

Paavo Nurmi Marathon Frequently Asked Questions

Is the Paavo a Boston Marathon qualifier? Yes

What time does the Marathon start? Full Marathon and Relays start in Upson at 7:30 am

What time does the Half Marathon start? Half Marathon starts in Gile at 7:30 am

Is transportation provided to the start line for the half marathon? There are 2 buses that provide transportation to the start line(s)

Pick up times and locations are as follows:

Iron Horse Trailhead:	6:00 am to Upson
Iron Horse Trailhead:	7:00 am to Gile

The Iron Horse Trailhead is located at the corner of 5th Avenue and Silver Street, Downtown Hurley

Is transportation provided back to the start line(s) after the race to get my car? NO. We recommend that you find someone to drive you to the start line or use one of our courtesy buses provided.

If I choose to park my vehicle at the Iron Horse Trailhead, is there plenty of parking available? Yes.

What time limit is placed on the course? The Paavo Nurmi Marathon course closes at 2:00 pm. At that time any remaining participants are given the option of a ride back to the finish or can continue on, under their own decision. There is no official timing or aid station support provided after 2:00 pm.

Can I switch from the Full to Half Marathon category? Yes. However no refunds are given and no shirt will be received on registration day.

I cannot make this year's event, can I receive a refund? No. We do defer registrations to the following year, but no refunds are given.

Are showers available? No

How does transportation work for the 5 person relay teams? There will be NO transportation provided for relay runners. 1 car per relay team, watch for runners

Can I pick up my packet on Race Day? Race Day packet pickup is available from 5:30 am – 6:45 am at the corner of 5th Avenue and Silver Street, at the bus pick up *No packets are available at the start line.*

Can I register on Race Day? No. Registration ends at 7:00pm on Friday, August 7, 2026

Do I get a finisher medal? The first 200 Full and 200 Half Marathon participants to complete the course will receive a finisher medal.

Where do I get my finisher medal? Finisher medals are presented to you at the finish line.

I have items that I want to leave at finish line, how does that work? Label your items and leave them in a bag at the trail head, we will transfer those items to the finish line area.

Are early starts allowed? No.

Where are Aid Stations located? 3, 6, 10, 13.1, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24

What is available at aid stations? Mile 3 will have water. All other aid stations are stocked with ice, water, Gatorade and snacks (candy and pretzels).

Bathrooms/ Porta Potties at the following: Start line Upson, Mile 5, 10, 15, 20 and Finish line. Bathrooms are located at Mile 13.1.

I missed the shirt cut off date, can I order one and have it sent to me? T-shirts are available for participants who registered by July 21, 2026. You can order a shirt at packet pickup and have mailed to you (cost is \$5 to cover shipping) or to pick up at the Hurley Chamber. Shirts are ordered the week after the race and usually ready within 2 weeks.

VEHICLE TRAFFIC IS LIMITED TO ONE (1) VEHICLE ON COURSE, FOR RELAY TEAMS ONLY. DO NOT FOLLOW YOUR RUNNER.

Where is the best place to cheer for runners? We encourage you to use best judgement in deciding where to park and cheer for runners, for example in Pence Mile 10 is a good location with ample side street parking. Gile Park is another great location.

We must be good neighbors to all our residents, businesses, and other travelers along the course. So please, ask permission, be polite and courteous, and above all BE SAFE.