

Olympia Lakefair Races Frequently Asked Questions

1. When and where are the races?

All races are Saturday, July 14, 2018. All races share the same finish line at the corner of 5th Avenue SW and Sylvester St SW (across from the “Dancing Waters” Fountain at Capitol Lake Park) in Olympia, WA. Following is a schedule of start times and start locations for each race:

- Trials Legacy Marathon – 5 am Early Start (for runners expecting to run over 5 hours), 7 am Regular Start. Location: On S. Evergreen Park Dr SW, just west of Heritage Dr SW intersection. This is approximately two miles and uphill from the finish line. Due to the Lakefair Parade, the course closes at 12 noon (7 hours after the Early Start, 5 hours after the regular Start).
- Lakefair Half Marathon – 7 am Start. Location: On 5th Ave SW, approximately 500 ft west of the Finish Line. Due to the Lakefair Parade, the course closes at 12 noon (5 hours after the start).
- Lakefair 8K – 8 am Start. Location: On 5th Ave SE between Capitol Way S. and Washington St SE.
- Lakefair 3K – 8:05 am Start. Location: On 5th Ave SW between Columbia St SW and Capitol Way S.

2. Are the course distances accurate and certified? Any other course details?

Yes. All courses are certified, with the following USATF certifications:

- Trials Legacy Marathon – [WA16016RMB](#)- The course is a downhill point to point, largely flat course that shares 80% of the original US Women’s Olympic Trials course run in 1984 and won by Joan Benoit Samuelson, who then went on to win the first ever Women’s Marathon Olympic Gold Medal. Mile marker signs will be at each mile, and the course marked clearly, along with volunteers and police officers at turns and intersections. Large sections of the course are shaded.
- Lakefair Half Marathon – [WA16015RMB](#) – The course is close to a large loop, with the first half being gentle uphill, and the second half largely downhill. The course shares several miles with the Trials Legacy Marathon course. Mile marker signs will be at each mile, and the course marked clearly, along with volunteers and police officers at turns and intersections. Large sections of the course are shaded.
- Lakefair 8K – [WA14021MN](#) – The course is a very flat near loop to Tumwater Historical Park and back, circling Capitol Lake in the process. Mile marker signs will be at each mile, and the course marked clearly, along with volunteers and police officers at turns and intersections.
- Lakefair 3K – [WA14020MN](#) – The course is essentially a flat loop around Capitol Lake. There will be a 1 Mile sign, and the course marked clearly, along with volunteers and police officers at turns and intersections.

3. Is the Trials Legacy Marathon a Boston Qualifier?

Yes, it is a BQ race. The course drops approximately 155 ft from Start to Finish.

4. How do I enter?

You can enter online (<https://www.olympialakefairraces.com/race-registration/>) via RaceWire, by mail ([downloadable entry](#)), or in person at South Sound Running. Day of Race Entry for the 3K, 8K and Half Marathon is also available at Heritage Park on 5th Ave SW near the finish line. There is no Day of Race entry for the Trials Legacy Marathon.

5. Where do I pick up my number and race packet?

- Race packets and numbers for all races will be available Friday, July 14th from 11 am to 7 pm at South Sound Running at 3409 Capitol Blvd, Tumwater, WA
- 3K, 8K and Half Marathon packets can also be picked up at Heritage Park near the Finish line the morning of the race.
- Trials Legacy Marathon entrants not able to pick up their packets on Friday, should contact the website for day of race packet pickups at the Trials Legacy Marathon Start Line (not at Heritage Park with the other three races).

6. Are there Aid Stations and Sanicans on the courses?

- Aid stations are located approximately every two miles for both the Trials Legacy Marathon and Lakefair Half Marathon. Aid stations will primarily be staffed for the Trials Legacy Marathon regular start, so 5 am starters are advised to supply their own water for the first half of the race.
- Sanicans are located adjacent to eleven of the Trials Legacy Marathon Aid Stations and most of the Lakefair Half Marathon Aid Stations.
- There is one Aid Station that runners pass by twice on the Lakefair 8K.
- All aid stations have water and Nuun sports drink provided, and are staffed by enthusiastic local high school cross country and track team members and community volunteer organizations.

7. What are the Entry Fees?

Below is a table with the schedule of entry fees. Note that each race has a \$10 discount if you do not wish to receive an Olympia Lake Fair commemorative Tech Short Sleeved T-Shirt. For the 3K, kids 14 & under are free without a T-shirt. Online entries have a service charge added by RaceWire.

In addition, there are discounts for the first 100 members of our Armed Forces that signup. Discounts are also available for Groups of ten members or more. More details are available in the “Registration/Group Discounts” section at www.olympialakefairraces.com website.

Event	Early Bird (Before 3/31)	Regular (4/1 – 6/30)	Late (7/1 – 7/14)
Kids (14 & under) 3km <i>*Not free w/ t-shirt</i>	FREE	FREE	FREE
3 km	\$25	\$30	\$35
8 km	Expired as of 3/31/18	\$30	\$35
Half Marathon		\$65	\$75
Trials Legacy Marathon	\$70	\$90	\$110
With T-shirt Option	+\$10	+\$10	+\$10

8. Where does the money go?

The Olympia Lakefair Races are co-sponsored by the Lakefair Run Organization (501c3) and the Olympia Downtown Rotary Club (non-profit). Profits support local high school running programs, Boys and Girls Club of Olympia, and other youth programs. There is a long term goal to support a statue or other display at Marathon Park to more prominently commemorate the first United States Olympic Marathon Trials Race held in 1984, and ending near Marathon Park. The Trials race was likely the biggest sporting event ever to occur in the Olympia area.

9. What are the Lodging Options?

There are several hotels near the combined Finish Line in downtown Olympia, as well as along the Trials Legacy Marathon course. A searchable hotel finder for Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater hotels can be found at <https://www.experienceolympia.com>. July 11-15 is Lakefair week, so early reservations are recommended.

10. Is there anything else going on in Olympia?

As mentioned above, July 11-15 is Lakefair week in Olympia, so there are all kinds of sports and family fun activities going on, including a carnival, car show, parade right after the races on Saturday, fireworks Sunday evening, street fair Saturday night, and various sporting events. Visit <https://www.lakefair.org/calendar> for more information.

11. What about timing and results?

RaceWire will be providing chip timing and results for all the races. Pin your number on the front of your shirt. Results will be posted after each race in Heritage Park, as well as online and www.racewire.com.

12. Are there awards, swag and any random awards?

- Awards are given to the overall male and female winner, masters (40+) male and female, and super masters (50+) for each race.
- Awards will also be given in the following categories: 19 & Under, 5 Year Age Groups.
- Half Marathon and Trials Legacy Marathon Finishers will be presented with Finisher Medals at the Finish Line.
- Trials Legacy Marathon entrants will also receive a TLM baseball style hat.
- Various prizes and food will be randomly chosen from all entrants (must be present to win) at the awards ceremony after the races.
- Awards will be given out as soon as available after the race in Heritage Park adjacent to the Finish Line.

13. Is there any food?

Various free snacks and food are available at the finish line, including water, sports drink, watermelon, apples, granola bars, and snacks. There are also numerous Olympia downtown restaurants within blocks of the finish line for a complete meal.

14. Where do I park?

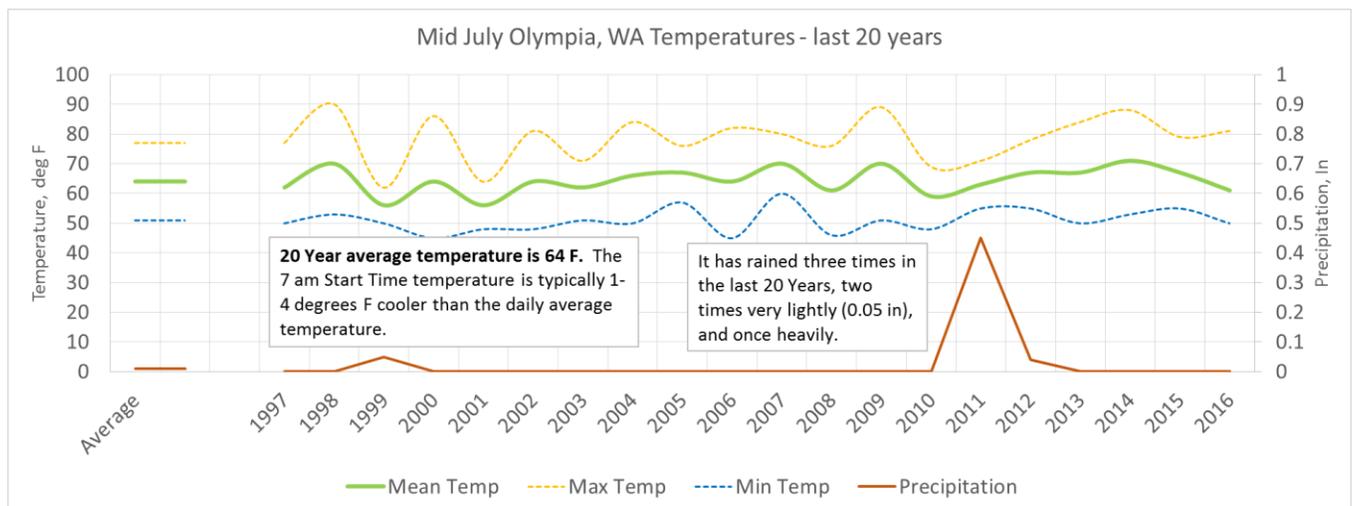
- With Lakefair going on at Heritage Park, the regular Heritage Parking lot is closed to all traffic, and Water Street south of 5th Ave SW is closed for carnival vendors.
- There is typically ample parking in downtown Olympia early Saturday morning, and parking is Free on Saturday and Sunday unless otherwise noted. There are also some private pay lots in downtown

Olympia that may have a weekend rate. A few lots (just east of Water Street) are reserved for Lakefair food vendors.

- 5th Ave S. and much of Deschutes Parkway will be closed for the race, so parking along Deschutes Parkway SW is not recommended.
- Trials Legacy Marathon participants may want to be dropped off at the Start Line or park in the area on the street near the RL Hotel off Evergreen Park Dr SW. InterCity Bus #43 and #44 pick up at Heritage Park and drop off at the Thurston County Courthouse near the RL Hotel and leave approximately every 15 minutes.

15. What is the weather typically like on race day?

Typically the temperature is around 60 F at 7 am in mid-July. In the last 20 years, there has been rain three times. The Daily average for mid-July is 64 F, with an average low of 50 F, and average high of 76 F (typically occurs in the afternoon after all the races are over). Following is a chart showing temperatures for the 1997-2016 time period.



16. Are there massages at the finish line?

At this point, there are unfortunately no massages offered at the finish line for Half Marathon or Trials Legacy Marathon finishers. As the race grows this will be considered.

17. Any other questions not answered here?

If we haven't answered your question, please submit it in the "Contact" section of the www.olympialakefairraces.com website, and we'll get back to you with an answer to the best of our ability.