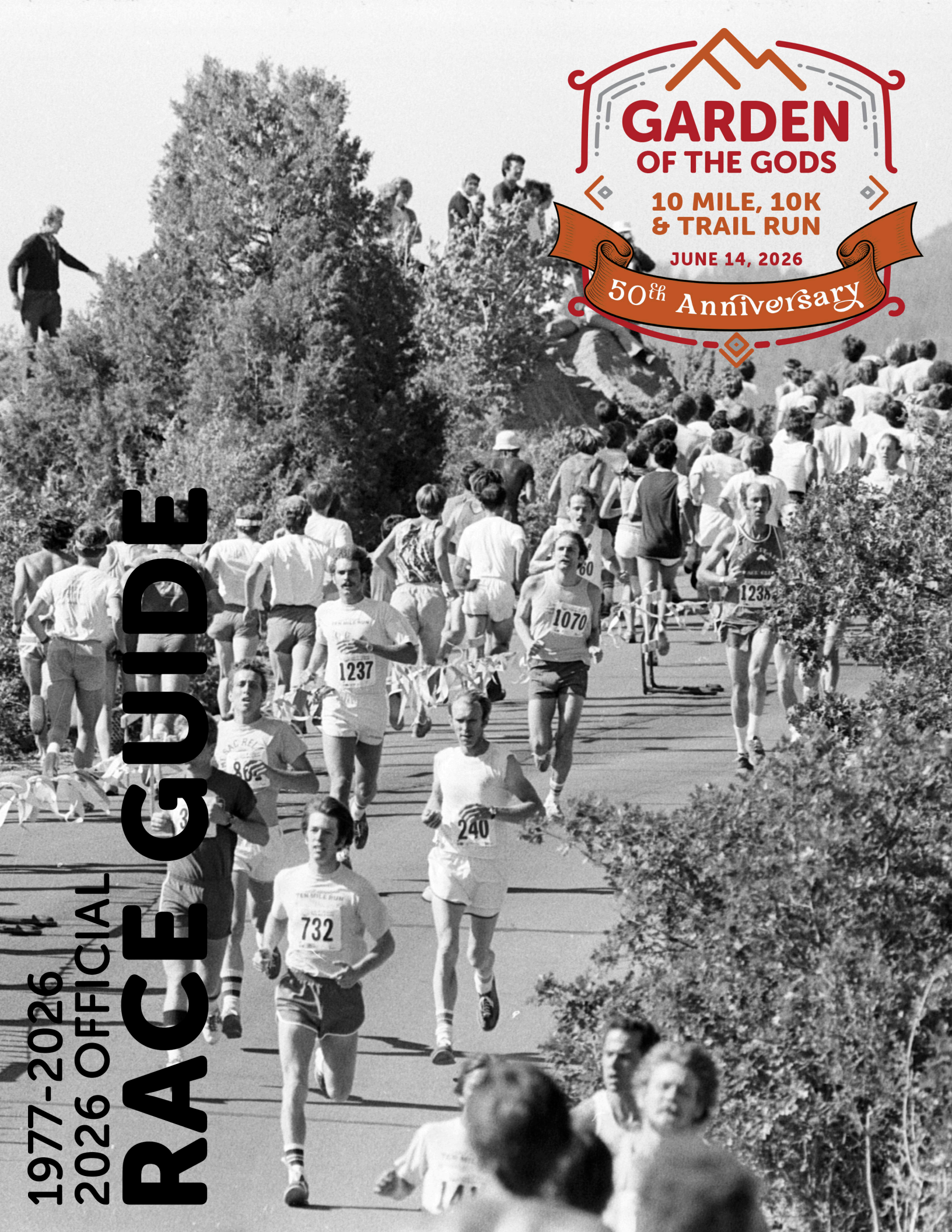


**GARDEN
OF THE GODS**

**10 MILE, 10K
& TRAIL RUN**

JUNE 14, 2026

50th Anniversary

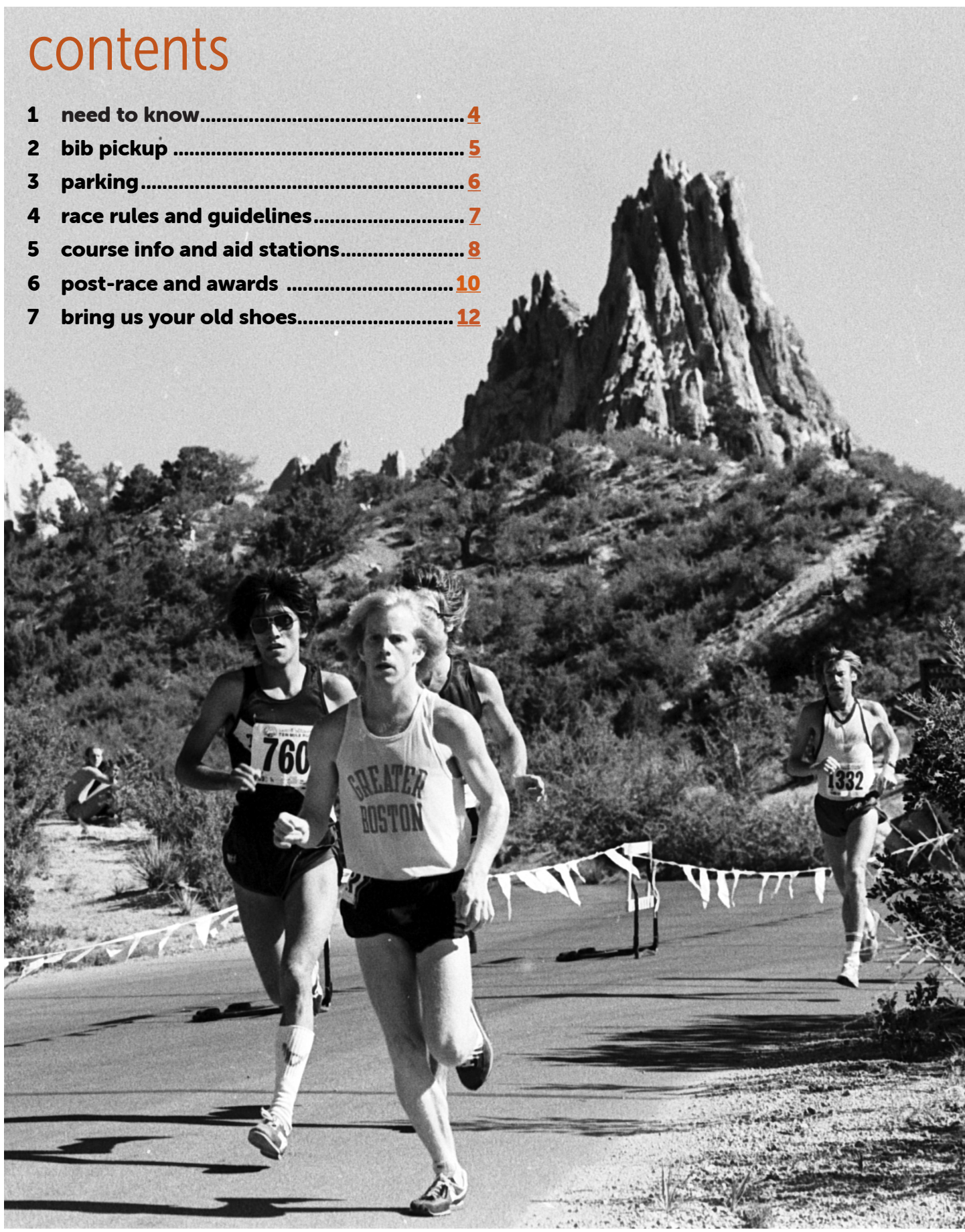


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RACE GUIDE

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need to know info

We are so excited to host you again this year in America's best park. We have four exciting races all kicking off on **June 14, 2026**, at 3015 Gateway Road.

- ◆ **10 Mile:** 7:00 a.m. start
- ◆ **Youth Classic:** 7:10 a.m. start
- ◆ **10k Trail:** 7:20 a.m. start
- ◆ **10k:** 7:30 a.m. start

Get There Early!

For race parking you have three options. Primary parking is located at Rock Ledge Ranch, near the start line of the races. Garden of the Gods main

parking lot has one road for entry and exit. We strongly encourage you to plan ahead and arrive early, be dropped off, or carpool.

A second lot is at Coronado High School, 1590 W. Fillmore St., where a 5-minute shuttle will bring you to the race area south of the expo and race start.

A third lot is at Howbert Elementary, and you can get a warm-up walk to the race start area.

Additional parking is in the Pleasant Valley neighborhood. Shuttle information and a map is provided [on page 6 of this guide](#), [on our website](#), and in the race app using the links above.



bib pickup

We encourage you to pick up your race shirt and bib prior to race morning. Bibs and shirts will not be mailed and will not be available after race day.

Pre-Race Bib Pickup

Pre-race bib pickup will be held at Fleet Feet [Colorado Springs, 3659 Austin Bluffs Parkway:](#)

- ◆ **Friday, June 12:** 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – happy hour and trivia start at 6:00 p.m.!
- ◆ **Saturday, June 13:** 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Shakeout Run, June 13:** 9:00 a.m. Saturday at Fleet Feet.

Race merchandise will be for sale at Fleet Feet during bib pickup – be sure to check it out!

Race Day Bib Pickup

Race morning bib pickup will be held from 5:45 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. in the park's main parking lot near the entrance to Rock Ledge Ranch.

Race Day Bag Drop

There will be a bag drop near bib pick up in the main parking lot on race morning. These bags will be transported by volunteers to the expo area where runners can pick them up after the race.

Shirt Exchanges

Got the wrong size? Exchange your shirt for a different size after the race on a first come, first served basis. Clean, unworn items are eligible to be exchanged at the Expo near the finish area.



parking

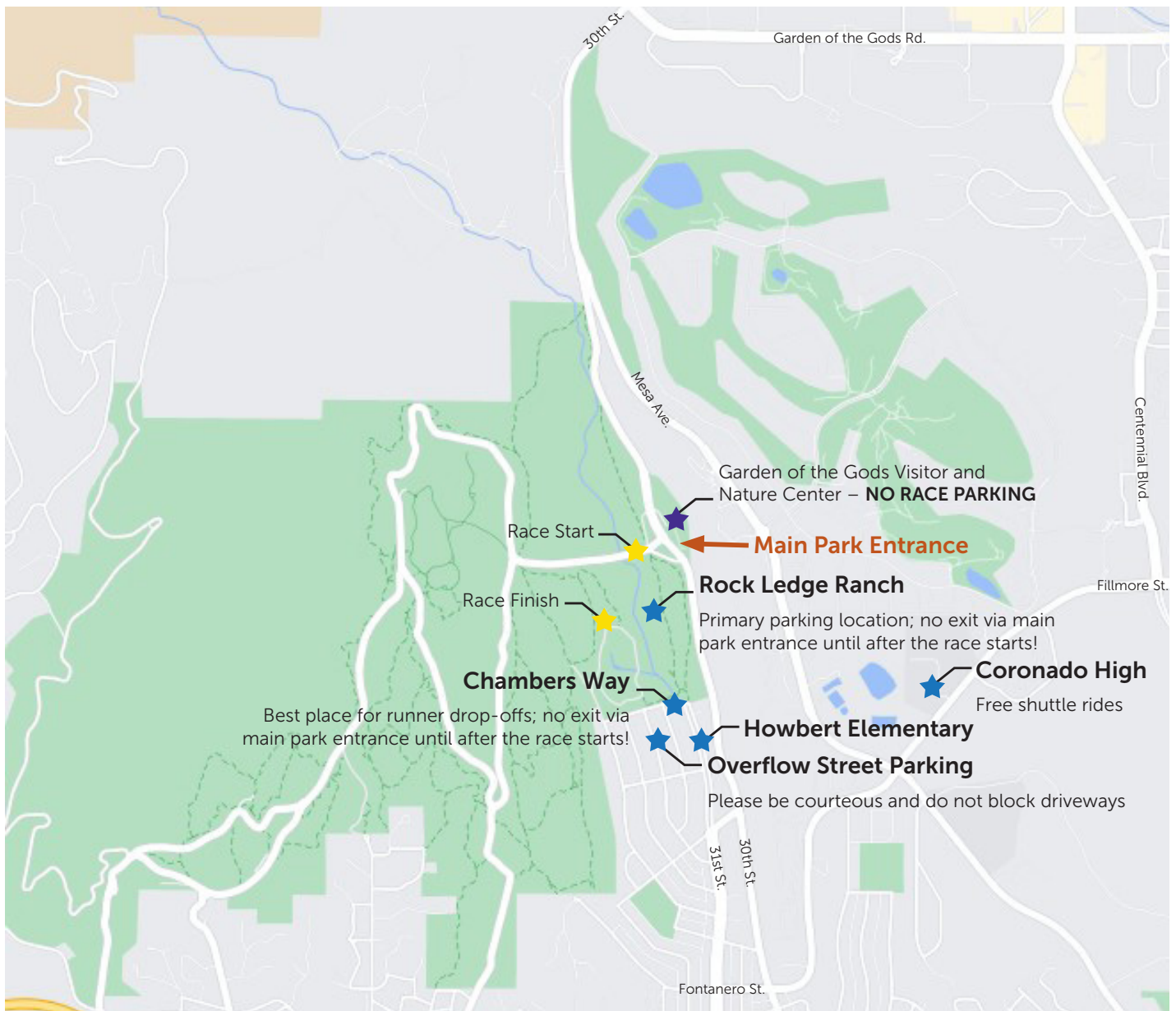
It is highly recommended that you arrive early in order to reduce traffic congestion.

Parking for the Garden of the Gods 10 Mile, 10k, and Trail Run is located at [Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site](#), near the start line of the races.

Use the main entrance to the park at 30th Street and Gateway Road. Runners being dropped off or taking rideshares should aim for Chambers Way, south of Rock Ledge Ranch. Drivers will not be able to exit via the main park entrance until after the race starts!

Additional parking can be found at [Coronado High School](#), 1590 W. Fillmore St. Park in this large lot and then hop in a shuttle for an easy 5-7-minute ride to the Chambers Way runner drop-off point, then walk/jog to the start. Shuttles will run continuously from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on race day.

[Howbert Elementary](#), 1023 N. 31st St., and Pleasant Valley Neighborhood, directly south of Rock Ledge Ranch are also available, with a short walk to the start. Please be respectful of neighborhood residents and avoid blocking driveways and sidewalks.



race rules and guidelines

- ◆ BIB NUMBERS MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER RUNNER!
- ◆ Runners must wear their assigned number on the front of their clothing in plain view during the race.
- ◆ Poles, walking sticks, and other such devices are prohibited.
- ◆ Bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, etc., are prohibited.
- ◆ Strollers are prohibited on the race course.
- ◆ Trash, cups, gel packets, etc., must be disposed of within the trash zones at the aid stations.
- ◆ Do not run or walk abreast in pairs or groups when it will impede other runners.
- ◆ No dogs, horses, or animals of any type are permitted.
- ◆ If you stop to take a photograph, tie your shoelace, etc., please step out of the way of the other competitors.
- ◆ The use of headphones is strongly discouraged, and external speakers are not permitted.

Grounds for Disqualification

- ◆ Using a race number assigned to another person.
- ◆ Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- ◆ Verbally abusing any participant, spectator or volunteer.
- ◆ Failing to comply with directives of race officials.
- ◆ Cutting the course.
- ◆ Throwing trash, cups, gel packets, etc., on or off the course outside the trash zones at the aid stations.

Cutoff and Finish Line Closing Times

The finish line for all races will close at **9:30 a.m.** Participants who do not cross the finish line before closing time will not be counted or listed as a finisher.

Nonbinary Participants

Please review our policy [on our website](#). The goal of publishing this policy is to encourage inclusion, respecting all participants while also preserving the integrity of competition.



course info and aid stations

GARDEN OF THE GODS 10M COURSE



Garden Youth Classic

The inaugural event of Pikes Peak Marathon's Youth Trail and Mountain Running Race Series, the Youth Classic, is the first race of a new competitive pathway for runners in Grades 7-12!

Click [here](#) for more information on our website, and [here](#) to see the 2.9-mile course on Strava.

Aid station locations

10 Mile

- ◆ 0.5/8.5 miles
- ◆ 2.5/7 miles
- ◆ 3.9/5.8 miles
- ◆ 4.6 miles

10k Trail

- ◆ 2 miles
- ◆ 3 miles
- ◆ 4.4 miles

Youth Classic

- ◆ 2 miles

10k

- ◆ 0.5 miles
- ◆ 1.5 miles
- ◆ 3.6 miles
- ◆ 4.8 miles

GARDEN OF THE GODS 10k COURSE



Please Note:

Click each map to view the route and elevation in Strava.

Or, click [here](#) to view a larger version on our website.

Mile Markers



Course mileage signs will match the bib color for each race.

All road aid stations will have restroom facilities. The trail aid station at mile 4.4 will have a restroom.

- ◆ **10 Mile:** Yellow
- ◆ **10k:** Blue
- ◆ **10k Trail:** Tan

The trail race is totally cupless with self-serve water stations. Runners should bring their own bottles to fill.

Trail course markers:

- ◆ **10k Trail:** Blue
- ◆ **Youth Classic:** Red



GARDEN OF THE GODS TRAIL RUN

How Do I Get Fluids on Course?

There will be water and Tailwind Rapid Hydration available along the road courses. Aid stations will offer the options to have your hydration system and/or reusable cup filled.

Our incredible aid station volunteers will be trained to quickly refill hydration systems or any cup option you have. We have innovative pitchers designed specifically for filling reusable cups and bottles on the go, as to not slow you down on your race.

The trail 10k has two self-serve water stops on the course for runners to use as they need. The trail 10k passes the Ridge Road aid station where Tailwind Rapid Hydration will also be available.

Thank You for Your Cooperation

Our goal is to leave the courses in the same shape or better than how we found them, and reduce the amount of waste we produce. If you would like to learn more about hydration systems, here is [an article](#) to help you get started on your research.

A Race that Gives Back

Each aid station is staffed by high school cross country and track teams. These teams choose a theme, dress up, and enthusiastically compete to provide your best, most fun, and most supportive aid station experience! At the finish line, runners vote for their favorite aid station. The winning school is awarded the top prize. Second through sixth are awarded donations as well!

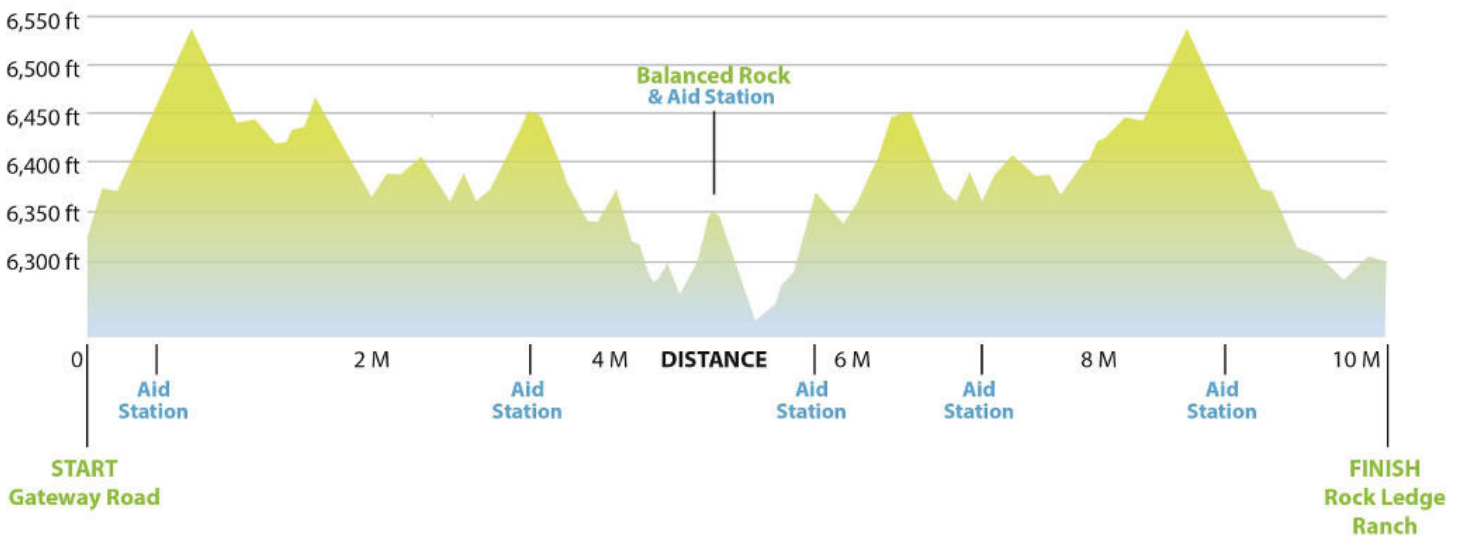
When you register you can donate to the Challenge and Pikes Peak Marathon, Inc. will match the runner

donations. This is important because many teams get next to nothing for their programs. Together we can help a team send their runners to an out of area meet or get new uniforms.

Don't forget to vote at the finish line!



ELEVATION



post-race

Post-Race Celebration

After you receive your medal and a drink, follow the signs from the finish line to the post-race celebration near the Orchard House at Rock Ledge Ranch. Your bib will have tabs allowing you food and one free beer (ages 21+ only). Additional beer will also be available for purchase; be sure to bring your ID! Venmo or cash only.



New for 2026: In celebration of the Garden 10M 50th Anniversary, Pikes Peak Marathon, Inc. and La Casita have partnered to offer runners a complimentary La Casita breakfast burrito. Enjoy!



Award Ceremony

The festivities will start at about 10:00 a.m. in front of the Orchard House. **Podium winners in the 10-mile race must be present to receive their award check.** (More info on awards is available here.)

- ◆ 1st place overall male and female: \$500
- ◆ 2nd place overall male and female: \$300
- ◆ 3rd place overall male and female: \$200

Award Breakdown

- ◆ **10M:**
 - Top 3 Overall Male/Female
 - Top 3 Masters Male/Female
 - Top 3 in each M/F age group (5-year increments: 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, etc.)
 - Top 1 Nonbinary
- ◆ **10k:**
 - Top 3 Overall Male/Female
 - Top 3 Masters Male/Female
 - Top 3 in each M/F age group (10-year increments: 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, etc.)
 - Top 1 Nonbinary
- ◆ **10k Trail:**
 - Top 3 Overall Male/Female
 - Top 1 Masters Male/Female
 - Top 1 Age Group (10-Year Increments)
 - Top 1 Nonbinary
- ◆ **Youth Classic**
 - Top 3 Overall Male/Female

Little Horn and Big Horn Kids Races

We are excited to host half-mile and mile races for our youngest friends who aren't quite ready for a full loop. Meet at 9:15 a.m. near the finish line. Entry is free, and all kids will receive a medal! [Register online to save time.](#)

Expo Vendors

Come Visit Our Vendors

We are excited to host our wonderful vendors at the Expo! Each booth will offer something different. Some will be selling delicious food and authentic merchandise. Others will provide beneficial services and information. And others will give away free samples. All will help celebrate our 50th year in the Garden, and they are looking forward to meeting you at the Expo!

The North Face
Heuberger Subaru
303 Running
Amigos Cali Kitchen
Colorado Institute of Massage Therapy
Etio Chiropractic
Fleet Feet COS
Jimmy Johns
Liv Labs
Massage Heights
Naak
Orangetheory Fitness
Palmer Land Conservancy
Pikes Peak Road Runners
Rim to Rim Royal Gorge Race
Rocky Mountain Field Institute
Run Slower
Tailwind Nutrition
Tava Tours
The House of Chiropractic
The Wellness Way - NE Colorado Springs

Merchandise Sales

A selection of new race merchandise will also be available for purchase. Please bring cash, credit cards, or Venmo.



bring us your old shoes

Pikes Peak Marathon along with Pikes Peak Road Runners will be collecting used running shoes as a fundraiser to support the PPRR Kids' Fall Series through Sneakers4Good. The shoes that are collected are repurposed in developing nations where so many people are in need of walking shoes. In return, we are able to raise funds that support the Kids' Fall Series races.

Collection Site and Date: 6:00 a.m. June 11, at the final [PPRR Garden Training Run](#); or June 14, at the Garden of the Gods 10 Mile/10k/Trail Run.

- ◆ **Type:** Athletic/running shoes only
- ◆ **Treads:** All treads visible not overly worn
- ◆ **Tears:** No holes or rips
- ◆ **Tied:** Tie or band each pair together



"If you're a runner, you probably buy new running shoes every 300 miles. But did you know that sneakers are in great need in developing nations and have plenty of life after 300 miles? Walking, in comfortable athletic shoes, is the primary mode of transportation in many countries."

– Sneakers4Good.com



Thank you to our runners, sponsors, partners, and volunteers for 50 years of making this amazing race possible!

