



Hobble Creek 1/2 Marathon

OFFICIAL RACE BIBLE 2011

Contents

About the Race

General Info & Headphones

Registration Information

Refund Policy

T-Shirts

Packet Pickup

Pre-Race To Do List

Course Information, Maps, & Directions

Age Divisions & Awards

Results

Lodging

Sponsors

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.

General Info & Headphones

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 in the past, 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 an amicable compromise.

The race website is located at www.hobblecreekhalfmarathon.com
Please also like the facebook page for race updates: www.facebook.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 County & Forest Service restrictions). The 2011 race filled up in just over 1 hour. Paying a registration fee is essentially claiming your chance to be at the starting line of the race as an official race participant.

Beginning May 1 of every year, registrations will only be accepted online by credit card at the race website www.hobblecreekhalfmarathon.com

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 or to another race. 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

FINISHERS ONLY! The Hobble Creek Half Marathon gives out high quality, technical running shirts only to those who finish the race. 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 5k 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. 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

- Thursday prior to race from 5-8pm, Runner's Corner in Orem (835 S. 700 E. next to Costco Fuel)
- Friday prior to race 12-5pm at [Runner's Corner](#)
- The morning of the race from 5-5:30am at Mapleton City Park (35 East Maple Street , Mapleton). - You must have your packet by 5:30 in able to board the busses to the starting line.
- You must present your *photo ID in person* in order to pick your packet up. **Race starts at 7:15am.**
- T-shirts are not included in pre-race packets as shirts only go to finishers of the race. Due to the problems with people running with others' numbers (causing major delays & problems with the awards), **runners will be required to pick up their own packet in person with a 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 at 5:20-5:40 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. Every participant should ride the busses; late runners will miss the race if they miss the busses. Please be early!!! Remember that the canyon closes for the busses to go up. There is 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. Please contact Curtis Eppley at 801.361.4842 if you are interested in camping at the starting line for \$15 per vehicle.

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. Please note that those without a number will not be allowed in the finish area.

Pre-Race To do list

- Verify your entrance, age, etc. at www.HobbleCreekHalfMarathon.com
- Plan to be at the Mapleton City Park by 5:20am 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 runners or have spectators try to drive up the canyon DURING the race---Law enforcement will be at the mouth of the canyon and there is NO parking available.
- 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 5:20 to 5:40 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 US 89/Main 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 (left) side of the road --- Turn left here...This will be Maple Street. Drive one mile to Mapleton City Park. [View Driving Directions Map](#)
Parking is available in the school parking lot on the left (North) side of the road.

Aid Stations: Water Stations will be near mile marks 3, 6½, 8, 10, and 11½. (Energy Gel will be provided at Mile 8, Electrolyte Drink at 6.5 and 10). Porta-potties will be available at miles 1, 3, 6.5, and 10.

Maps:

[Full Course and Elevation Chart](#), [Full Course](#), [Last Three Miles](#)
[Picture Description with Elevation Profile](#)

Course Records:

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

Women-Lindsey Dunkley **1:10:26**

Age Divisions & Awards

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:
 - Overall Male & Female Winners: \$300
 - 2nd Overall: \$200
 - 3rd Overall: \$100
 - Male & Female Masters Winners: \$200
- Custom plaques/trophies to top 3 in each age division.
- Random drawings for several pairs of running shoes & other prizes during awards ceremony (must be present to win).

Results

Results are tallied by a computer results & timing system (IPICO Chip System & Race Director 11.0) and will be posted as soon as they come available following the race.

Results will be available at www.HobbleCreekHalfMarathon.com 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:

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

Sponsors---Please support our incredible sponsors!

Timpanogos Chiropractic
Runner's Corner
Mapleton City
Mizuno Running
Steiners Flowers of Springville
Dairy Gold

If you are interested in sponsoring the race, please contact our office in Utah County at 801-224-8308.