
Race Day Parking

General Information

With around 8,000 participants on race day, following the parking plan is essential to keeping things moving smoothly for everyone. Please review the parking information carefully before race day and follow the directions of parking attendants when you arrive.

Five Things to Know!

- 1** We recommend that participants park in **specific lots** on UNC campus **based on the distance they are running**. Your **recommended lots are also printed on the back of your bib and are listed later in the Athlete Guide**.
- 2** Please **ride-share, carpool, bike, or walk** in effort to limit congestion. If you're getting dropped off, recommended drop off locations can be found on page 18.
- 3** If you are carpooling and there are participants in the car who are running different distances, **follow the parking instructions based on the driver's distance**.
- 4** **All distances must be parked by 6:30 AM** to avoid the UNC hospital shift change traffic.
- 5** **Please follow our driving directions** (linked here and available on pages 13 and 14) to avoid road closures on race day. We also recommend using Waze to be routed around the closures.

Plan ahead for race day parking — congestion near parking areas is expected. Decide where you'll park in advance, and plan to arrive early.

Race Day Parking

Driving Directions

Please follow the driving directions below based on which direction you're coming from on race morning!

Are you driving from Hillsborough or west of Chapel Hill? Use these directions!



Getting to Chapel Hill

- Take exit 266 from I-40
- Turn Right on MLK Jr. Blvd (Rt 86)
- MLK Blvd becomes Columbia St.



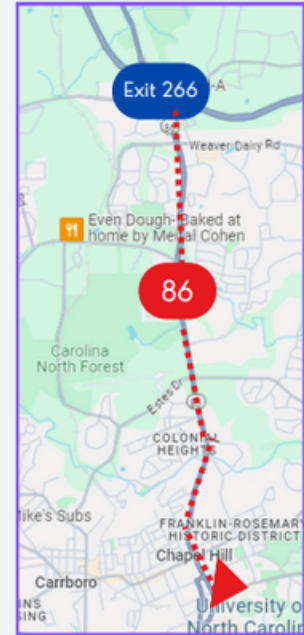
Park Downtown

- Find a spot to park downtown.



Parking at UNC

- Right on Cameron St.
- Left on Pittsboro St.
- Cross Columbia St onto Manning Dr.
- Park at identified lots on the UNC Campus.



Are you driving from east of Chapel Hill (Raleigh, Cary) or from east of 15-501/Fordham BLVD in Chapel Hill? Use these directions!



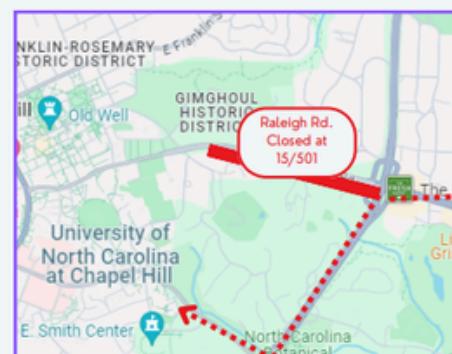
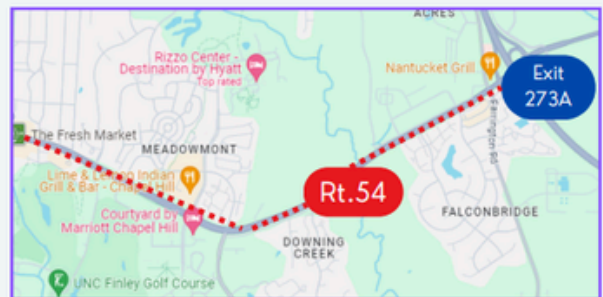
Getting to Chapel Hill

- Take exit 273-A from I-40
- Take Rt. 54/Raleigh Rd then 15/501 toward Carrboro
- Turn RIGHT onto Manning Drive



Parking at UNC

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Race Day Parking Driving Directions

Please follow the driving directions below based on which direction you're coming from on race morning!

Are you driving from Carrboro, Pittsboro, south of Chapel Hill OR in Chapel Hill west of MLK Jr. Blvd?
Use these directions!



Getting to Chapel Hill

- Take 15/501 to S. Columbia St.
- Turn RIGHT on Manning Dr.



Park Downtown

- Find a spot to park downtown.



Parking at UNC

- Right on Cameron St.
- Left on Pittsboro St.
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Are you driving from Durham, north of Chapel Hill, or in Chapel Hill east of MLK Jr. Blvd?
Use these directions!



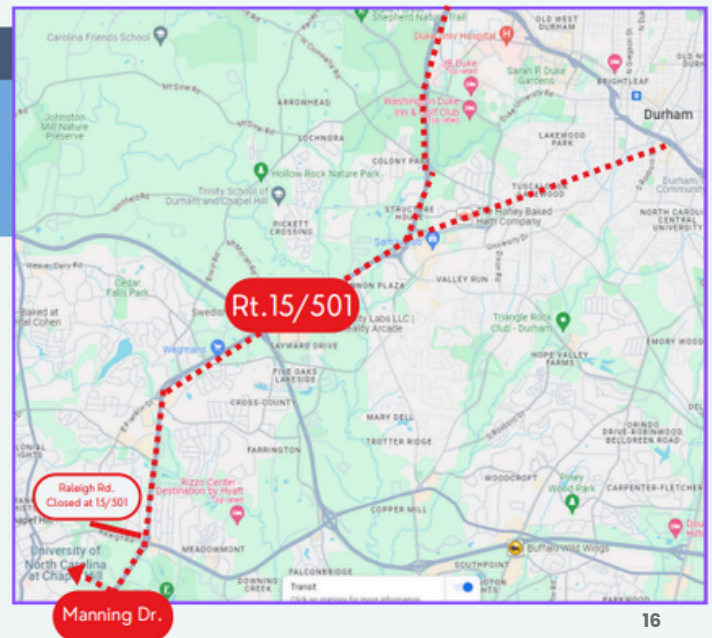
Getting to Chapel Hill

- Take 15/501 (Fordham Blvd) southbound
- Turn RIGHT on Manning Dr



Parking at UNC

- Find a parking spot at UNC. Please follow all directions from parking attendants.



ON CAMPUS PARKING

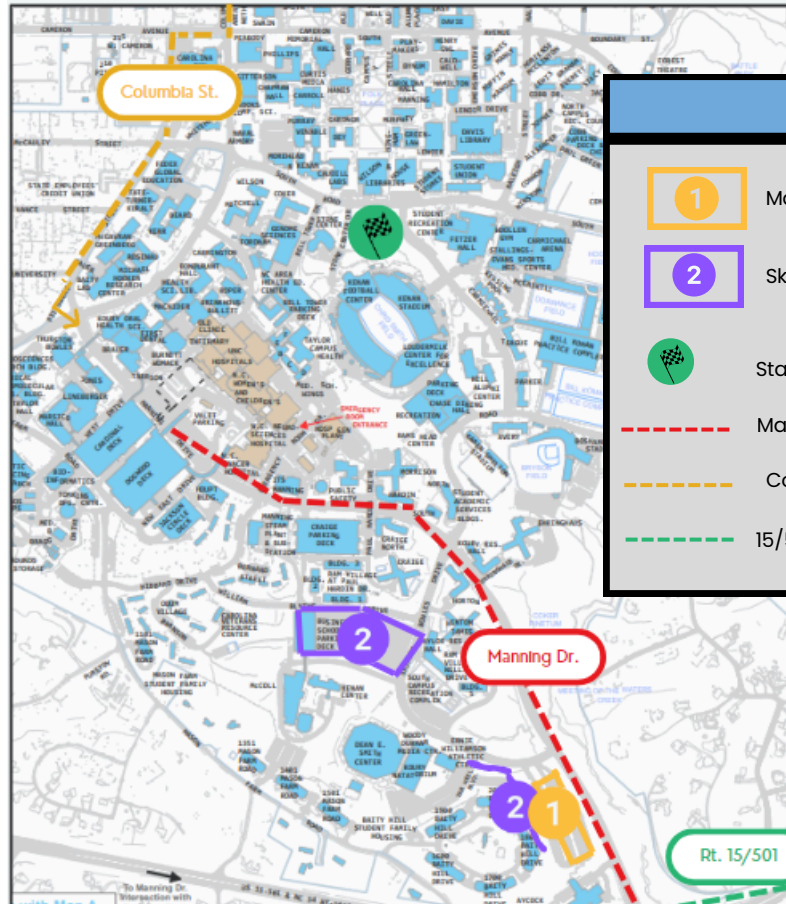
Parking on campus is limited, so we encourage all runners to plan ahead. To help manage traffic and congestion, we recommend parking in specific lots based on your race distance. Additional parking options are also available throughout the town of Chapel Hill. **We also strongly encourage carpooling, getting dropped off, or walking or biking to the start if possible.**

Please see the recommended lots by distance below.

4 MILER ON CAMPUS PARKING

4 Miler runners parking on campus may use:

- **Manning Lot | 238 Manning Dr., Chapel Hill**
- **Skipper Bowles & Business Lots | Skipper Bowles Dr**



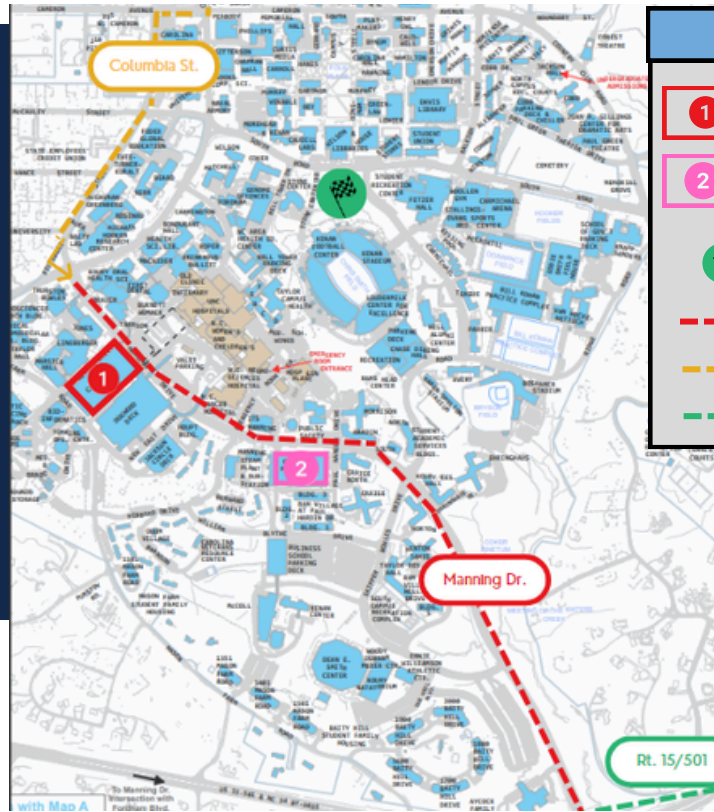
Map Key

- Manning Lot
- Skipper Bowles & Business Lots
- Start Line
- Manning Drive
- Columbia St. to Pittsboro St.
- 15/501 (Fordham Blvd)

10 MILER ON CAMPUS PARKING

10 Miler runners parking on campus may use:

- **Craige Deck | 3 West Drive, Chapel Hill**
- **Cardinal Deck | Manning Drive, Chapel Hill**

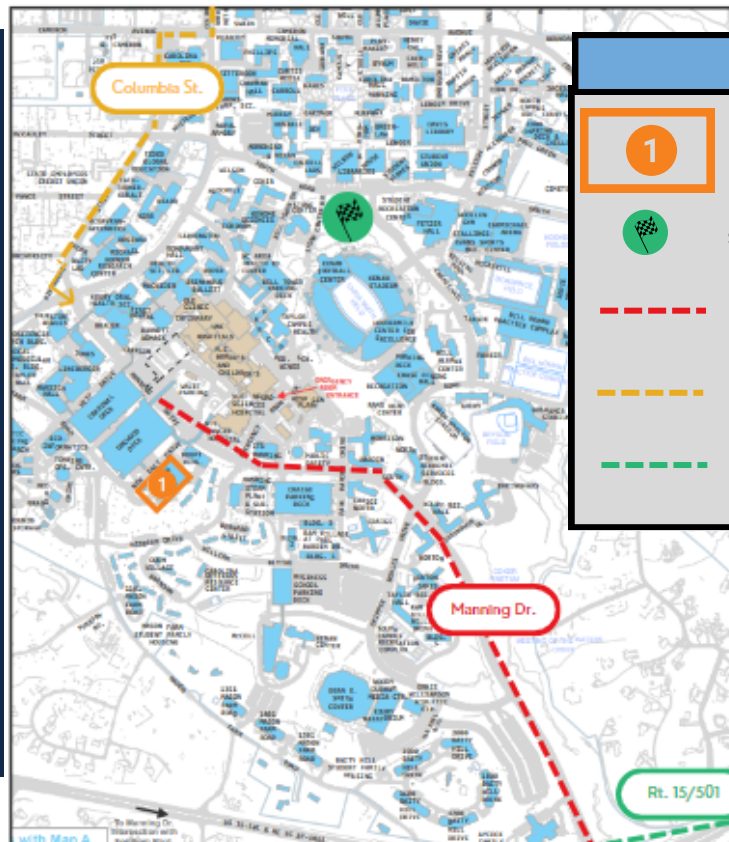


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	Craige Deck
	Start Line
	Manning Drive
	Columbia St. to Pittsboro St.
	15/501 (Fordham Blvd)

DOUBLE DOWN ON CAMPUS PARKING

Double Down Challenge runners parking on campus may use:

- **Jackson Deck | East Drive, Chapel Hill**



Map Key	
	Jackson Deck
	Start Line
	Manning Drive
	Columbia St. to Pittsboro St.
	15/501 (Fordham Blvd)

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL PARKING

For a smooth race day entry and exit, **consider reserving a spot at 125 East Rosemary Deck ahead of time.** This deck is approximately a 10-minute walk to the start line and is not listed below. **Reserve before April 18, 2026 for a reduced rate of \$11 (versus \$20 on race day).**

To reserve your spot:

1. Click on the [Tar Heel 10 Miler event](#), and hit the green reserve button.
2. Follow the login process and complete payment.
3. You'll receive a QR code to scan in and out of the deck on race day.

Other parking options available within the Town of Chapel Hill are listed below.



DOWNTOWN CHAPEL HILL

- 1 Cameron/Graham St. Lot (602 W. Cameron St.)
- 2 S. Graham St. Lot (108 S. Graham St.)
- 3 Rosemary/Sunset Lot (604 W. Rosemary St.)
- 4 427 W. Franklin St. Lot (next to Lantern Restaurant)
- 5 Courtyard Lot (access from S. Roberson St.)
- 6 415 W. Franklin St. Lot (next to 411 West)
- 7 UNC 440 South Lot (400 W. Rosemary St.)
- 8 UNC 440 North Lot (401 W. Rosemary St.)
- 9 Mallette Street Lot (106 Mallette St.)
- 10 UNC Development Lot (307 W. Rosemary St.)
- 11 Carolina Square (133 W. Franklin St.) First 45 minutes is free; \$2/90 minutes and \$5 for each additional hour
- 12 140 West Deck (access at 213 W. Rosemary St.)
- 13 Rosemary/Columbia Lot (100 E. Rosemary St.)
- 14 UNC Porthole Alley Lot (access near 101 S. Columbia St.)
- 15 UNC Swain Lot (access on E. Cameron Ave.)

All Town of Chapel Hill public parking is free on Sundays and town holidays.



Off-street parking, decks and surface lots require payment Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., at \$1.50/hour with a 10-hour maximum.

All UNC parking is available weekdays after 5 p.m. at \$1/hour and free on the weekends; unless noted above.

Pre-pay for your parking at a nearby pay station or on the ParkMobile App. Look for your three-digit space number painted on the ground or on the curb.

Visit parkonthehill.com for up-to-date parking information and where to appeal town tickets.

16 Wallace Deck (150 E. Rosemary St.)

17 UNC Morehead Planetarium Lot (250 E. Franklin St.) \$1.75/hour; free parking from 5 p.m. on Friday until 7:30 a.m. on Monday ▶

Recommended Downtown Parking Lots Close to Start Line

- #12: 140 West Deck | 146 Spots | Access at 213 W. Rosemary St.
- #13: Rosemary/Columbia Lot | 70 Spots | Access at 100 E. Rosemary St.
- #16: Wallace Deck | 220 Spots | Access at 150 E. Rosemary St
- #9: Mallette St. Lot | 70 Spots | Access at 106 Mallette St.
- #6: 415 W. Franklin St. Lot | 65 Spaces | Access at 415 W. Franklin St.
- #4: 427 W. Franklin St. Lot | 45 Spots | Access at 427 W. Franklin St.

All parking locations are approximately a 15 minute walk to the start line.

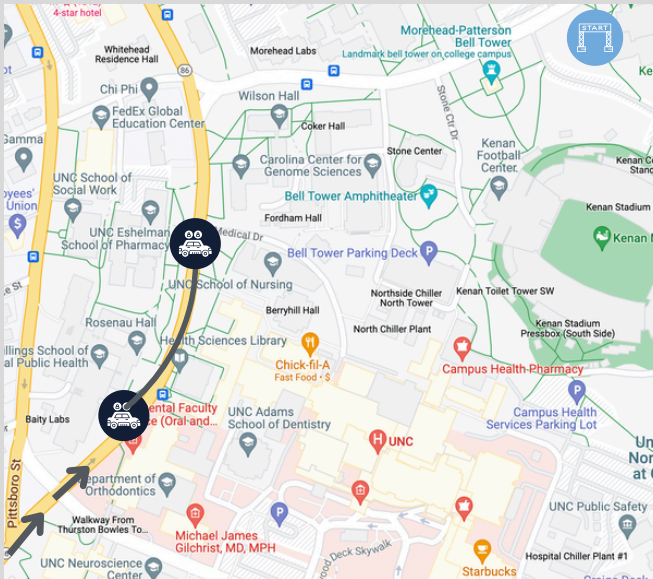
All lots are paid lots beginning at 8 AM. Participants will need to pay prior to heading to the start line.


Race Day Parking Ride Share/Drop-off Info


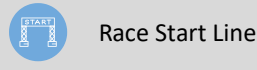
Ride Share/Drop-Off Information: If you're planning to use ride-share or be dropped off, please use the following locations below.

BEST Drop-Off Location: Columbia St. between Manning Dr. & Medical Drive - **Please use the bus lane for drop-off!**

Driving Directions: Columbia Ave is one-way and runners will need to access this drop-off location from the south!



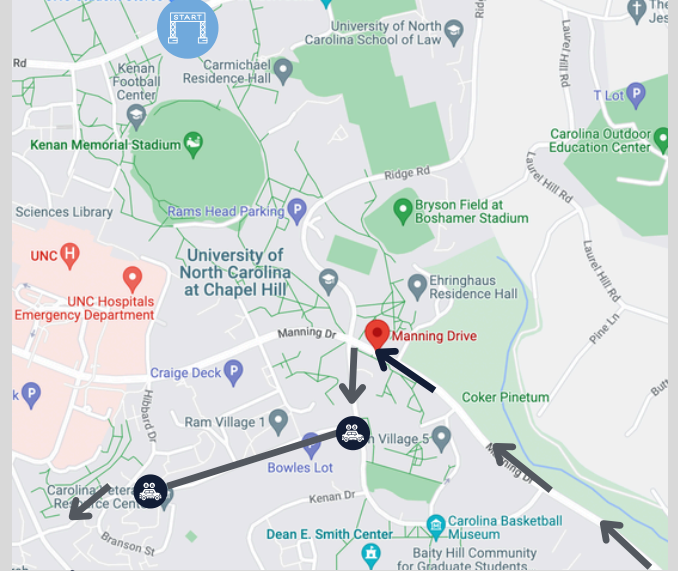
 Ride Share Drop-Off Area - Bus Lane on Columbia between Manning Dr. & Medical Dr.

 Ride Share Route on Columbia St.  Race Start Line



Alternate Drop-off Location: William Blythe Avenue

Driving Directions:

- From 15-501, turn onto Manning Drive.
- Turn onto Skipper Bowles Drive.
- Turn onto William Blythe Avenue.
- **Exit William Blythe Left onto Hibbard Dr. to Mason Farms Road.**



 Ride Share Route to William Blythe Ave. Drop Off Area

 Ride Share Drop-Off Area on William Blythe Ave.  Race Start Line

Road Closures/Detours:

Please follow the driving instructions provided to get to the race. Use Waze to avoid road closures on race day.

Roads utilized for the race course will be closed and reopened on a rolling basis as runners pass through the course. For more information, please take a look at the road closure list on our [website](#).