

MORAN CONSTITUTIONAL RELAY EVENT INFO

Welcome to the second annual Moran Constitutional Relay! We hope the information in this packet will answer many of the questions that you and other runners may have, but we've surely overlooked something, so if you have questions, please ask. Please read this information carefully to help ensure that you and your teammates have a fun and successful event.

SCHEDULE:

Friday, October 20

3:00pm – 10:30pm – Check-in (all team members and volunteers)

8:30pm-9:15pm – Pre-event briefing and Q&A (optional but strongly recommended)

6:00pm – 9:00pm – Dinner (optional during registration)

Saturday, October 21

5:30 – 9:00 AM – Breakfast (included with entry)

6:45– 7:15 AM – First leg check-in

7:30 AM – Start

7:41 AM – Sunrise

2:00 PM – First finishers expected

5:30 – 9:30 PM – Post-race meal (included with entry)

6:10 PM – Sunset

7:30 PM – Last finishers expected

Sunday, October 22

Teams will most likely all start together at 7:30 AM, however if there are any teams that are moving through the course significantly faster or slower than last year's teams, then we may assign them to the 8:30 AM or 6:30 AM start waves.

5:30 – 9:00 AM – Breakfast (included with entry)

6:00 – 6:20 AM – Early wave check-in (if needed)
6:30 AM – Early wave start (if needed)
7:00 – 7:20 AM – Main wave check-in
7:30 – Main wave start
8:00 – 8:20 AM – Third wave check-in (if needed)
7:43 AM – Sunrise
8:30 AM – Third wave start (if needed)
12:00 PM – First finishers expected
12:30 – 4:30 PM – Post-race meal (included with entry)
3:30 PM – Last finishers expected

IMPORTANT EVENT SCHEDULE INFO:

We have posted the event schedule on the website but we want to reiterate that all teams start on leg #1 at 7:30am on Saturday at the ELC, however faster- or slower-moving teams may start in an earlier or later wave on Sunday. Most or all teams will likely start in the main wave at 7:30am, and we will notify your team after the finish on Saturday if you are starting in the early wave or third wave on Sunday.

COURSE MARKING SYSTEM INFO:

We hope you and your teammates are ready to be WOWED by the trails at Moran State Park! The routes for many of the legs overlap, so we created unique direction arrow signs for each leg, so that you'll know which route to follow. Each leg has one of six different colors, a unique number (1-12), and a unique animal silhouette. We will post examples, so that you know what the signs look like.

At junctions with multiple signs, be sure to take the time to look for the sign for your route and make sure you follow its direction arrow. At some junctions, where all legs passing the junction go the same way, we have used our usual yellow-orange signs with black arrows. If you see these yellow signs, then follow them. If you don't, but you see signs for your leg, then follow those.

In addition to signs at most junctions, we will mark the route with orange and white confidence streamers and with pin flags (30-inch-long steel

wires with 5-inch by 8-inch plastic flags). Both of these markings will be used more intensively around junctions, but they will also appear at least every quarter mile throughout the course to let you know you are on the right track. ***Note: This is a different way of using pin flags than at most of our other runs (where they act as a turn signal), so please note that they are NOT used only as a turn signal at this event.***

If you get to a junction and don't see any indication of which way to turn, then it means either that you are off course or that the markings were vandalized. While this is unlikely, there is always a small chance that some course markings could be disrupted by people, animals, or the wind. Consequently, we highly encourage each runner to look carefully at the legs they are running. You can click a link to view the map for each leg of the course on the website in the "Course Description" section.

PARKING & EXCHANGE AREAS:

There is a separate map showing the parking and exchange areas, as well as the opening and cutoff times at each exchange area. Regarding the cutoff times: Teams that are early will be held, and teams that are late will be early started (before the incoming runner arrives). Final times will be adjusted for any waiting time or early starts.

There is also a sheet of driving and parking directions for the exchange areas, as well as a few signs on the roads to help guide you. The signs could get run over, rotated by the wind, or taken, so please be prepared to navigate your vehicle to the exchange points.

When you arrive at each exchange point, please park as directed by the staff there.

Little Summit Exchange has very limited parking, so be prepared to drop off your next runner, and if you are able to park, please keep your time at Little Summit to a minimum.

PROCEDURES FOR START, EXCHANGE, & FINISH:

Electronic chip timing system: We will be using SportIdent electronic timing to capture lap times for each team. At check-in, your team will be issued a small timing chip that is worn on a finger. Please do not lose this chip, as it will be used to record your team's leg times. Also, we will ask you to pay the replacement cost of the chip (around \$40-60) if you lose it.

This chip will serve as your team's baton, passing from runner to runner as you go around the course. At each exchange point, the runner that is finishing the leg will first put the chip into a hole in a timing unit at the signed exchange point location, holding the chip in the hole until a beep or flashing light confirms that the punch-in was registered. At this point, the incoming runner hands the chip over to the outgoing runner, who puts it onto her finger and embarks on her leg. If the same runner is running consecutive legs, that runner should still punch in at each exchange point before continuing onto the next leg.

Once a team crosses the finish line each day, the finishing runner on the team should punch in at the finish timing unit, located just after the finish line. Then the timing chip should be taken to be downloaded inside the lodge, where the team will be given a printout showing the running time for each leg.

Running order and checking in: Teams may choose which of their runners runs each leg as they go. This gives you the flexibility to adapt your plan if someone becomes injured or exhausted. In other words, the running order is in your hands! In order to allow for this flexibility, it is essential that runners check in with start line or exchange area staff before starting their leg. At the exchange areas, please allow enough time to do this before your incoming runner tags off to you.

Outgoing runners should also allow enough time to note which way they are leaving the exchange area at the start of their leg.

At check-in on Friday, each runner will be given a bib number and a tyvek bracelet with a unique number. Please do not take off the bracelet until the race is over on Sunday. The exchange staff will record the bracelet

number before each runner starts on each leg. If a runner does not check in at the start or at an exchange point before starting a leg, their team may be penalized or disqualified, at the organizers' discretion. Please wear the bib number so that it is visible as you approach exchange points and the finish.

TRAIL HAZARDS:

The course has miles of beautiful trails but it also has several sections that require runners' attention. Here are a few key things to pay attention to: There are several bridge crossings that could be slick if it rains; there could be downed trees depending on whether the trail crew has cleared the trail after the recent high winds; there could be loose branches hanging over the trail that could fall; there are steep terrain sections that could be muddy and slick; and there are a few areas where there are drop-offs near the trails. There could also be other park users out there, including hikers, bikers, and horseback riders. Horses have the right-of-way, so please step off the trail and let the horse pass if you encounter one. It also helps to talk with the rider. Not only does this help put the horse at ease, but the rider may tell you that their horse is very calm and that it is okay to walk or run past. We highly encourage runners to run sans music or run with just one ear bud in.

The recent rains have made many of the streams full, so some normally dry crossings could get your feet wet. The wind storm brought down some branches, but we have done our best to clear any that are a problem.

RACE RULES:

Please review the race rules (also listed on the website).

1. Each team will be allowed two vehicles to transport team members to exchange zones on course, and passes will be provided at check in that will identify these vehicles.
2. Follow the instructions of race staff. They are there to help everyone have a safe and fun event.

3. Each runner on a team must complete at least two legs for the team to have an official finish. Exceptions may be made in case of injury, in which case the injured runner may be withdrawn and another runner from the team may continue the leg abandoned by the injured runner where she or he left off. A withdrawn runner may not run again during the event.
4. It is up to the team which runner runs each leg, however all runners must check in with start or exchange zone race staff before they are tagged off by their runner and start on the next leg.
5. Teams that are at risk of being overtime may be asked by race staff to start later legs of the course before the preceding runner reaches the exchange zone. If this is done, the team's rank will nonetheless be based on the sum of the running times of the team members.
6. Teams that are progressing around the course faster than anticipated may be asked by race staff to delay starting a subsequent leg in order to wait until an exchange zone opens. If this is done, the team will receive time credit for any time waiting to start at an exchange zone.
7. All members of each team must check in at the race on Friday, October 20.
8. Any additions to a team roster must be made at the latest by the time check in closes on Friday.
9. Course routes for each leg will be well marked, and it is the responsibility of each runner to be familiar with their route and the course markings and to stay on course.
10. Sunday start waves will be determined according to elapsed time on Saturday, with the fastest teams starting in the 8:30am wave (if needed), most or all teams starting in the 7:30am wave, and slower teams starting in the 6:30am wave (if needed). Wave divisions will be determined by race staff, and teams will be notified of their start wave at the finish on Saturday.
11. Runners on the course during hours of darkness must carry and use a headlamp or flashlight.

12. Safety is our first concern, so if you see an injured runner, please stop and help them. Race staff may award bonus time to compensate for such circumstances. Check in when you finish running each leg, even if you are injured and don't complete it.
13. At the exchange areas, always park as directed and so as not to block any road or trail.

SERVICES IN EASTSOUND:

The grocery store in Eastsound is open Monday-Saturday, 7am-9pm; Sunday 8am-8pm. The gas station and convenience store at the junction of Crescent Beach Drive and Olga Road is open Monday-Saturday 6am-11pm; Sunday 6am-10pm

EXCHANGE POINT DRIVING DIRECTIONS

ELC Lodge (Check-in, Start, Finish):

From the park entrance:

1. Go southeast along Olga Road, passing Cascade Lake on your right
2. Keep left to stay on Olga Road at a junction with a fork to the right
3. About 0.2 miles after that junction, turn right just before the "Camp Moran" sign
4. Park in the ELC Lodge lot only to pick up or drop off people. For longer term parking, park as directed in one of the nearby areas within 400m of the Lodge.

From Mountain Lake, Little Summit, or Mt. Constitution (main summit):

1. From Little Summit or Mt. Constitution, go south and down Mt. Constitution Road to the junction with the access road to Mountain Lake
2. Continue west and downhill on Olga Road
3. After nearly 1.1 miles, make a soft right/straight at the stop sign onto Olga Road
4. After a little over 0.1 miles, turn left just after the small gravel/dirt parking lot along the road

Mountain Lake (Exchanges 1-2, 2-3, 5-6, 11-12):

From the ELC (start/finish):

1. Turn right onto Olga Road
2. At the fork after a little over 0.1 miles, make a soft left turn onto Mt. Constitution Road
3. At the fork after a little under 1.1 miles, make a soft right turn onto the Mtn. Lake access road
4. After 0.2 miles, park as directed
5. The exchange point is located where the road turns from pavement to gravel

From Little Summit (Exchange 4-5):

1. Turn left to go down the hill on Mt. Constitution Road
2. After driving 2 miles down Mt. Constitution Road, make a sharp left onto the Mtn. Lake access road
3. After 0.2 miles, park as directed
4. The exchange point is located where the road turns from pavement to gravel

Park Entrance Arch (Exchange 3-4):

1. From Mtn. Lake (Exchange 2-3), go south 0.2 miles along the access road
2. At the road junction, turn left (downhill) onto Mt. Constitution Road
3. After nearly 1.1 miles, make a soft right/straight at the stop sign onto Olga Road
4. You will pass the ELC/start/finish on your left; keep going another 1.2 miles, past Cascade Lake (on your left)

5. Just after passing underneath the park entrance arch, turn left into the gatehouse loop road to drop your runner off, then park as directed

Little Summit (Exchange 4-5):

From Mountain Lake (Exchanges 1-2, 2-3, 5-6, 11-12):

1. Go south 0.2 miles along the access road
2. At the road junction, turn sharply right (uphill) onto Mt. Constitution Road
3. After 2 miles and several switchbacks, the road will level out, and you will see the Little Summit Trailhead on your right
4. Park as directed, if possible, but parking may fill, so be prepared to drop off your runner and park elsewhere
5. The exchange point is a 0.1 mile walk up the trail (keeping right at the junction)

From Park Entrance Arch (Exchange 3-4):

1. Turn right (east) onto Olga Road, and pass Cascade Lake on your right
2. After about 1.4 miles (and just after passing the ELC), make a soft left turn onto Mt. Constitution Road
3. At the fork after a little under 1.1 miles, make a soft left turn (uphill) to continue on Mt. Constitution Road
4. After 2 miles and several switchbacks, the road will level out, and you will see the Little Summit Trailhead on your right
5. Park as directed, if possible, but parking may fill, so be prepared to drop off your runner and park elsewhere
6. The exchange point is a 0.1 mile walk up the trail (keeping right at the junction)

Mt. Constitution (Exchanges 6-7, 10-11):

From Mountain Lake (Exchanges 1-2, 2-3, 5-6, 11-12):

1. Go south 0.2 miles along the access road
2. At the road junction, turn sharply right (uphill) onto Mt. Constitution Road
3. After 2 miles and several switchbacks, the road will level out, and you will see the Little Summit Trailhead on your right
4. Continue along the road for an additional 1.7 miles, and park as directed
5. The exchange point is a 0.1 mile walk up the trail to the summit of the mountain, near the observation tower

From Little Summit (Exchange 4-5):

1. Go north along the road for 1.7 miles, and park as directed
2. The exchange point is a 0.1 mile walk up the trail to the summit of the mountain, near the observation tower

Cascade Lake (Exchange 9-10):

From the ELC (start/finish):

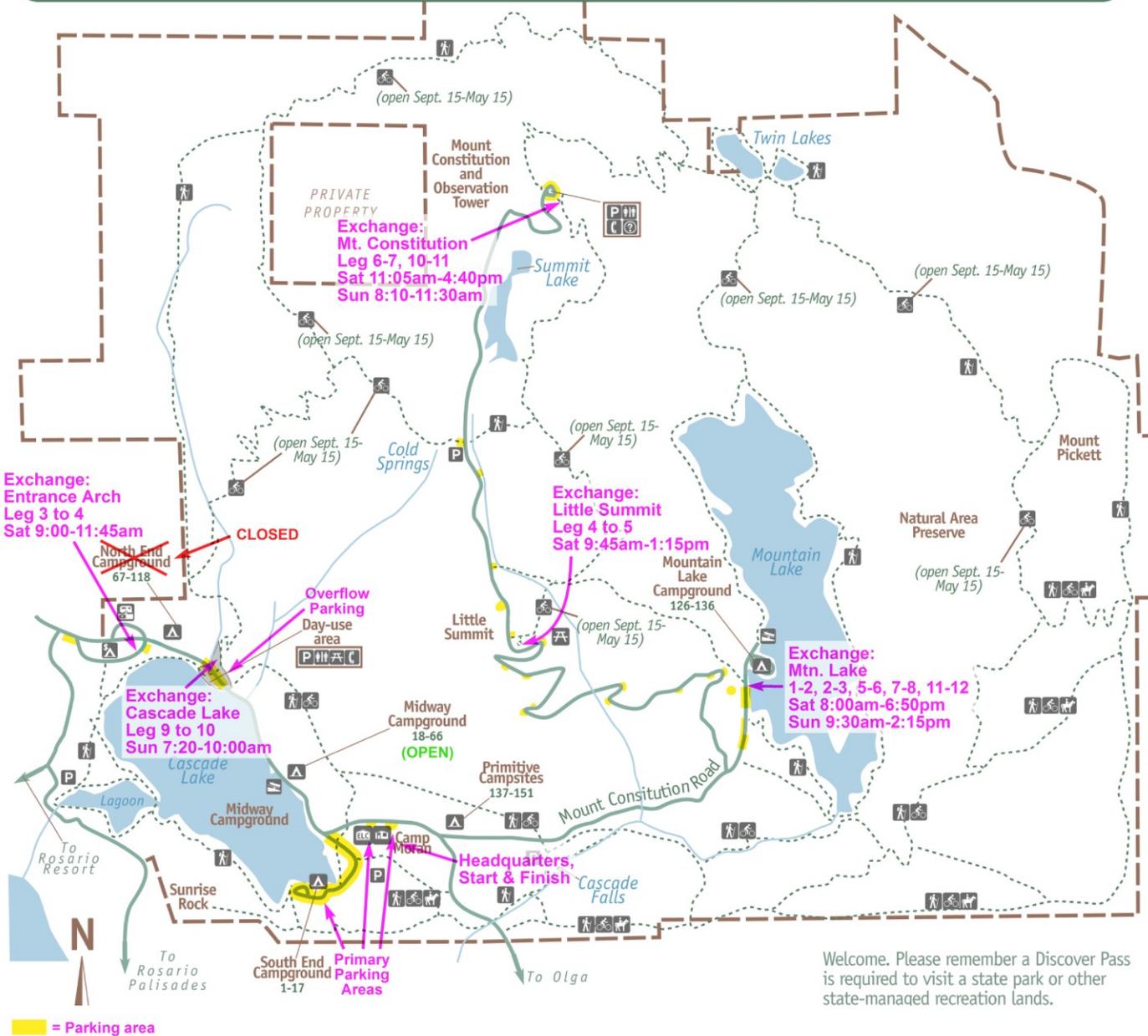
1. Turn left onto Olga Road
2. Go 0.8 miles on Olga Road, passing Midway Campground
3. After the end of the section where the road is adjacent to the water, park in the long parking area on the right
4. The exchange area is at the shelter north of the road

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MAP OF PARKING AND EXCHANGE AREAS

Hiking	Vacation House	Camping registration	Park office	Parking	Trailer dump	Food service
Picnic area	Camping	Environmental Learning Center	Group camp	Restrooms	Information	Boat launch
Telephone	Bicycle area	Boat rental	Equestrian area	Park boundary	Metal detecting area	

Users of metal detectors must complete an application and register with park staff before metal detecting.



Welcome. Please remember a Discover Pass is required to visit a state park or other state-managed recreation lands.

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MENU

20, 21, 22 OCTOBER 2017

FRIDAY DINNER

Spaghetti with vegan or meat marinara sauce (gluten-free pasta available)

Salad of mixed greens

French bread

Iced tea, milk, soda, lemonade (beverages available at all dinners)

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Oatmeal bar: Oatmeal with assorted toppings (vegan)

Waffle bar (GF option available)

Bagels with assorted spreads (vegan options available)

Yogurt & Granola (GF option available)

Bacon

Fruit

Orange juice, coffee, milk, and hot chocolate

SATURDAY DINNER

Pizza (GF and vegan options available)

Salad of mixed greens

Assorted vegetables

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The menu is the same as for Saturday Breakfast

SUNDAY POST RACE

Soup (vegan option available)

Beef stew

Assorted breads

Grilled cheese sandwiches (GF and vegan options available)