



2023 Christie Clinic Within the Loop Half Marathon, Relay, and 10K

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and an adjusted half marathon route in 2022 the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend will be back on the streets of Champaign-Urbana on April 27-29, 2023, and with the original half marathon route. We understand that the Christie Clinic Illinois 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. Following are some specific information and instructions that should provide aid to those who need to travel through the community.

The half marathon, relay, and 10K events are run Saturday, April 29 with events kicking off at approximately 7:31 am. Saturday races begin with a wheelchair 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. It is expected that most of the wheelchair racers will be clear of the race within an hour of the start. The half marathon and relay will start in waves beginning at 7:33 am, and the 10k starting at 8am.

To help people navigate the cities on race day, the Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend Beltway was created. 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 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 returns into Champaign the runners should be spaced out enough that sending traffic across the course will be easier to accomplish. Please note the course impact times on the website <https://illinoismarathon.com/wp-content/uploads/Course-Impact-Times.pdf?x26925> to help you in planning your activities. During the 30 minutes on either side of the peak time listed, it will be difficult to cross the route.

Course team volunteers 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. A separate map displays the Friday event.

Saturday Events— (see maps below)

Course closure will start at 7:00am on First street south of Green and Green street from First to Race street. This area will be the first impacted. The race starts at 7:31 am with the Wheelchair racers starting first followed by Half, and relay starting in waves and then the 10k starting at 8:00am. First and Armory will be the first intersection to open starting at 8:30am continuing north and then east on Green.

See Map:

