



Hobble Creek 1/2 Marathon

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About the Race

The Hobble Creek Half Marathon was started by two elite runners and USATF members in 1994 with a vision to create a course that would be both a record breaker and a great tune-up for the St. George Marathon. They chose a beautiful route that starts up the Right Fork of Hobble Creek Canyon close to Springville, Utah. Since that time, nearly every 1/2 marathon state record has been broken on the course which snakes down the canyon along the river trail and on the road next to Hobble Creek. The race now strives to be Utah's premier 1/2 Marathon event. The course is beautiful and fast with rolling hills and is a great place to set a PR (Personal Record) or tune up for a fall marathon. The race is known for its fast course, flowers for women, and Elite 100 medals.

Race Distance is **13.1 Miles**, USA Track & Field Certified and Sanctioned. Due to liability issues, a USA Track & Field Policy, and multiple problems at the finish area and on the course last year, there will be a ban on headphones & music players *for those competing for overall and age division awards.*

The rule will be strictly enforced for those finishing near the front of the race. We ask all other runners to wear earbuds in only one ear and to remove them completely the last ¼ mile of the race. Thank you for your support. We know this is a controversial issue and hope this is a amicable compromise.

The race website is located at www.srcevents.com/hobblecreek .

Registration Information

Registration for the race opens May 1st of every year and will commence until it has reached its registration cap of 1,200 runners. Due to the growing popularity of the race, it is expected that the race will fill up earlier and earlier every year. The 2008 race reached the registration cap on May 29th. The 2009 race reached a cap in less than 2 days. Paying a registration fee is essentially claiming your chance to be at the starting line of the race as an official race participant and is not a guarantee of anything else.

Beginning May 1 of every year, registrations will be accepted:

- Online from the [race website](#) (Credit Card Registration)
- In person at [Runner's Corner](#) on 800 South State Street in Orem (Cash or Check Only to: SRC Events)
- By Mail - [Download an entry form here](#) and mail it to Hobble Creek ½, PO Box 971531, Orem, Utah 84097

Refund Policy

All entry fees are absolutely non-refundable and non-transferable. Once you register and make payment, you will not receive a refund if you are unable to participate for any reason. You may not transfer your entry to another participant, to another race, or to another year. If it is discovered that a runner has raced with a number that is not their own, both the runner and the original entrant will be banned from the race for a period of 2 years.

(Note: This policy has become necessary due to the size of the race and the difficulty of transferring entries. It is not unique to this race and is in fact very similar to the policy of nearly every major marathon.)

T-Shirts

No Cot**n! The Hobble Creek Half Marathon gives out high quality, technical running shirts. The race prides itself on good designs printed on shirts that can be run in, rather than just stuck in the closet to rot. Finishing a Half Marathon is a little different than running a 5 or 10k and we think that having a Half Marathon shirt that says finisher is somewhat special. Therefore, technical running shirts go to finishers only as they proudly display 'FINISHER' on each t-shirt and will be handed out after runners have crossed the finish line. You will be given the shirt size on your number at the finish line. If you would like to change or trade this shirt, there will be a t-shirt table provided near the finish area for shirt exchanges. Any extra finisher tech shirts may be purchased for \$10 by race finishers after the last runner has crossed the line until the awards ceremony is over. If by chance there are any extras, they will be available for purchase by race finishers at Runner's Corner in Orem.

Packet Pickup

Race number pickup will be the day before the race from 1-6pm at Runner's Corner in Orem (800 South State Street) or the morning of the race from 5:45-6:00 am at Mapleton City Park (35 East Maple Street). T-shirts are not included in pre-race packets as shirts only go to finishers of the race. Packets for multiple runners may be picked up by one person provided they have the others' full name and a photocopy of their photo ID.

Transportation to the Starting Line

Transportation to the starting line will be by bus from Mapleton City Park (Race Finish). You will need to show your race number to get on a bus. Busses will be available to take participants to the starting line from 5:15-6:00 am . **You will need your race number to gain admittance onto the bus.** Meet at Mapleton City Park (Map below) to ride the bus. There will be NO busses provided after the race. *If you do not make the busses you will be expected to provide your own transportation.* EVERYONE CAN NOT FIT ON TO THE LAST BUS! Please be early!!! Remember that the canyon closes for the busses, so if you are providing your own transportation, you will need to go up before the busses. There is usually plenty of camping available at the starting line (Balsam Campground) for those who want to skip the bus experience or want to sleep in a bit. (With the 2009 construction in the canyon, there may not be camping available)

Bib Numbers: Please check that the information on your bib # is correct and that you are in the correct age division. If a correction is needed, please report to the computer table prior to the race. **Bib #'s should be worn on the front!** Please be courteous and make sure your number is on the front when you are approaching the finish line.

Pre-Race To do list

- Verify your entrance, age, etc. at www.srcevents.com/hobblecreek
- Plan to be at the Mapleton City Park by 5:45am when the busses will leave to the starting line
- Bring the right clothes---weather is generally quite moderate for the race but can be cool at the start and occasionally climb into the 80's for those who are on the course a bit longer.

Rules

- Always run on the side of the road with marked with cones and respect all traffic.
- Race numbers will be worn on the front at all times.
- It is a runner responsibility to KNOW THE COURSE: Course cutting (unintentional or intentional) will result in disqualification.

Do Nots:

- DO NOT Cross the finish line without a number, or without your number being worn on the front.
- DO NOT Drive up the canyon while the busses are transporting runner or have spectators try to drive up the canyon DURING the race---Law enforcement will be at the mouth of the canyon.

- DO NOT Show up just in time for the last bus, it may be full by that time.
- DO NOT Try to get on the bus without a current, valid race number

Course, Maps, and Directions

The event is the fastest Half Marathon in Utah with a gentle rolling downhill course and spectacular mountain scenery---a definite PR course which starts 6 miles up the south fork of Hobble Creek Canyon at Balsam Campground and ends at Mapleton City Park.

The net elevation loss is 1,253 feet, almost exactly half of the 2,560 foot loss at the St. George Marathon.

Transportation: Runners are taken by bus from Mapleton City Park to the starting line from 5:45 to 6:00 AM. A current and valid race number will be required to board the bus.

Driving Directions to Mapleton City Park (Packet Pickup/Busses/Finish Line):

From I-15 take Exit 260 - Springville/Mapleton --- Turn East and go 1.7 miles to State Street where you will turn right --- Stay in the **right lane** and follow the sign to Mapleton which is about 2.4 miles. -- You will see a Subway and Conoco station on the East side of the road --- Turn left here...This will be Maple Street. Drive one mile to Mapleton City Park. [View Driving Directions Map](#)

Water Stops: Aid Stations will be near mile marks 3, 6½, 8, 10, and 11½. Carb Boom Energy Gel will be provided at 6 ½ and 10. Electrolyte Sports Drink will be available at 8 and 11 ½.

Maps:

[Full Course and Elevation Chart](#), [Full Course](#), [Last Three Miles](#)

Course Records:

Men-Dennis Simonitis **1:02:36**

Women-Olga Appell **1:11:33**

Detailed Course Description with Pictures

[Picture Description with Elevation Profile](#)

Age Divisions, Timing, & Awards

The 2009 race will be timed by a rented ipico chip system as we are assessing what timing and/or chip system to be used. Race Director 9 will be used for awards compilation and backup timing system in the event the chip system doesn't work well.

Standard championship Overall and Age Divisions will be used as outlined on the entry form. Clydesdale, Athena, and Masters Categories will also be used.

Age Divisions:

11& Under, 12-14, 15-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59. 60, 64, 65-69, 70+

Awards:

- Flowers to all women finishers provided by Steiners House of Flowers.
- Top overall 100 Men and Women receive a Special "Elite 100" Medallion.
- Top 3 Overall OPEN and top MASTERS Overall awarded Prize Money/Gift Certificates.
- Custom trophies to top 3 in each age division.
- Random drawings with lots of prizes from LOCAL merchants.

Results

Results are tallied by a computer results & timing system (Race Director 9.0) and will be posted as soon as they come available following the race. The race is currently looking into the right kind of chip timing system. The race has rented a chip system for 2009 from the Freedom Festival and is trying it out to ensure that the right kind of chip system will be used in the future.

Results will be available at www.srcevents.com/hobblecreek/results.php as soon possible following the race.

Lodging

[Balsam Campground](#) at the starting line often has quite a few spots available if you would prefer to camp and skip the whole bus experience. There are several hotels within 10 miles of the race including our host hotels, which offer a discounted rate.

Days Inn 520 S 2000 W. Springville, (801) 491-0300 or

Best Western Cottontree Inn I-15 Springville Exit 265
www.bestwesterncottontreeinn.com (801)489-3641

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