



# MOUNT DESERT ISLAND

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## MARATHON • HALF • RELAY

### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECTATING:

Spectators are encouraged to carpool as much as possible. No vehicles will be permitted to follow the race route routes leaving Bar Harbor and Northeast Harbor. No exceptions. (You will be stopped and have to turn around, wasting precious time.)

You MUST follow the routes below to successfully spectate the race and meet your runner at the finish line in Southwest Harbor:

- **Start Line (Marathon & Relay)**
  - Downtown Bar Harbor, including south Main Street, and the entire area around the Village Green will be very congested on the morning of the race.
  - The Marathon & Relay start at 200 Main Street in Bar Harbor.
  - Paid Parking and Permit Parking rules are enforced beginning at noon on Sundays.
  - Marathon & Relay Official Start - 8:00AM
- **Mile 11.5 (Marathon & Relay)**
  - Exit Bar Harbor on Route 233 / Eagle Lake Road.
  - Follow Route 233 / Eagle Lake Road for approximately 5-miles until you reach the intersection of Route 198, located just past MDI High School. (Where the pasta dinner is held.)
  - Turn LEFT on Route 198 toward Northeast Harbor, and follow it until you reach the intersection with Route 3. (Approximately 4.5-miles.)
  - This spectator zone is located at the intersection of Route 198 & Route 3, locally known as "Asticou Corner."
  - Be sure to park on the opposite side of the road from where the racecourse is. Runners will be on the left, heading toward Northeast Harbor.
- **Mile 12.3 (Marathon & Relay)  
+ Start Line (Half-Marathon)**
  - Continue on Route 198 to downtown Northeast Harbor.
  - Follow signs to park at the Marina (on your LEFT).
  - IMPORTANT: You will be driving on the racecourse briefly and you will have to cross

the marathon route to park at the marina. RUNNERS HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY!  
Please yield to them and drive with caution.

- Walk up Sea Street into town. The Marathon and Relay race route is on Main Street.
  - This spectator zone is located on Main Street.
  - The start line for the Half-Marathon is located at 5 Manchester Road, near the intersection with Neighborhood Road:
    - Walk south on Main Street toward Neighborhood House.
    - Turn left on Neighborhood and walk to the end.
    - Turn left on Manchester Road.
    - Half-Marathon Official Start: 8:30AM
- **Mile 17.2 (Marathon& Relay)**  
+ **Mile 4.1 (Half-Marathon)**
    - Upon leaving the Northeast Harbor Marina, reverse direction on Route 198 and follow back the way you originally came for approximately 3-miles until you reach the intersection with Sargeant Drive. (*Note: Sargeant Drive is closed to ALL traffic on race day.*)
    - Be sure to park on the opposite side of the road from where the racecourse is. Runners will be on the left, heading toward Somesville.
    - This spectator zone is located at the intersection of Route 198 and Sargeant Drive.
- **Mile 18.6 (Marathon & Relay)**  
+ **Mile 5.5 (Half-Marathon)**
    - Continue to follow Route 198 for approximately 1.5-miles back to the intersection with Route 233 / Eagle Lake Road.
    - IMPORTANT: You will be sharing this stretch of road with runners. Please drive slowly with flashers and pull over if necessary for oncoming traffic.
    - Be sure to park on the opposite side of the road from where the race course is. Runners will be on the left, heading toward Somesville.
    - This spectator zone is located at the intersection of Route 198 and Route 233 / Eagle Lake Road, locally known as "RA Corner."
- **Spectating at the Finish Line (Marathon, Half-Marathon, Team Relay)**
    - Family and Friends Reunion Area: Make a plan now to reunite with your runner on the section of Main Street, (south of the finish line) that is closed to traffic on race day.
    - Continue on Route 198 to Somesville. Turn left at the traffic lights onto Route 102, heading toward Southwest Harbor. (Approx. 2 miles.) You will be sharing the road with the marathon course for a short period. PLEASE DRIVE WITH EXTREME CAUTION THRU DOWNTOWN SOMESVILLE! The road is very narrow!
    - Turn RIGHT onto Pretty Marsh Road – Route 102, located just after the Somesville Fire Station.
    - You have two options to get to Southwest Harbor from here:  
**>>>OPTION #1**

- Follow Pretty Marsh Road – Route 102 to Seal Cove. (Approx. 7.5 miles.)
- Turn LEFT onto Seal Cove Road. (Note: Road is mostly unpaved.) Follow until the road becomes paved again, and go straight thru any intersections. (Approx. 4 miles.)
- Turn RIGHT to Route 102 at the end of Seal Cove Road. (*This is the race course, drive carefully!*)
- Follow Route 102 to the Herrick Road detour (Approx. 0.7-miles)
- Southwest Harbor Parking is as follows:
  - **Upper Town Dock lot** — 108 Clark Point Road
  - **Lower Town Dock lot** — 176 Clark Point Road
  - **Clark Point Road** — approx. 2 to 29 (*between Main Street and Maple Lane*)
  - **Post Office lot** — 21 Clark Point Road
  - **Main Street** — approx. 350 to 375 (*south of the Finish Line*)
  - **Paid lot off Main Street** — south of the Finish Line (*neighboring 3 Rod Road*)
  - **Great Harbor Marina lot** — 11 Apple Lane
  - **Manset Town Dock lot** — 55 Shore Road
  - *Privately owned lots may also offer paid parking.*

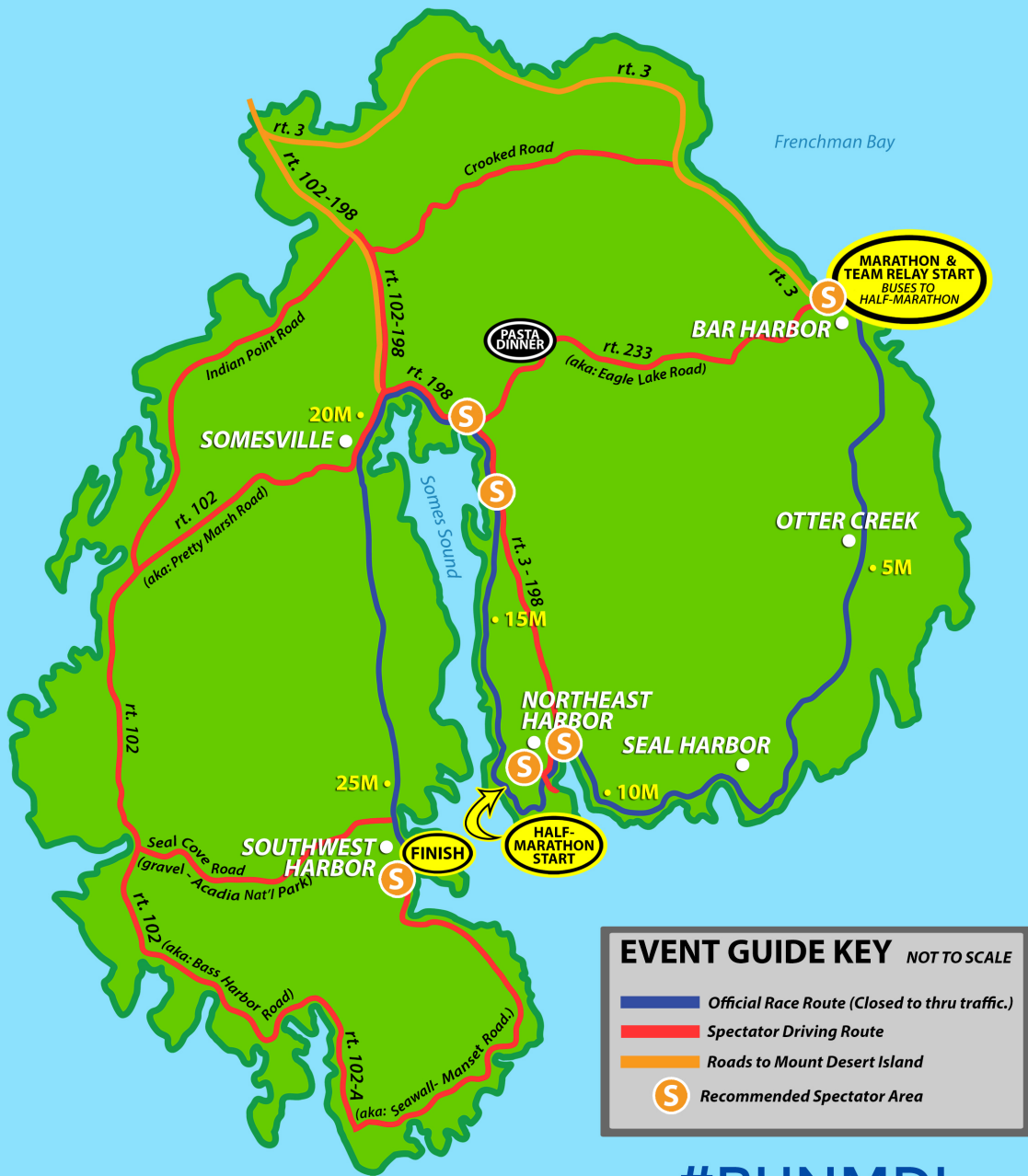
**>>>OPTION #2 (longer, but most scenic route!)**

- Follow Pretty Marsh Road – Route 102 thru Seal Cove and Tremont to Bass Harbor.
- Turn LEFT onto Route 102-A and head toward Bass Harbor Light.
- Follow Route 102-A along Seawall (very pretty!) to Manset.
- Route 102-A ends at the intersection with Route 102.
- Turn RIGHT onto Route 102 towards downtown Southwest Harbor. (Approx. 19 miles.)
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**NOTES:** Spectators are an important compliment to our race. Please watch for and report any downed or disoriented runners. There are HAM Radio personnel stationed at many points along the course. In the event of an emergency call 911. Finally, as you will be driving on parts of the marathon course, doing so with safety flashers on will help inform competitors that you are part of the race as well as helping to slow other traffic. Please drive slow. **If you stop to cheer ALWAYS pull off on the opposite side of the road from where runners are present. (Runners will be on the LEFT, facing traffic.)**

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