



2026 RUN WITH THE WILD

LOCATION

5K/10K Event Site

Mark O. Hatfield West Trailhead in Hood River, OR
(45.70369, -121.48685)

Parking Hood River DMV (600 E. Marina Dr., Hood River, OR 97031). Free shuttle bus services to and from event provided by our sponsors at Explore The Gorge. Additional parking lots & shuttle stops TBA - Details via email.

EVENT AMENITIES

Free Shuttle Service

Shuttle service begins 15 minutes prior to the opening of check-in. Leashed dogs are allowed on shuttle bus. Shuttle will provide pick-up & drop-offs at designated parking areas (DMV Lot & any overflow lots TBA).

Coat Check

We offer free coat check services - so bring your layers if needed! Making purchases at the event? No problem - we'll hold them for you. *Please provide ample time for checking your items prior to the event.*

Dogs

Dogs are allowed. Dogs must be kept on leash no longer than 6'. We will have doggie water stations at the event site and along the route - along with poo drop off stations. We have dog freebies for pups courtesy of our sponsors!



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Lodging Options

Check out our Lodging section on RunWithTheWild.com for details!

Best Western Plus Hood River Inn

1108 E. Marina Drive, Hood River, Oregon, 97031

(541) 386-2200

**Shuttle Pick-Up: 6 minute walk*

Oak Street Hotel

610 Oak Street, Hood River, Oregon, 97031

(541) 386-3845

**Shuttle Pick-Up: 18 minute walk (5 min. drive)*

Gorge Rental Properties

Various vacation rental locations.

Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites The Dalles

2014 W. 7th Street, The Dalles, OR 97058

(541) 769-0753

**Shuttle Pick-Up: 22 min. drive*



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Toilets

We will have port-a-potties graciously donated by Columbia River Affordable Portables. These are located at the event site (starting line). We do not have toilets along the route.

Aid Stations

We will have one aid station located just shy of the 10K turnaround spot. We will have bottled water, garbage receptacles, and electrolyte packets courtesy of our sponsors. We will also have a dog water station located here.

Beer Tent

All registrants receive a free beer. Just pull the “free beverage” pull tab off your bib and hand it over for a free beverage at the Working Hands beer tent!

Non-Alcoholic Beverages & Refreshments

We have a variety of non-alcoholic beverages on-site available for purchase, or use your free beverage pull-tab on your bib! Stop by our refreshment table for other warm beverages such as hot chocolate, tea and coffee - amongst other tasty treats!

Early Packet Pickup

Early packet pick-up will be available at Working Hands Fermentation in Hood River on Friday, April 10th from 4:30-7PM. This is available as a courtesy if you'd like to skip the morning check-in lines, but is not required!



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2026 SCHEDULE

APRIL 11, 2026

8AM - 2PM



APRIL 10: 4:30-7PM Early Packet Pick-up @ Working Hands Fermentation

7:45 Shuttle Starts @ DMV lot

8:00 Check-in OPEN

- Lawn Games
- Music
- Refreshments
- Sponsor Tents
- Kids Bib Design Station (coloring, stickers, etc!)
- Silent Auction
- Meet Smokey Bear
- Photos by Amanda Gehrich
- Interactive Fire Truck Display
- Event Drawing
- Beer & Food

9:30 Live Auction

9:45 Announcements

- Top Fundraisers Awarded
- Speech from **WFF Co-Founder**, Burk Minor

10:00 Race Begins

When you cross finish line...

- Enjoy food & drinks at the Beer trailer! Mingle & Cheer!
- Grab freebies & goodie bag!

11:00 Drawing & Silent Auctions Close

Stop by prize tables to see if you've won!

- 11:00** • First Round of Winning Drawing Tickets Pulled
- 11:15** • Second Round of Winning Tickets Pulled
- 11:30** • Final Round of Winning Tickets Pulled

2:00 Last Shuttles to Parking Lots

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COURSE

Route: The route is along the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail, which offers stunning views of the Columbia River from above! The path is a wide, paved, gradual graded trail.

This is an out-and-back course. Kilometer markers and turnaround points will be indicated along the path.

ADA Accessibility: This is an ADA accessible trail, making it a great option for families with strollers and wheelchairs.

Walkers: Walkers welcome for the 5K/10K! We kindly ask that walkers stay towards the back when lining up at the starting line, to allow for runners to lead the way. Please time your walk accordingly with our shuttle schedule and event end time.

Bikers & Public Use: It will remain open to the public. This is a popular biking trail - so please be mindful of others' space.



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REGISTRATION

Same Day Registration: We do allow same day registration, however, we strongly encourage signing up ahead of time. You may sign up on-line same day prior to race start time, or visit our registration table at the event.

Early Bird Registration: We offer early bird discounts! Take advantage of these deals by purchasing your registration ASAP.

Kids: 12 years and under participate for free. Children must register on-line on our registration site. A discount will be automatically provided after age is entered.

Payment Methods: We accept cash, check and credit card. As a reminder, 100% of proceeds for registration, event merchandise and apparel, raffle tickets and auction purchases ALL go directly to the 501 © 3 nonprofit: Wildland Firefighter Foundation!



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FUNDRAISING

After you register on our registration site, you will receive an email to set up your PledgeReg website. This is simple and takes minutes to customize. It is a personalized on-line fundraising platform tied to our 5K/10K event! The concept is similar to a GoFundMe page.

You can then share your customized PledgeReg website with friends and family to raise money for the Wildland Firefighter Foundation. Keep sharing your personalized link - the top fundraiser gets a plaque on event day! You can fundraise solo or join a fundraising team! The top fundraising team also gets a plaque.

The best part is that you can participate in this from anywhere in the country. Sign up for a virtual 5K/10K category on our registration website and you will get the opportunity to create a PledgeReg account! If you win the Top Fundraiser placement by event day, your plaque will be mailed.



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VOLUNTEER

We need volunteers! Event day helpers are needed for a variety of tasks, such as assistance with: parking, registration, check-in, coat check, aid station & refreshments.

We also can use help with pre-event tasks! Volunteers are needed for posting flyers, content creation, social media & web design assistance, communications, sponsorship acquisition, etc.

If interested in volunteering, please reach out via email:
runwiththewildrace@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIPS

We rely on the generosity of sponsors to make our event a success! Please review our sponsorship tier on our website, or email us to inquire about opportunities:
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Instagram: @run.withthewild

Facebook: www.facebook.com/runwiththewild5k

Website: www.runwiththewild.com

Registration Site: www.runreg.com/run-with-the-wild

Email: runwiththewildrace@gmail.com