

2018 Illinois Marathon

Within the Loop

Saturday, April 28, 2018



We understand that the Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon impacts many in the community, especially those who are within or need to get into one of the various loops of the race route. It is our desire to be a good community member and provide as many options as possible to help the community move around on the days of the event. Following are some specific information and instructions that should provide aid to those who need to travel through the community.

The Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon Beltway was created as a way to help the public travel around the cities of Champaign and Urbana on race day. It was designed to provide an alternative to having multiple crossings of the route. The beltway decreases travel time, as motorists are not stuck in traffic trying to cross a section of the route. The beltway map can be found on the web at http://illinoismarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/IL_Marathon_beltway.pdf?x16837

Officers and volunteers have been instructed to allow traffic to pulse across the route if space is sufficient. With the bulk of the runners starting in Urbana, it is expected that this may be difficult at times other than at the very beginning of the race or as clearing of the race occurs at the end. The Urbana route will be closed to traffic during the races, and only crossing will be allowed if it can be done safely.

Urbana also has the half marathon on its streets, which includes a wheelchair division. Wheelchair competitors will be the first to start the event and travel faster than the runners. The chairs sit lower to the ground so it is critical to keep an extra eye out for them. It is expected that most of the wheelchair racers will be clear of the race within an hour of the start.

In Champaign, runners should be spaced out enough that pulsing traffic will be easier to accomplish. Please note the course impact times on the website <http://illinoismarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/2017-Course-Impact-Times.pdf> as this will be where the bulk of the runners are going to be expected. During the 30 minutes on either side of the peak time listed, it will be difficult to pulse across the route.

In most areas of Champaign, runners will be sharing the road with vehicles. For the safety of all, it is critical that vehicle operators and runners have face-to-face visual contact. Runners should be given the right of way. Vehicle operators traveling in the same direction should avoid a turn into the path of the runner. It is best to circle a block so that the turn can be made with the runner facing the vehicle. Again this turn should only be made with sufficient distance so that the turn can be completed without impacting the runner.

Course team volunteers will be at intersections throughout the various routes to help vehicles cross the route. Please follow the guidance of these volunteers.

The various loops have been color-coded to help you identify the area needed to be exited from

or entered in. Zones in Urbana are green, yellow, and pink. Champaign zones are green, tan, orange, aqua, blue, and purple. A separate map displays the Friday event.

Saturday Events—by colored zone, in order of impact (see maps below)

Tan—this area will be the first impacted. The race starts at 7:01 am, and the boarded streets of First and Green will be closed at 6:30 am. Fourth St. will be closed at approximately 7:30 am, with the first runners arriving in the area at approximately 8:00 am. The last race will start prior to 7:45 am, and the area of First from Gregory to Green will be clear of runners by 8:00 am. The area to the south will be busy throughout the event as this is the main hub of activities and the finish of the races. To exit this area early in the day, it is suggested that traffic go to First and then north to Green. Movement from there will depend on the time of the day and destination. This zone should be cleared 11:00 am.

Green—Green on the north side of the road will be closed sometime between 6:30 and 6:40 am. The first runners will be in the area at about 7:06 am, and the peak period will be starting at approximately 7:15 am. If you need to get out of this area early (prior to 7:45 am), it will be best to go south on Lincoln. After 7:45 am, it will be best to move north and west with exit points at Green and Fourth (earliest at 8:00 am), Green and Wright or Green and Lincoln (expected to be opened at 8:40). Yellow and Pink zones will also be directed to this area for exiting.

Yellow—the north side of this area will be closed starting at approximately 6:40 am, with the first runner expected to arrive in the yellow zone at 7:12 am. The entire north side will be closed by 6:50 am. The peak period for runners will be from 7:30 am to 7:55 am. People needing to exit this area should travel into the Green zone and head toward Wright and Green or Lincoln and Green for the earliest exit possibility. The north side of the yellow zone should be opened between 8:45 am and 9:15 am.

Pink—the east side of the pink zone will be first to close. This closure will begin at approximately 6:55 am. The entire east side and the south side of the course up to Vine will be closed by 7:10 am. The peak period for runners on the east and south sides will be from 7:55 am to 8:25 am. The west side of the pink zone will close at 7:15 am, and peak runners will be present at 8:45 am. Starting on the east side, the streets will open back up at approximately 9:15 am, with the entire pink zone being open to traffic by 10:40 am. As with the yellow and green zones, if citizens need to exit the area early, it is suggested that they stay to the center areas of the zone and move north and west. The green zone offers the earliest opportunity to exit the loop.

Orange—for most of the streets in the orange zone, the runners will share the road with vehicles. Runners should be given the right of way. This zone, as a whole, is first impacted by the 10K race, which starts at approximately 7:42 am. As the race progresses, it is expected that some of the marathon runners will catch participants of the 10K event. First Street will be closed at 6:30 am from Hazelwood to Green and remain closed for the start of the marathon and half marathon. At 7:15 am, that closure will be extended to University Avenue for the start of the 10K. Once the 10K runners have cleared Green St., the area between Green and Gregory will be reopened. This is expected to occur at 8:00 am. Once the 10K runners have cleared Green, First Street will be opened with the marathon runners using the east side. First Street between Springfield and

University will be closed from 7:15 am until 11:15 am. Vehicles needing to access businesses near University and First Street may do so by entering the area from the north. An officer will be at that location to assist.

The north side of the orange zone will be impacted starting at 7:50 am. Runners will be occupying the south side of the street. In the downtown Champaign area, Neil will be closed from Church/Main south to Clark St. East-bound Church Street will also be closed from State to Neil. These closures will begin at 7:20 am and continue through approximately 11:15 am. Traffic on Church is reminded not to turn left (south) across the runner's path but instead to circle the block to the north so that the crossing can be done perpendicular to the runners. It is important for the driver to have face-to-face visual contact with the runner to prevent any accident/injuries from happening.

The west side of the orange zone will be impacted starting at 7:55 am. James Street between University and Church and James between John and Armory will be the first to clear, as they involve only 10K runners. Those sections will have runners starting at approximately 7:45 am and should be free of runners by 9:30 am. Sections that include the marathon can expect runners on the course starting at 7:45 am and clearing at 12:00 pm. Because of the 10K, there will be two peak periods of runners on the west side. The first will be at approximately 8:30 am and the second will be at 9:50 am.

The south side of the orange zone will also include both 10K and marathon runners. Runners will arrive on the south side starting at approximately 8:00 am. Peak periods will be at 8:45am and at 11:15 am. It is expected that the area will start to be cleared by 1:20 pm, and the south side should be totally cleared of runners and cleaned by 2:15 pm.

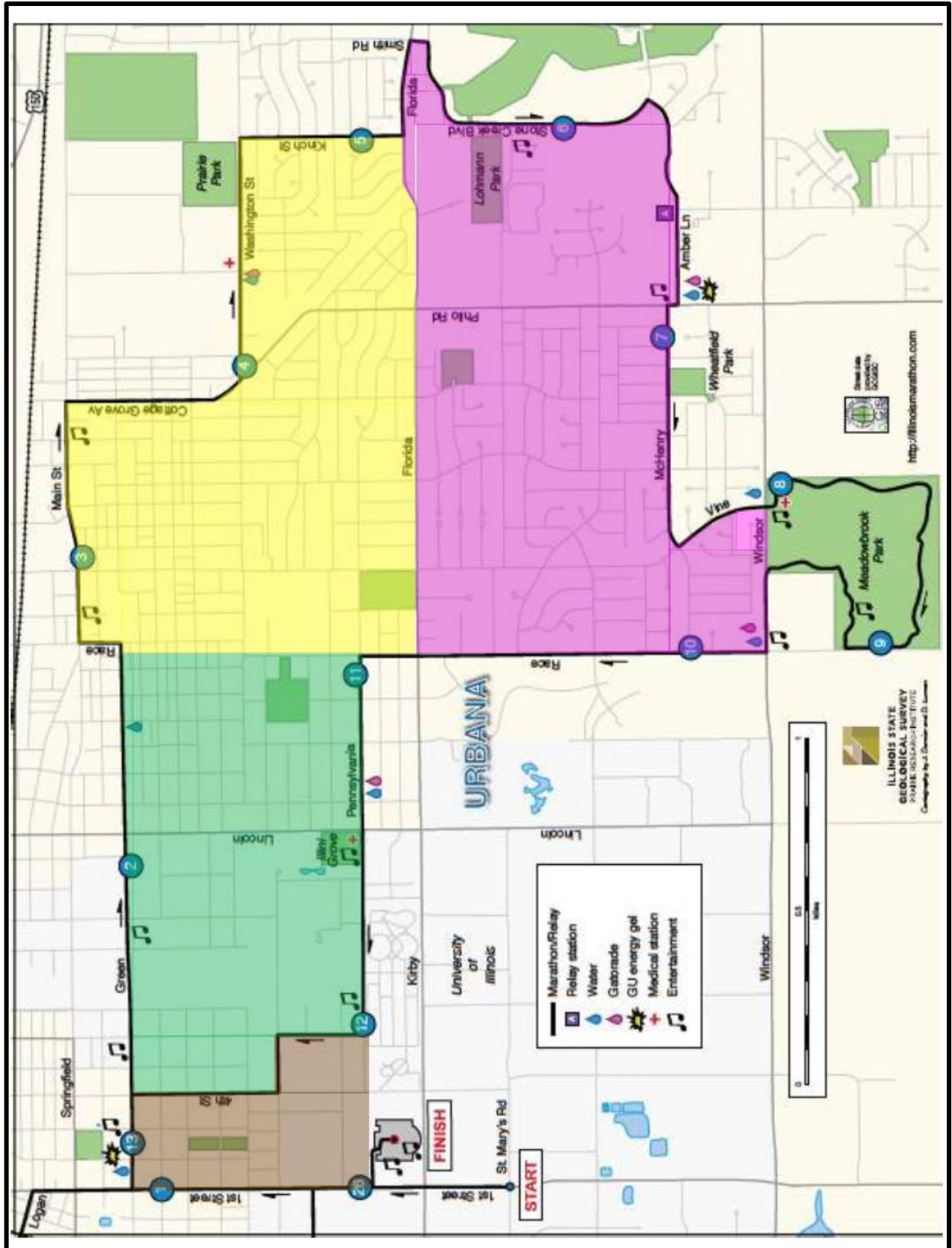
People wanting to enter or exit the orange zone should schedule their movements to avoid peak periods. Other than the full closures listed, vehicles should be able to cross the route. Extended delays should be expected when trying to cross during the peak periods.

Aqua—only marathon and marathon relay runners will be circling the aqua zone. The first runners will arrive at approximately 8:15 am, and the peak period is expected starting at 9:40 am. For people wanting to exit or enter this area, it is strongly suggested that this travel be done prior to 9:10 am or after 10:10 am to increase the likelihood of an easier crossing of the route. Clean-up crews are expected in the area starting at 11:05 am, and they should be clear of the area by 11:25 am.

Blue—like the aqua area, the blue area is impacted only by the marathon and marathon relay. The north and west sides will be the first to be impacted, with runners arriving in the area at approximately 8:25 am. Peak periods will begin at approximately 9:50 am. Clean-up crews are expected to arrive at 12:00 pm. The south side will see its first runners at 8:55 am. The peak period for the south side will be at start approximately 10:55 and run through 11:10. Plan for the peak impact to occur for at least 30 minutes beyond the time listed. Clean-up crews are expected to arrive in the area at 1:25 pm and should be clear of the area by 1:50 pm. People wanting to leave or enter this zone earlier in the day are encouraged to travel to the south to exit the area. Later in the day a north exit is suggested. This pattern should reduce delays in crossing the route.

Purple—the fastest of the marathon and marathon relay runners are expected to reach the north east corner of this zone at approximately 8:30 am. The peak time at that same corner is expected at 10:05 am. The Maynard Lake area will see the first runner at approximately 8:40 am, and the peak period is expected at 10:30 am. On the south side, the fastest runners should arrive at approximately 8:45 am, with the peak period being at 10:40 am. Runners will return to the north east corner at approximately 8:55 am, with the peak expected to arrive at 11:00 am. The cleanup crews should start in the zone at 11:50 am. They will be following the route and should be clear of the area at 1:00 pm. The streets will be opened for normal traffic flow as the clean-up finishes in each area. Like other areas in Champaign, the roads will be shared with the runners and vehicles. Crossing the route perpendicular to the runners is the safest way to exit the area. Refer to the course impact table to aid in planning your travel while the race is in this area.

With In the Loop—the first half



With In the Loop—the Second Half

