



## *2026 Race Weekend*

# 2026 Christie Clinic Marathon, Half Marathon, and 10K—Within the Loop Saturday, April 25, 2026

The Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend will be back on the streets of Champaign-Urbana on April 23-25, 2026, with all events and a marathon route we debuted in 2024 that includes the Village of Savoy. We understand that Race Weekend 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. This document provides specific information and instructions that should aid those who need to travel through the community on race day.

The marathon, half marathon, and 10K are on Saturday, April 25, with events kicking off at 7:31am. Saturday's races begin with a wheelchair half marathon division. Wheelchair competitors travel faster than the runners, and the chairs sit lower to the ground, so it is critical to keep an extra eye out for them. Most of the wheelchair racers will be clear of the race route within an hour of the start. The marathon and half marathon start together, in waves beginning at 7:33am. Finally, the 10K will start at 8:00am.

The Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend Beltway map was created to help people navigate Champaign-Urbana & Savoy on race day. It was designed to provide an alternative to having to cross the race 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 race website at [https://illinoismarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/IL\\_Marathon\\_beltway.pdf?x14262](https://illinoismarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/IL_Marathon_beltway.pdf?x14262).

At the beginning of the race in Champaign and moving into Urbana on Green St, runners will likely be bunched with small gaps between waves. As the race continues into Urbana and then returns to Champaign, the runners should be spaced out enough that course marshals may be able to pulse traffic across the route. Please note the course impact times on the website <https://illinoismarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/Course-Impact-Times.pdf?x14262> to help you plan any travel you may have in Champaign-Urbana & Savoy on race day. Course marshals will be at intersections throughout the various routes to help vehicles cross the route. Please follow the guidance of these volunteers.

To help plan your day, we have included the map below.

### **Saturday Events — (see map following)**

Course closures will start at 7:00am on First Street south of Green and Green Street from First to Race Street. The race will start at 7:31am with the wheelchair racers, followed by marathon and half marathoners (starting in waves) The 10K will start at 8:00am. Stadium Drive, Kirby Avenue, and St. Mary's Road will be closed to traffic east of Neil Street as of 7:00am to allow

