



SPECTATOR GUIDE

The Mohawk and Hudson River Marathon and Half Marathon takes place along two rivers and mostly on a bike path. That makes spectating somewhat challenging but not impossible. We hope this guide helps you find those spots along the course to offer encouragement to your friend, spouse or family member as they make their way to the finish line.

We present this guide knowing that many have GPS guidance to direct them. We offer this guide to make suggestions along the way, including links and maps to course locations.

No roads will be closed to traffic. We ask that you obey local speed limits and regulations along your journey, as well as law enforcement and course officials.

TRACK ATHLETES AT MOHAWK HUDSON RIVER RESULTS PAGE AT
<https://www.areep.com/mhrm>

USATF Documentation maps provided at the end of the Spectator Guide

MARATHON START

The marathon starts at Riverside Technology Park near **2190 Technology Drive** in Schenectady, NY. Runners will exit starting area and enter the bike path off Anthony St. soon afterwards. ***We encourage runners to take the bus to the start.*** Spectators are welcome to be at the start but there is one way to enter Technology Dr. and one way to exit.

To enter starting area, you must drive down Anthony St. to Technology Drive.

Anthony St Is a left off VanVranken.
Starting area entrance will CLOSE AT 7:30 AM!



LINK From Marathon Start to Mile 5, Jeff Blatnick Park, 2545 River Road, Niskayuna

You will be directed to **Maxon Road Extension to exit** (which will be blocked prior to start). We recommend that spectators navigate to Blatnick Park **NOT** by Aqueduct Road (closed 8:00 to 8:40 am at path crossing) but **by exiting left on Maxon Road Extension**.

Maxon turns into Van Vranken.

Take right on S. Ravine,

Take right on Banker

Take left on Hillside

Take left on Providence Ave.

You will head towards intersection with Balltown Rd

As you cross the intersection with Balltown Rd (Rte 146) onto River Rd., take left on Zenner Rd to go to the **Niskayuna Soccer Park** (2699 Zenner Rd) parking lot. Once there take the path a short distance to the bike path where runners will be at the 5k mark. Return down Zenner, take left on River Rd. NOTE: We don't know if soccer practice or a game is happening on race day.

Continue on River Rd. down where the road flattens out (near St. Joseph's Dr.) before heading back uphill. Runners will be on your left paralleling the road. There are about 20 spots on left side of River Road heading towards Knolls and the R&D Center before Blatnick Park. See picture. If you choose to park here use caution pulling in and out onto River Road.



Continue up River Road to traffic circle (near mile 4) and take 2nd exit to stay on River Rd. towards Blatnick Park. Runners will be on bike path for just over a mile and on your left heading to Blatnick. Another reminder to use caution if you pull off to the side to cheer them on.

BLATNICK PARK

Runners turn left onto Line Drive as they head down towards the Mohawk River. This road is not accessible by cars during the marathon as it is part of the course.



The parking lot is small and will most likely be filled with volunteer vehicles since this is a water stop.



WE RECOMMEND you drive just a little further to the **Town of Niskayuna Facilities** (next left). The parking lot is a lot larger **BUT** requires you to walk to where the runners turn off the path and into Blatnick Park and Line Drive.

GIVE YOURSELF TIME at this spot to get to see your runner. There is also a very small bathroom along the path.



MILE 5 to MILE 8.5

[From Blatnick Park to Lions Park \(3439 Rosendale Rd, Niskayuna, NY 12309\)](#)

(Google Maps)

Lions Park is a very popular spectator spot!

From Blatnick, turn left on River Rd and follow to traffic circle. Take 2nd exit onto Rosendale Road. We don't recommend viewing runners at Lock 7 location as there is a narrow dead end road and only a small lot near bike path. Water stop volunteers will occupy them. Continue to Lions Park.

Lions Park has around 50+ parking spots, EV charging stations and a bathroom.



Exit left out of Lions Park. In about a 100 feet, Rosendale turns sharp to the right. **DO NOT GO RIGHT.** Bear left onto old River Road.

Next best location is where the half marathon started. However there are a few places where you can see runners prior to then.

MILE 8.5 to MILE 14 (for Marathon)

FROM LIONS PARK TO COLONIE MOHAWK RIVER PARK

71 Schermerhorn Rd, Cohoes, NY 12047

[COLONIE MOHAWK RIVER PARK](#) is the starting point of the half marathon. GPS may send you into areas where roads may be blocked temporarily as runners leave the bike path. We encourage you to read instructions below on how to get from end of River Rd. to Colonie Mohawk River Park.

About a half mile from Lions Park on River Rd. is **Mohawk Riverside Landing Park** (4071 River Rd.) The park is currently open but under construction. It does have a small parking lot and requires a short walk along a path to where the runners will be. It's an option if Lions Park is too crowded. Allow time for walk to bike path. If you went to Lions Park, skip this location.

Along River Rd. there are a number of pull offs close to the bike paths. Again, be careful pulling in and out of these spots. There is a small parking lot at Fox Preserve with access to bike path across River Rd.

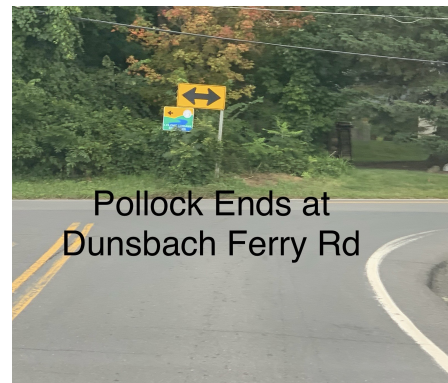


As runners continue along the Mohawk River, spectators will need to turn **RIGHT** at the end of River Rd. on to **Forts Ferry Rd.** (We discourage spectators going down Onderdonk Rd. where space is limited and another water stop is located). Continue on Forts Ferry to the light, turn left on Sparrowbush, then a quick left on **POLLOCK**, continue past Mt View Terrace apartment complex continuing under I-87 to intersection where **Pollock terminates at DUNSBACH FERRY RD.**



You can take either a left or a right here.

Left on Dunsbach Ferry, then **right** on **Boght Rd.** Take quick **left** on **Dutch Meadows Dr.** and follow through neighborhood to where it ends at Schermerhorn. Turn **left** on **Schermerhorn** to the park. **DO NOT PARK ON SCHERMERHORN.**



Right on Dunsbach Ferry takes you to Rte 9.

Left on Rte 9, then at 3rd light take left (look for Colonie Mohawk River Park sign) on Old Loudon Rd. Then bear right. Look for park sign, take quick left on Schermerhorn to the park. **DO NOT PARK ON SCHERMERHORN.**

COLONIE MOHAWK RIVER PARK

(Google Maps)

START OF HALF MARATHON

The half marathon starts at 8:00 am. **We encourage runners to take the bus to the start.** Spectators are welcome. **Arrive before 7:30 am.**

Whether dropping off runners or staying to watch the start, please follow the direction/instruction from race officials, law enforcement and volunteers. The half marathon starting area will be **CLOSED FROM 7:30 UNTIL 8:30**. Why 8:30? The beginning of the course loops 1 mile around the park before entering the bike path off of Schermerhorn.

So as a spectator you can see them twice!

The half marathon course is the same course that the marathon runners will be finishing on.

The spectator guide continues from here ...



MARATHON MILE 14 to MILE 18
HALF MARATHON START/MILE 1 to MILE 5

**From Colonie Mohawk River Park
to Exit of Bike Path in Cohoes
Alexander St/Lincoln Ave/Bridge St to Cohoes Rd.**

Exit Colonie Mohawk River Park by going back up Schermerhorn to Rte 9. Take LEFT at light and proceed a short distance to next light and take a RIGHT on **FONDA RD**. Almost immediately on your right is a small parking lot for a water stop. It's busy there so be careful. Runners come through a tunnel underneath Rte. 9.



The bike path crosses a number of streets in Cohoes or goes under or over them. We will list the street names they cross and provide directions.

MANOR AVE. crossing: continue on Fonda Rd to end. Go right on Cohoes Crescent Rd. (Known as N Mohawk St) then right again on Manor Ave. to where bike path crosses. If there are too many cars clogging up Manor Ave. as you are heading up that street, go left on North Reservoir St.



FROM MANOR to LANSING LANE crossing: go back down Manor, take right on North Reservoir and follow to where it meets Lansing Lane. You will see path a few yards away.

Your best bet at this point is to make your way to Cohoes Rd so you can travel towards Watervliet.

If you are on North Reservoir at Lansing Lane, follow N Reservoir to right on Division St which becomes Garner St.

Garner St to left on High St
Sharp right on Bedford St
Left on Columbia St (Rte 470)
DO NOT TAKE CENTRAL AVENUE
Right on Main St
Right on Rte 32 (also called Cohoes Rd or Saratoga St)

Make your way down Rte 32 towards Watervliet.

NOTE: Traffic may be temporarily blocked to allow runners exiting bike path to cross over Rte 32.



MARATHON MILE 18 to MILE 20
HALF MARATHON MILE 5 to MILE 7

Exit of Bike Path in Cohoes

Alexander St//Lincoln Av/Bridge St to Cohoes Rd. TO 24th St. in Watervliet.

Runners exit bike path on to a 2 mile stretch where runners will be on the shoulder of Rte 32 (Cohoes Rd.) facing traffic. Spectators can not drive up the streets where the bike path ends because the streets are part of the course.

You can follow the runners down Rte 32/Cohoes Rd. towards Watervliet. EXPECT DELAYS THROUGHOUT WATERVLIET. There are many places to pull over to cheer them on. Some suggestions include:

- Near Maplewood Fire Department
- Maplewood Historic Park
- Family Dollar



MARATHON MILE 20 to MILE 22
HALF MARATHON MILE 7 to MILE 9

24TH St. to 4TH St

Runners Go Through Watervliet & Return to Bike Path

EXPECT DELAYS THROUGH WATERVLIET. As runners turn left at 24th Street and then right on Broadway, they will be on a dedicated bike bath after 23rd St.all the way to 4th St..

Do not follow them as they turn. Spectators should **continue straight** on Rte 32 that becomes 2nd Ave. in Watervliet. Cross over 19th Street/Rte 2 (major intersection) Then at next light, take **left on 16Th STREET.**

You will see a McDonalds on your right and Whitney Young Health on your left as you approach Broadway. TAKE RIGHT on to BROADWAY.

You are at the best spot to see the runners one last time before the finish. Parking available at [McDonald's](#) (get some coffee), near [Whitney Young](#), behind [Watervliet Public Library](#) (15th St.). As you pass 15th St., there will also be parking spaces on your right.

You can continue straight down Broadway to 4th St. (runners will always be on your left). On your right you will pass the **Watervliet Arsenal** and **Benet Laboratorie**. Only runners can turn left at 4th St. and head down under I-787 to a tunnel before rejoining the bike path to the finish.

If you don't want to follow them down Broadway to 4th St., you can head to finish by taking Rte 32 South, get on I-787 South or follow Broadway (Rte 32) into Albany. SEE NEXT PAGE.

NOW LET'S GET YOU TO THE FINISH LINE TOO!

McDonald's



Watervliet Library



[From Watervliet to Riverfront Garage, 2 Columbia St., Albany via interstate 787](#)
(Google Maps)

The Google Maps link above assumes you have gone down Broadway to 4th Street. If you go straight (as runners turn left), the link will provide directions to the Riverfront Garage.

1. Right on 2nd Street
2. Left on 2nd Ave
3. Right on Schuylers Lane
4. Left on 3rd - which is also Rte 32 (Broadway)
5. Straight for about 1.8 miles
6. Left onto 787 ramp South
7. **Take exit 4A toward Colonie St/Columbia St (you will pass finish area)**
8. At light, continue onto Water St
9. Right on Columbia, then left into garage.



Don't Like Taking Highway?

After passing highway entrance ramp (#6 above), continue straight on Rte 32 (Broadway). Continuing on Broadway will take you into the warehouse district that has numerous breweries and restaurants. FYI parking on street near N Ferry/Erie Blvd allows walking to finish.

Follow Broadway to North Ferry about 1.5 miles

Left on North Ferry

Cross Erie Blvd to Right on Water St (which is the interstate exit ramp so be careful).

You will pass finish area but follow Water St pass light to Columbia

Right on Columbia, Left into garage

OR

After passing highway ramp (#6 above), continue straight on Broadway past N Ferry St. Turn left on Columbia

Right into garage.

PARKING AT GARAGE IS \$5

NOTE: PARKING GARAGE FEE IS \$5

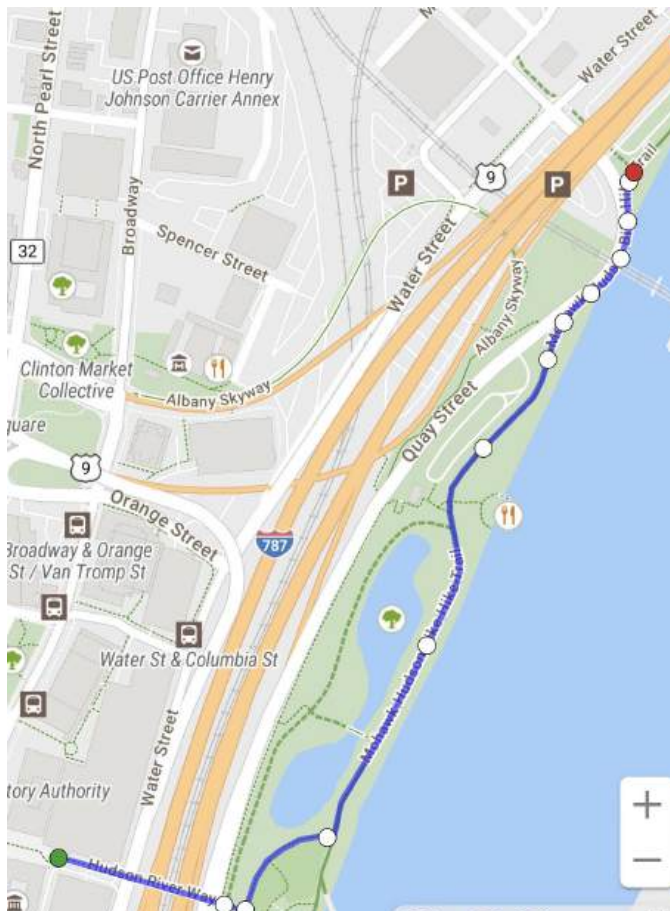
Street Parking May Be Available
Near Garage and Pedestrian Bridge

**RIVERFRONT GARAGE PARKING
(2 Columbia St, Albany, NY 12207)
to CORNING PRESERVE BOAT LAUNCH
The Finish Line Area**

Now that you are at the garage you need to get to the finish area. **From garage to finish area is about a half mile.** There are two ways to get to the finish line area. One way is to cross the pedestrian bridge over I-787 (access from garage roof) and walk the bike path to the finish area. The other way is to exit the garage on to Columbia Street and take the protected pathway along Water Street/highway ramp to finish area. **CHEER THEM TO THE FINISH!**

[Walking Directions on Path Along Water Street](#)

[Walking Directions Across Pedestrian Bridge and
Bike Path to Finish](#)



USATF DOCUMENTATION MAP FOR MARATHON

MOHAWK HUDSON RIVER MARATHON 2024

42.195 KM

Start: Schenectady, NY

Finish: Albany, NY (Corning Preserve Boat Launch)



USATF Certificate

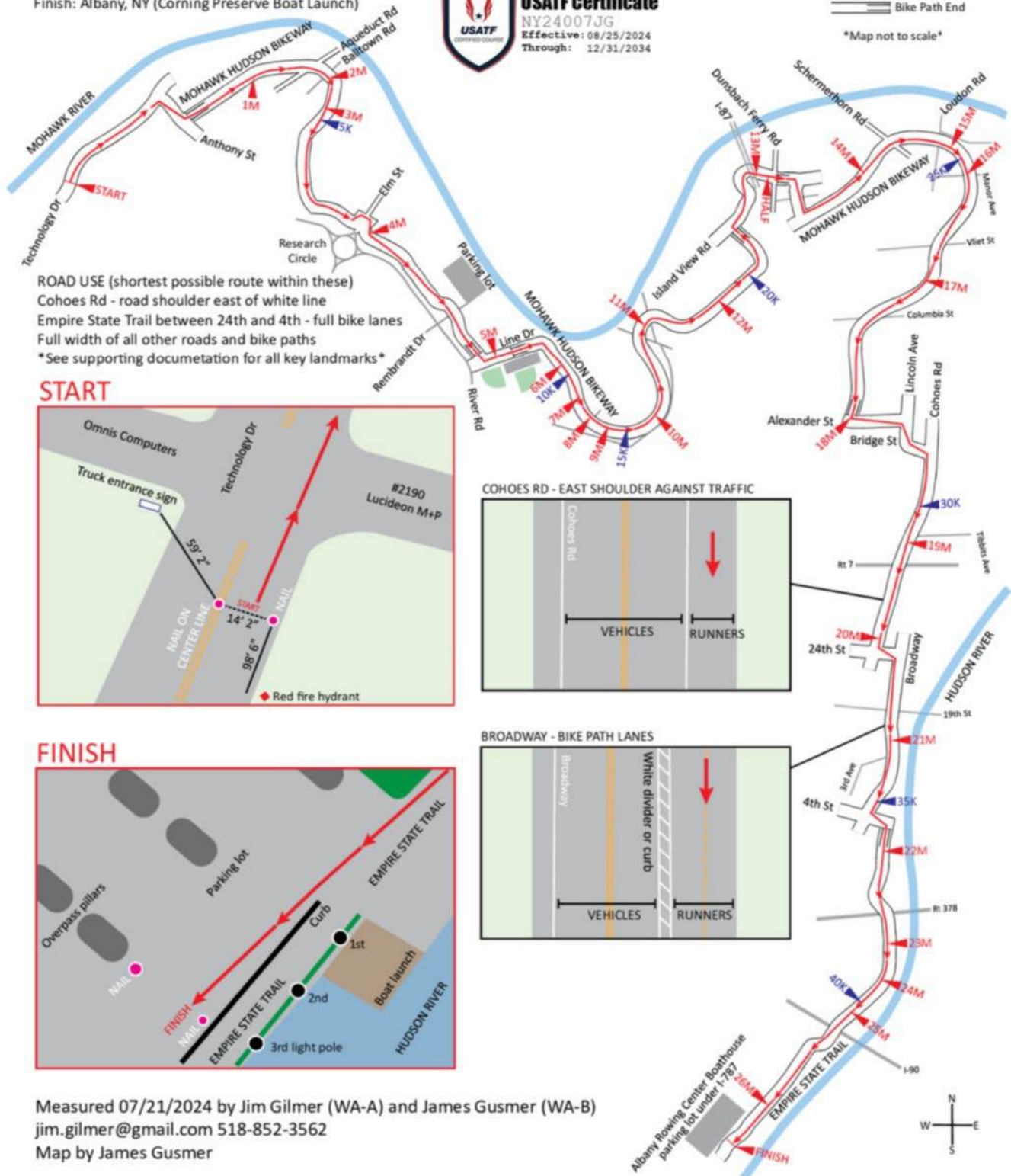
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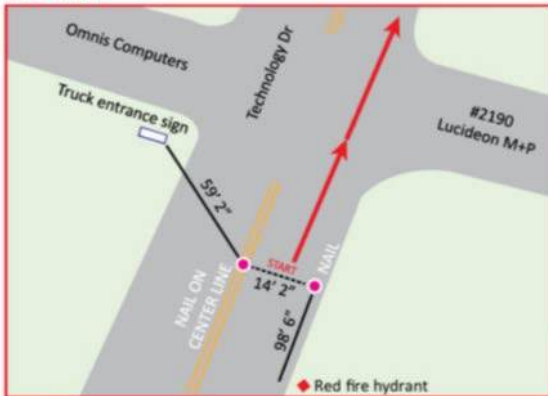
Vehicle Road
Bike Path Start
Bike Path End

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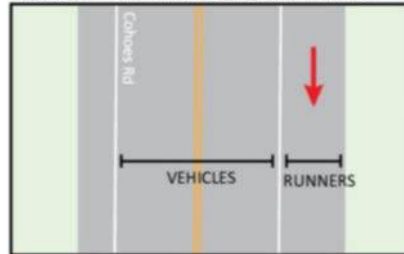


ROAD USE (shortest possible route within these)
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Empire State Trail between 24th and 4th - full bike lanes
Full width of all other roads and bike paths
See supporting documentation for all key landmarks

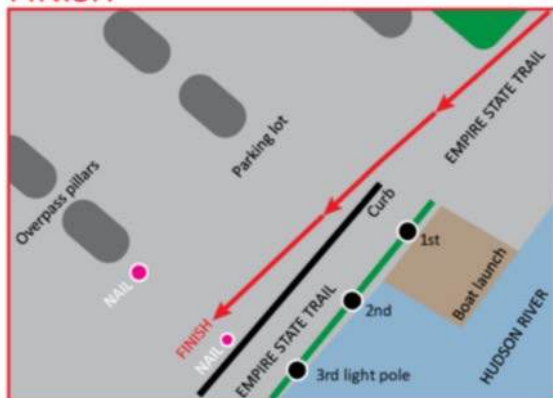
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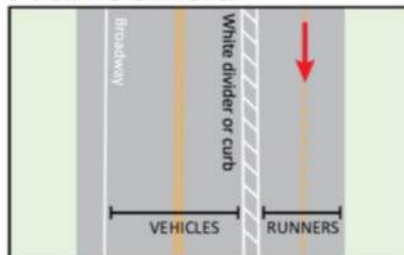
COHOES RD - EAST SHOULDER AGAINST TRAFFIC



FINISH



BROADWAY - BIKE PATH LANES



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USATF DOCUMENTATION MAP FOR HALF MARATHON

Mohawk Hudson River Half Marathon 2024

21.0975 KM

Start: Colonie, NY

(Colonie Mohawk River Park)

Finish: Albany, NY

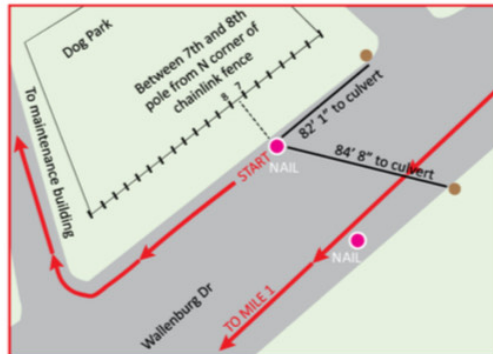
(Corning Preserve Boat Launch)

Vehicle Road
Bike Path Start
Bike Path End

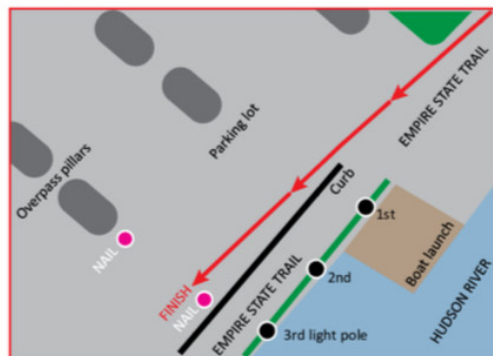
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