



Run for Peace at Home

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Location & Facilities

Directions: The physical address of McAlpine Creek Greenway is:

8711 Monroe Road / Charlotte, NC 28212

Local Directions: Coming from uptown Charlotte on Monroe Road, the parking lot entrance is on the left-hand side past the intersection of Monroe Road and Idlewild Road. Coming from the intersection of Monroe Road and Highway 51 (Pineville-Matthews Boulevard), the entrance is on the right.

From I-85/South: Take I-485 exit south towards Matthews (about 10-15 minutes). Take Exit 51 west onto Independence Blvd. (US74). Turn right onto Independence Blvd and continue to the Sardis Road North intersection (4th traffic light). Turn left onto Sardis Road North and proceed to Monroe Road (2nd traffic light). Turn right onto Monroe Road and proceed to the entrance to McAlpine Creek Park (a little more than 1 mile on the right, immediately after passing under railroad overpass).

From I-85/North: Take Brookshire Freeway (NC Hwy. 16/I-277) east to Independence Blvd. Follow Independence Blvd. east (approx. 6 miles) until Village Lake Drive. Turn right onto Village Lake Drive. Travel on Village Lake Drive for less than a mile until it dead ends into Monroe Road. Turn left onto Monroe Road. McAlpine Creek Park will be less than a mile on your left (just before railroad overpass).

From I-77/South: Take Brookshire Freeway (NC Hwy. 16/I-277) exit east to Independence Blvd. Follow Independence Blvd. east (approx. 6 miles) until Village Lake Drive. Turn right onto Village Lake Drive. Travel on Village Lake Drive for less than a mile until it dead ends into Monroe Road. Turn left onto Monroe Road. McAlpine Creek Park will be less than a mile on your left (just before railroad overpass).

From I-77/North: Take I-485 exit east towards Matthews (approx. 12 miles). Take Exit 52 to Matthews on Old Charlotte Hwy. (left turn at end of exit ramp). Travel west on Old Charlotte Hwy./Monroe Road for approximately 5 miles. McAlpine Creek Park is on the right immediately after passing under the railroad overpass.

Parking: Upon entering the parking area, volunteers will be available to direct you to a parking spot. There are roughly 250 spots available. The 5K course is located across a bridge on the right-hand side towards the fenced-in soccer fields.

Restrooms: Full restroom facilities are located on the left-hand side directly after entering the parking lot. Additionally, port-a-jons will be available nearer to the course.

Day of Event

Registration: Registration tables will be set-up across the bridge on the 5K course. Volunteers will be available to answer your questions. *Please arrive early in order to ensure timely starts of each event.*

If you are bringing a friend(s) who would like to participate, please be aware that they must pay by cash *or* check only (*no credit card payments on the day of the event*).

T-Shirt & Packet Pick-Up: Participants who signed up by May 23, 2009 will receive t-shirts. Additionally, packets with gifts and promotional items will be available to most participants. We have a limited number of packets, and they are not guaranteed to all participants. The packets will be distributed in order of registration date.

Early packet-pick-up will be made available at Omega Sports, in the Park Road Shopping Center on Friday, May 29 from 4:00-8:00pm. It will still be necessary to pick-up your timing chip on the day of the race. Please visit the timing chip table near the registration station.

Arrival Time: Our volunteers will be arriving by 6:00am, and we should be fully organized and available to assist participants by 6:30am. The ideal time to arrive for males and females is 7:00am, however, registration will be available to women after the start of the male event. *Please arrive early in order to ensure timely starts of each event.*

Awards Presentation: The awards presentation will begin at 9:15am. We will make every effort to limit the amount of time taken for all awards to be distributed. The presentation will include:

- Introductory music (beginning at 9:00am)
- Children's Fun Run/Walk (beginning at 9:00am)
- Brief, uplifting testimonial from a local victim who has found success through the assistance of the UFS Domestic Violence Program (beginning at 9:05am)
- Trophy presentations (beginning at 9:15am)
- Door prizes selected for random participants (throughout the trophy presentation). Selections will be made using chips, please turn them in at the conclusion of your event.

Charlotte Rock for Peace at Home: We are proud to present our first annual benefit concert, which will be held in mid-afternoon following the race.

- Location: Philosopher's Stone (1958 East 7th Street Charlotte, NC 28204)
- Time: Bands start at roughly 2pm and will continue playing late into the evening.
- Cost: \$5 for Run for Peace participants / \$10 for all others
- Includes: 2 tickets for beer, buffet style food, great music, great cause
- *Our website will be updated as information is made available*

Frequently Asked Questions

Can males & females run/walk together?

Definitely. It is preferred that males and females selecting to run/walk alongside one another participate in the women's (8:30am) event. Males participating in the female event will not qualify for trophies. Let us know if this is your intention upon arriving for registration.

NOTE: If you will participate in an event that is not for your gender, DO NOT wear a chip during the race. Turn your chip in immediately so that you are eligible for our door prizes.

Are strollers permitted?

Strollers are permitted along the course. Please be courteous to competitive runners by positioning yourself near the back of the start line. Be aware that there is a fairly steep hill along the trail. Safety is our first concern.

Is the location handicap accessible?

Yes. The bridge that leads to the 5K course includes a ramp. The course is not paved, so it is up to the discretion of each individual as to whether the trail is unsafe – please use your best judgment. As is the case with strollers, be courteous to competitive runners.

Are dogs permitted?

Dogs are allowed on the course during the event *only* if they are on a leash at all times (and held by a responsible person). Please be courteous to competitive runners by positioning yourself near the back of the start line.

McAlpine Park also has a fenced-in dog park where dogs can be let off of their leash.

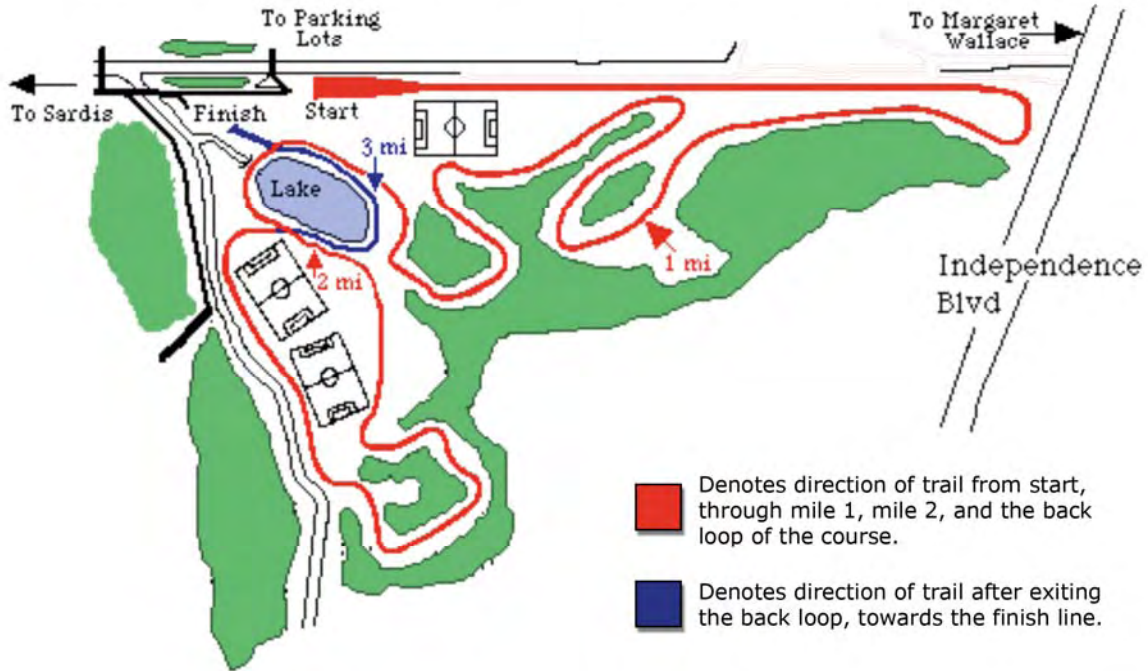
Will this event take place rain or shine?

Our 5K run/walk will take place rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, the Charlotte Run for Peace at Home may be cancelled. Cancellation would only take place to ensure the safety of our participants and volunteers.

Course Info

Course Map:

McAlpine Creek Park 5K Course Map



Every effort will be made on the day of the event to ensure that directions are made clear. Volunteers will be positioned along tricky parts of the course. Painted arrows and cones will be used for added directional purposes.

Water Station: A water station will be available prior to the 2-mile mark (directly after turning left around the lake towards the back loop).

Additional Info

Benefits & Proceeds: Our organization is recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit. We hire no salaried/hourly employees – the Charlotte Run for Peace at Home is an event that is completely organized by all volunteers. All proceeds from our event go directly to local United Family Services Domestic Violence Programs. Your contribution will be used to better the lives of women and children in Mecklenburg County who have been the victims of domestic violence.

Additional Donations: Additional pledges and donations are strongly encouraged. You may turn these funds in at registration. Additionally, if the company/organization that you work for contributes to matching gift programs, we greatly appreciate your effort to double your donation.

Sponsors: Special thanks to all of our sponsors.

