



Your Guide to the 2023 Wissahickon Trail Classic

Event Details

Saturday, June 3rd, 2023

Start/Finish Line at Northwestern Avenue and Forbidden Drive

Pre-race stretch is at 8:15AM and race start is at 8:30AM.

Registration

- How do I pick up my bib and t-shirt?
 - o Early packet pick up will be available on Friday, June 2nd from 10AM – 4PM at the FOW Office located at [40 W. Evergreen Avenue, Suite 108](#). We strongly encourage you to come pick up your packet during this time as race day will be very crowded! [Click here to let us know that you're coming by so we have your packet ready!](#)
 - o We will also have packet pick up on June 3rd at the start/finish line at Northwestern Avenue and Forbidden Drive. Be sure to arrive as early as possible before the race to pick up your packet.
- Can I register for the race on day of?
 - o No, registration is full at this point.

Event Day

- Does the race start and finish at the same location?
 - o Yes, the start and finish line are at Northwestern Avenue and Forbidden Drive
- Where should I park?
 - o There will be limited parking around Northwestern Avenue on the Chestnut Hill side of the park so please plan accordingly. We recommend participants run, hike, bike, carpool, or use public transportation if possible. Parking is first come first served, so plan to arrive early to allow yourself plenty of time to park and walk to the finish line.
 - [Sugarloaf Campus on Germantown Avenue across from E Hillcrest Avenue.](#) There is a trail that will take you through Sugarloaf Campus and will connect you to the Wissahickon trail system. **If you park here, you will need to leave the parking lot by 11AM.**
 - [Chestnut Hill College on Germantown Avenue and Rogers Drive.](#) Please cross Germantown Avenue and walk along Northwestern Avenue until you reach Forbidden Drive. Please use caution as you cross Germantown Avenue.
 - [Here is a map of parking locations and directions to the start/finish line.](#)
- I'm bringing a backpack with me, is there somewhere I can leave this?



- Yes, we will have a bag check at the check in table. When you check in you will receive an additional tag that you can attach to your gear and event staff will keep it in a secure location until you return.
- When does the family friendly hike start?
 - The family friendly hike will start at 8:45 after runners have left the start line. It will be a 1 mile walk up and down Forbidden Drive with Friends of the Wissahickon Trail Ambassadors.
- Are strollers or dogs allowed to be on the course with me?
 - No, strollers or dogs are not allowed to be on the course with a runner
- Are spectators allowed during the race?
 - Yes! Please be aware that some parts of the trails are narrow and groups of spectators on the trails will hinder the runners.
- Will there be awards?
 - Yes, the award ceremony will start at 10AM at the start/finish line on Forbidden Drive. Awards will be given to the top three finishers, female, non-binary, male, in each of the following categories: under 20, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+.
- Will there be food at the start/finish line?
 - We will have light snacks available at the start/finish line.
- What can I do after the race?
 - You should visit the [TownFair at Historic RittenhouseTown!](#) They have a lot of wellness activities and are giving a discount of \$2 per minute for massages after the race if you show your bib number.

Course related questions

- Will there be water along the course?
 - Please bring your own water bottle for the race! We are seeking to reduce our waste by having a cup-less race, meaning there will be no cups along the route. There will be a help station at Rex Avenue about halfway through that will include a self-serve water station.
- Is the course intense?
 - This is a trail race so there will be significant changes in grade as well as rocky, uneven surfaces.
- Is there a map of the race course?
 - Yes, you can see the race course [here](#).
- How will I get my race time?
 - At the end of the race our timers will take a tear off from your bib number. You will be able to find your race time results posted on the results board after the event. All race results will be posted on [Pretzel City Sport's website](#) on the first business day after the event.
- Is there a time limit to complete the race?



- Yes, timing anticipates that the runner will be able to complete a 15-minute mile pace.
- Will there be restrooms along the course?
 - No, there will only be portable toilets at the beginning and end of the race
- Will there be a lost and found?
 - Yes, any items that are left at the event site and are not claimed will be taken to the FOW office. Please reach out to FOW staff to claim your belongings if you left something.

Safety and Security

- Are there security procedures that I should be aware of?
 - If you see anything suspicious, please alert event security immediately.
- Will there be a medical tent?
 - Yes, medical EMS will be available. The closest hospital to the event is Chestnut Hill Hospital.
- Are there items that I am prohibited to bring?
 - Yes, weapons and contraband of any kind are prohibited including firearms, knives, pepper spray. Fireworks (including flammable liquids, fuels, or explosives), suitcases, alcohol, illegal drugs are also prohibited. Items deemed unsafe by on-site security staff, race officials, or public safety officers may be asked to be removed from the event site.

Covid

- Do you require proof of vaccination?
 - No, if you are not feeling well please stay home
- Are masks required?
 - No, masks are not required
- Are there any covid related restrictions?
 - Please follow CDC guidelines for current covid restrictions