Barn, Antler Hill Village, the Conservatory, and along the race routes near every water station on the course.
- Our relaxation area presented by YAM (Yoga and Massage) at the Historic Horse Barn on hill in Antler Hill Village will provide massages for race participants with a suggested donation of \$1/minute.
- We have designated 'Clothing Drops' presented by the UPS Store at each of our water stations. These boxes will be brought to the Finisher Bag Tent in the Vendor Area after all runners have passed through the water station. If you do not pick up your discarded clothing by Sunday at 3pm at the Finisher Bag Tent, we will donate them to the Western Carolina Rescue Ministries. We cannot guarantee that any items discarded along the race course will be returned. We are not responsible for any items you discard during the event. We cannot locate items for you. If you want your item after the race we highly suggest that you keep it with you throughout the duration of the event.
- In case of emergencies, EMS vehicles will be in various locations on the course. We also have a main medical tent at our start/finish line and medical triage tents. In the event of an accident or emergency, call 828-225-1234. Biltmore Security staff will contact EMS, Fire Department, etc. and assist you in getting help as quickly as possible.
- Inclement Weather: In the event of dangerous weather conditions, the organizers reserve the right to alter the course or cancel the race. Please check Facebook and our website blog at ashevillemarathon.com for any weather related updates. No transfers, deferrals, or refunds.
- All vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas. Parking on paved roads and blocking roads is not permitted. Cars parked illegally will be ticketed and are subject to being towed.
- No strollers, bikes, skateboards, hoverboards, drones, or dogs are permitted on the race course.
- All participants are expected to display courteous, professional behavior at all times.
- Once finished racing, runners are not permitted back on the course. All runners must be off the course by 11:00am on Saturday and 2pm on Sunday.
- The Biltmore Company and the Asheville Marathon are not responsible for the security of personal belongings.
- Due to the business at Biltmore, all race activities on the property, therefore, must be arranged in a manner that does not inconvenience our guests or intrude on their enjoyment of Biltmore.
- The Biltmore Estate will be open during regular business hours and roads will be open to traffic. The greenways will be open to guests - please be courteous.

### Race & Spectator Ticket Information

#### **SPECTATORS TICKETS**

Available for purchase on the following dates and locations:

#### **Friday, March 15 - 11am-7pm**

- Race Expo and Packet Pickup at DoubleTree Hotel

#### **Saturday, March 16 - Half Marathon**

- Packet pickup & Mini Expo for Sunday Half + Full Marathon -DoubleTree Hotel 2pm-5pm

**Race tickets and spectator tickets are non-refundable.**

#### **ONE DAY TICKETS:**

\$18 + tax for Biltmore Annual Passholders

\$23+ tax for those without Annual Pass

- Upgrade to house visit \$29 + tax
- Upgrade to annual pass \$119 + tax

#### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

- Runners that want to visit the house on Friday or Monday will need to purchase a \$33 + tax (two day ticket) plus the adult upgrade ticket \$29 + tax.
- Runner + Spectator tickets can be upgraded for house visits on race day at one of the Guest Service kiosks on the Biltmore Estate – NOT at the Race Expo. Upgrades can be purchased at the Group Sales Office on Biltmore on Friday, March 15 (with race/ spectator ticket in hand) until the office closes at 5pm and from 6:00am-5pm on Saturday, March 16 & Sunday, March 17. They can also be purchased at the main ticket center from 8:30am-5:30pm and Biltmore's other guest service locations on property during Biltmore's normal operating hours. Children 9 and under are free and don't need a ticket; 10 and over must purchase a spectator ticket - there is no youth pricing.

#### **TWO DAY TICKETS:**

\$28 + tax for Biltmore Annual Passholders

\$33 + tax for those without Annual Pass