



2025 Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile, 5K and Double Blossom Final Pre-Race Participant News

Dear Confirmed Credit Union Cherry Blossom Entrant:



Only a few days remain until our 2025 Race Weekend! Our final Pre-race Participant News seeks to answer any questions you may have and get you ready for a great race.

New Bag Check Procedures This Year!

To reduce lines at Bag Check this year, we have assigned everyone a **Bag Check Line and Bag Check Space**. The location of your Bag Check Line and Space appears on your bib number at the top right on the Bag Check Coupon

(which you will remove and attach to your bag) and on the bottom of your bib number, which you will show to retrieve your bag. ([Click Here](#) to see a sample of where your Bag Check Line and Bag Check Space appears on your bib number.

When you arrive at the Bag Check Tents for either the 5K or the 10 Mile, get in the Bag Check Line that appears on your bib number, tear off your perforated Bag Check coupon from your bib, thread one of the straps of the bag through the hole on the coupon, tie the straps of the bag together and give your bag to the Bag Check Volunteer. After the race, return to the same line and show the Volunteer the bottom of your bib number so they can see what space your bag is in and retrieve it for you.

- [Click Here](#) for a video on how Bag Check will work this year.
- [Click Here](#) for full details on Bag Check.

Did Not Receive (or Can't Find) Your Confirmation Email Containing Your Bib Number?

Emails with bib number assignments went out to all participants on March 24 and 25. If you can't find that email or didn't receive it, you can look up your bib number on our [Bib Number Look-up](#) page. Be sure you know your bib number when you go to [pick up your race packet](#) (more details on packet pickup appear below).

If you want to check what products you ordered at registration (shirts, medals, etc.) or review your registration information to make sure it is all correct, you can access it through your [Race Roster dashboard](#). If you find a problem that you cannot fix yourself on your dashboard (by clicking "Edit Registration") please go to the Solutions Table located in the packet pick-up area for 10 Mile packet pick-up at the Expo ([CLICK HERE](#) for a map of the Expo floor; the Solutions Table is marked "Delmo" on the map).

Notes on Medals:

- Pick up your medal (whether you ordered a standard medal or an enhanced medal) at the finish area of your race (**Double Blossom runners**: if you ordered a 5K medal, pick it up at the 5K finish area; if you ordered a 10 Mile and/or Double Blossom medal pick it/them up at the 10 Mile finish area).

- If you ordered an Enhanced medal, **that is not noted on your bib**. You may confirm your order only on your [Race Roster dashboard](#). (Your Enhanced medal plate showing your finish time and place that you can attach to the ribbon of our medal will be mailed to you in the month of May.)

Get the Race App

As we head into race weekend, you will be able to find loads of up-to-date race information on our Race App. If you have the App on your device from last year, be sure to update it. If you are a first-time user of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom App, you can download it by clicking the button below.

[Click Here To Download the Race App](#)

Besides containing the latest information about the race, you can look up your bib number on the App as you make your way to the Health and Fitness Expo Presented by Wegmans. If you need assistance navigating the App once you download it, [Click Here](#).

Runner Tracking: The App is also the way for your friends to track your progress during the race and see your results when you are done, so encourage your family and friends to download it as well and sign up to track you on the App.

Have a Question? Ask Our AI Guide, Neurun

If you want to ask anything about the race, go to our [Home Page](#) and pose your question to Neurun, our AI Guide, which can answer your race weekend questions using info from our website! Need race packet pickup details, start line directions, or a course walkthrough? Just ask! With 3D maps, gear tips, and race weekend logistics, Neurun helps you prepare. Be sure to use the toggle for 5K or 10 Mile info. Still have questions? Email info@cherryblossom.org.

Plan to Take Metro to the Expo and to Either Race



Metro opens at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 5 and at 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 6. Thanks to WMATA for the early opening on Sunday! Show your support by taking the train. Use this handy [trip calculator](#) to see what time you need to board the trains. *While at the Expo on Friday or Saturday, stop by the Metro booth to purchase a farecard or convert to [SmarTrip for Your Mobile Wallet](#) for your Apple or Google Wallet.*

The Health and Fitness Expo Presented by Wegmans Opens at 2:00 p.m. on Friday

Expo and Packet Pickup:

HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO:

[National Building Museum](#)

401 F St. NW

Washington, DC 20001

Friday, April 4, 2025

2:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Bib pick-up closes at 7:45 pm – 10 Mile, Double Blossom, 5K and Kids Run pickup)

Saturday, April 5, 2025

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Bib pick-up closes at 4:45 pm – 10 Mile pickup only)

5K & KIDS RUN STAGING AREA:

Freedom Plaza

1455 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Washington, DC 20004

Saturday, April 5, 2025

7:00 am – 8:45 am (5K Packet Pickup, Double Blossom Bib with only standard 10 Mile/5K shirt or 5K Upgrade Shirt Pickup only)

9:30 am – 10:45 am (Kids Run Packet Pickup only)

Double Blossom participants should remember that if you pick up your Double Blossom bib at the Expo on Friday, April 4, you will be able to pick up any shirts that you ordered at the same time, but if you wait and pick up your packet at the 5K staging area on Freedom Plaza on Saturday morning, you will only be able to pick up your standard cotton t-shirt (or 5K upgrade shirt if you ordered one). If you ordered a 10 Mile or Double Blossom upgrade shirt you will need to go to the Expo at the National Building Museum to receive your 10 Mile and/or Double Blossom upgrade shirt(s) after the 5K is over.

- [Click Here](#) for full Expo Details.
- [Click Here](#) for the Packet Pickup schedule for all races, both at the Expo and at Freedom Plaza on Saturday, April 5 for the 5K, Double Blossom and Kids Run.

*Please pay special attention to the **2:00 opening on Friday**. We always find some folks outside the National Building Museum at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning, setting themselves up for a lengthy wait.*

Speakers Program at the Expo (Saturday Only)

We have an outstanding line up of speakers at the Expo, headlined by **Lauren Fleshman**, an elite athlete, coach, powerful voice advocating for young female athletes and best-selling author; along with **Jenny and Jason Simpson** detailing the first 3 months of their 2025 50-state 50-week running culture tour of the U.S.; Boston Marathon, New York Marathon and 4-time Cherry Blossom 10 Mile winner **Bill Rodgers**; and a panel of **elite D.C. female athletes** with tips on running Cherry Blossom as well as inspiring stories from their careers. [CLICK HERE](#) for the schedule and speaker details.

[Click Here for the Schedule of Speakers](#)

Retiring Your Running Shoes at the Expo

Just bring your old running shoes with you to packet pick up and drop them off **at the booth at the Expo near the 10 Mile packet pickup area**. From there, our partner Potomac River Running will give them a new life. Please note that shoe recycling will be available at the Expo only, not on site at the 5K or 10 Mile. [Click here](#) for details.

Other Important Details for Race Weekend

We encourage you to click ALL of the links below for important information about the weekend and race day. This information appears on the [event website](#) and on the [App](#) as well.



General Race Links

- [Race Weekend Schedule of All Activities](#)
- **Take It or We Donate It:** Do not leave clothing or other items at the start of either race and expect to find them when you return because you won't. Our clean-up team quickly picks them up after the start and donates them.
- **Volunteers Still Needed for the 10 Mile on Sunday, April 6:** A limited number of spaces are still available. Interested? Just [Click Here](#) and sign up! Alternatively, you can just come to the Volunteer Tent at the 10 Mile on Sunday, April 6 and we will give you a volunteer assignment. It's not too late to earn your guaranteed entry for 2026 and a long-sleeved volunteer shirt! [Click here](#) for details.

Saturday: 5K Presented by ASICS

Welcome Back to Freedom Plaza and Pennsylvania Ave. for the 5K

- **Staging area and course maps:** Click [here](#) to review all 5K Staging Area and course maps.
- **Getting to the race site on Saturday, April 5 (Metro is available):** Packet pick-up closes at 8:45 a.m. so plan to leave early. Use this handy [trip calculator](#) to see what time you need to board the trains.
- **Bike Valet DMV** will offer bike valet parking at Freedom Plaza. Click [here](#) to reserve your spot.
- **If You Must Drive, Park with Spot Hero:** Click [here](#) to reserve a spot.
- **Lining up for the start:** There are no starting waves or corrals for the 5K, but there will be pace group leaders holding pace group signs to help you find where you should line up. [Click here for details on pace groups.](#)
- **Important Medical Information:** [Click here.](#)
- **Time Limits:** [Click here.](#)
- **Leaving the race site:** [Click here.](#)
- **Results:** During and after the race via App, text messages, social media, on the website and in our results book. [Click here.](#)

[Click Here for 5K Information](#)

Saturday: Kids Run Presented by Amazon

The Half Mile Kids Run presented by Amazon will be held on Freedom Plaza following the conclusion of the 5K. Registration is closed. Click the button below for full details.

[Click Here Kids Run Information](#)

Sunday: 10 Mile

- **Staging area and course maps:** [Click here](#) to review the 10 Mile staging area and course maps. And yes, the bike lanes are still there and will require extra caution on your part - [Click here](#).
- **Getting to the race site (Yes! Metro opens at 5:00 a.m.):** [Click here](#).
- **Bike Valet DMV** will offer bike valet parking at Washington Monument Grounds near the corner of 17th St. and Constitution Ave., NW. Click [here](#) to reserve your spot.
- **If You Must Drive, Park with SpotHero:** [Click here](#) to reserve a spot.
- **Details about lining up for the start and our Wave Start:** [Click here](#).
- **Important Medical Information:** [Click here](#).
- **Running with a Pace Group:** [Click here](#).
- **Please Hold the Confetti:** Last year some of our more exuberant spectators showered confetti on runners late in the course creating a nightmare for our friends at the National Park Service in cleaning up the park. Please remember that all of us are guests in the National Mall and Memorial Parks so we need to leave it as we found it. Signs and sounds are great ways for your fans to express themselves; tiny bits of paper that are challenging to sweep up are not.
- **Time limits:** [Click here](#).
- **Leaving the race site:** [Click here](#).
- **Results:** During and after the race via the App, text messages, social media, on the website and in our results book. [Click here](#).

While You Are Downtown

- **Tourist information:** [Click here](#).
- **National Cherry Blossom Festival Activities:** [Click here](#).

Reaching Us Between Now and Race Weekend

We will be making a gradual transition from the race office to the National Building Museum starting on Thursday. We strongly urge that people check the

race [website](#) and [App](#), which contain information for 99% of the questions that we receive on race weekend, a time when we are very busy.

Thursday, April 3:

The race information line at **301-320-3350** will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3. We will reply to all recorded messages left before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday by 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning, and none thereafter.

Friday, April 4:

By phone: The only way to reach us — for critical situations only — will be on the race hotline, which is **202-577-1108**. ***The hotline will be monitored starting at 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Texting is the preferred method to reach us on the hotline (so we don't have to write down any information you are sending us).***

By email: Emails received until noon on Friday will be responded to. ***No emails received after 12:00 p.m. on Friday will be responded to.***

Saturday, April 5:

The only way to reach us is on the race hotline at **202-577-1108** (texting preferred). No emails will be responded to.

Sunday, April 6:

The only way to reach us is on the race hotline at **202-577-1108** (texting preferred). No emails will be responded to.

A note regarding emails: Please, please only send emails to info@cherryblossom.org; do not send emails to multiple other addresses. Sending multiple emails drastically slows down our response time and creates double work at a time when there is plenty of "single work." If the same email is sent to multiple email addresses, we will not respond to it at all. Remember: The race hotline 202-577-1108 will be staffed continuously starting at 3:00 p.m. Friday.

NO EMAILS WILL BE RESPONDED TO AFTER 12:00 p.m. on Friday. The ONLY way to reach us is on the hotline number listed above or by coming in person to the National Building Museum during the normal expo hours. If you come to the Expo it is possible you may receive an answer that you do not like. You assume this risk in coming.

And Finally... Our Most Frequently Asked Questions

Can I Pick-up Another Runner's Number? Yes, as long as you bring a note from that runner (a text will do) and ID for yourself to packet pickup. You may need to sign a statement that the runner for whom you are picking up will be the person using the number (no numbers can be transferred at this point) and provide us with your email address. **DO NOT HAVE YOUR FRIEND SEND THE TEXT AUTHORIZING SOMEONE ELSE TO PICK UP YOUR NUMBER TO US AT THE CREDIT UNION CHERRY BLOSSOM. THE RUNNER SHOULD SEND THE TEXT TO YOU, AND YOU SHOULD BRING IT TO PACKET PICKUP!**

I Didn't Get My Entry Confirmation. See answer at the beginning of this email on how to look up your bib number and check your registration information.

Can I Still Order an Upgrade Shirt or a Medal? Not at this point, as these items are pre-ordered based on those who purchased them. However, if we have extras (we usually do) we will offer them for sale on the website by April 14.

There are no transfers, deferrals or refunds available at this time. It is strictly prohibited to run with someone else's bib number. If you give your bib to someone else, you and the person running with your bib will both be banned from the race for two years.

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Follow us on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/cucb/>

Follow us on TikTok: <https://www.tiktok.com/@cucbindc>

Happy Miles!

Event Director Phil Stewart, Deputy Director Becky Lambros and the entire Credit Union Cherry Blossom Organizing Committee

P.S. If you have general questions regarding this message, please reply to info@cherryblossom.org. Do not simply click "reply to" for this email. This email address is not monitored.

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