

**2008 Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon Events and
National City Health & Fitness Expo
Getting Around on Race Weekend**

Getting to Expo at the Duke Energy Center, 525 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio for packet pick up on Friday May 2, 2008 from noon - 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday May 3, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Arriving at Expo before 9:30 a.m. on Saturday only

From the North:

Take I-75 S and as you get into Cincinnati stay in the left lane and take the 5th Street Exit. Coming off the exit turn left on Central, right on 7th Street, right on Plum and there are parking garages on the right and left just before you meet 6th Street. The Duke Energy Center is at Plum and 6th Street.

From the South (Kentucky):

Take I-75 N to the 5th Street exit in Cincinnati after crossing over the Ohio River on the Brent Spence Bridge. Coming off the exit turn left on Central, right on 7th Street, right on Plum and there are parking garages on the right and left just before you meet 6th Street. The Duke Energy Center is at Plum and 6th Street

Arriving at Expo all day Friday and after 9:30 a.m. on Saturday

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Take I-75 S and as you get into Cincinnati stay in the left lane and take the 5th Street Exit. The Duke Energy Center is on your immediate left. Parking at 5th and Plum. Find additional parking by turning left on Elm to a garage at 6th and Elm. If that garage is full continue a short distance on Elm to left on George and there will be another garage at George and Plum.

From the South (Kentucky):

Take I-75 N to the 5th Street exit in Cincinnati after crossing over the Ohio River on the Brent Spence Bridge. The Duke Energy Center is on your immediate left. Parking at 5th and Plum. Find additional parking by turning left on Elm to a garage at 6th and Elm. If that garage full continue a short distance on Elm to left on George and there will be another garage at George and Plum.

The Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon on Sunday, May 4:

Most of the new Flying Pig Marathon and Half Marathon courses use one side of the street. You can drive on the side opposite the runners going in the opposite direction for most of the course. Zone maps will tell you which side of the street the runners will be on and all services available on the course. Also, check out the Pace Chart, which tells you when the runners will be first arriving at the different mile marks. Printable course maps, mile marks, and course descriptions for all Flying Pig events are also available.

Streets south of 4th Street in downtown Cincinnati will be closed at 6:00 a.m. Be early if you plan on parking near the start. The Marathon, Half Marathon and Marathon Relays start at 6:30 a.m.

Mehring Way will be closed between Central Avenue and Elm Street beginning at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 4 until 7:00 a.m. Mehring Way between Elm Street and Main will close at 6:00 a.m.

Directions to Lot D (east of and next to Paul Brown Stadium) for those arriving by 5:30 a.m. ONLY):

Note: parking is \$5 – please have your money ready to expedite everyone into the lots.

From the South: I-75 N to the 5th Street exit in Cincinnati after crossing the Brent Spence Bridge. Right on Race Street. Right on Ted Berry Way. Left on Elm Street. Left on Mehring Way. Left into lot.

From the North: I-75 S to the 7th Street exit in Cincinnati. Right on Race Street. Right on Ted Berry Way. Left on Elm Street. Left on Mehring Way. Left into lot.

From the North: I-71 S to the 3rd Street exit in Cincinnati. Left on Race Street. Right on Ted Berry Way. Left on Elm Street. Left on Mehring Way. Left into lot.

From the East: Riverside Dr. to Mehring Way. Left on Mehring Way and park in Lot D, just past the Suspension Bridge.

Directions to Transit Center Lot near the start (for those arriving by 5:30 a.m. ONLY):

Note: parking is \$5 – please have your money ready to expedite everyone into the lots.

From the South: I-75 N to the 5th Street exit in Cincinnati after crossing the Brent Spence Bridge. Right on Central, left into Transit Lot just past Central. At the end of the lot is a gate which will be manned by an officer who will let you in with your pass.

From the North: I-75 S to the 7th Street exit in Cincinnati. Right on Central, left into Transit Lot.

From the North: I-71 S to the 3rd Street exit in Cincinnati. Left on Central, left into Transit Lot.

From the East: Take Columbia Parkway, take the 3rd Street Exit, left on Central, left into Transit Lot.

From the West: Take Mehring Way or Freeman Ave to Mehring Way. Take a left on Gest Street, and then an immediate right on Pete Rose Way (at Longworth Hall). Continue on Pete Rose Way to left on Central. Turn right into Transit Lot.

Directions to Longworth Hall/ 3rd Street lots, Lot E, Lot 1 and Mehring Way lots—All of these locations are WEST of Central Avenue (Please arrive by 5:30 a.m.):

Note: parking is \$5 – please have your money ready to expedite everyone into the lots.

- From the West: Take Mehring Way or Freeman Avenue to Mehring Way.
1. Take a left on Gest Street and go past Pete Rose Way to the parking entrance at Longworth Hall
 2. or take a left on Gest and right on Pete Rose Way and park at the end at Central in Lot 1 on your left.
 3. or continue on Mehring Way to park in any of the lots on your left before Central Avenue or continue to Central Avenue and be directed into Lot E on your right.
 4. or take a left on Gest and a right on 3rd Street. Park in lots on left or right before Central Avenue.

Directions to Lot A on 3rd Street one block north of start at Paul Brown Stadium. Please arrive by 5:30 a.m.):

Note: parking is \$5 – please have your money ready to expedite everyone into the lots.

From the South: I-75 N to the 5th Street exit in Cincinnati after crossing the Brent Spence Bridge. Right on Race Street. Right on Third and just past Plum is the entrance on your left before Central.

From the North: I-75 S to the 7th Street exit in Cincinnati. Right on Race Street. Right on Third and just past Plum is the entrance on your left before Central.

From the North: I-71 S to the 3rd Street exit in Cincinnati. Follow Third and just past Plum is the entrance on your left before Central.

From the East: Take Columbia Parkway, take the 6th Street Exit, left on Sycamore, right on Third. Follow Third and just past Plum is the entrance on your left before Central.

Directions to the parking lots on Eggleston Avenue for general parking and for Relay runners taking the bus to their Zone:

Note: parking fees posted on pay box. About 1.25 miles to start.

From the North: I-71 S to 3rd Street Exit, turn right on Broadway and right on 5th, right on Pike, Pike becomes 3rd as it turns left. Turn left on Butler to parking lots. Walk down Eggleston to the Ohio River and turn right and follow the river to the start. Or listen to the announcements for the location of your bus.

From the East: Take Columbia Parkway all the way into the City until you come to a stoplight and you are forced to turn left. Turn left onto Pike Street. Pike becomes 3rd as it turns left, turn left on Butler to parking lots. Walk down Eggleston to the Ohio River and turn right and follow the river to the start. Or listen to the announcements for the location of your bus.

From the South: take I-75 N to the 5th Street Exit. Follow 5th to right on Pike just after passing Broadway, Pike becomes 3rd as it turns left, turn left on Butler to parking lots. Walk down Eggleston to the Ohio River and turn right and follow the river to the start. Or listen to the announcements for the location of your bus.

Directions for downtown Cincinnati street parking—all NORTH of 4th Street (For arrivals at any time):

From the North or West: I-75 S to 5th Street or 7th Street exits.

From the North: I-71 to 3rd Street exit. You will need to make an immediate right onto Broadway.

From the East via Columbia Parkway (US 50): Take the 6th Street exit.

From the South: Take I-75 N to 5th Street or 7th Street exits.

From the South or East: Take I-471 to the 6th Street exit.

Directions for downtown Cincinnati parking garages on 3rd Street (For arrivals before 5:30 am):

From the North or West: I-75 S to 5th Street or 7th Street exits, right on Broadway and right on 3rd Street.

From the North: I-71 to 3rd Street exit. Go straight onto 3rd Street.

From the East via Columbia Parkway (US 50): Take the 6th Street exit, left on Sycamore and right on 3rd Street.

From the South: Take I-75 N to 5th Street or 7th Street exits, right on Broadway and right on 3rd Street.

From the South or East: Take I-471 to the I-75, 50 west exit, and take the 3rd Street exit and go straight onto 3rd Street.

Note: Great American Ball Park Garage will be available for parking until 6:00am only. The East Garage close to US Bank Arena on Pete Rose Way will not be available.

For Spectators and Participants coming from the South (Northern Kentucky) or wanting to park across the Ohio River in Kentucky:

Before 8:00 a.m., take I-75 North into Cincinnati, take the 5th Street exit and park north of 4th Street. After 8:00 a.m. use 5th Street exit or use any of the bridges leading into Cincinnati except the Taylor-Southgate Bridge coming out of Newport.

From I-471 North, take the 6th Street exit and park on downtown streets north of 4th Street.

For participants staying in Covington, the Suspension Bridge has a walkway. The entrance is just east of the Northern Kentucky Convention Center on RiverCenter Boulevard. Walk on the west side (left side) of the bridge. The distance from the base of the bridge in Kentucky to the start at Paul Brown Stadium is about 1 mile one way. The distance to the finish is about 1.2 miles one way.

For participants staying in Newport, the Purple People Bridge is a pedestrian bridge that has access right onto Pete Rose Way at Butler Street. The entrance to the Bridge is on the east end of Newport on the Levee. The distance from the base of the bridge in Kentucky to the start is about 1.7 miles one way. The distance to the finish is about 0.7 miles.

ALL RELAY PARTICIPANTS TAKING THE BUS MUST PARK AT THE PAY LOTS ON EGGLESTON AVENUE.

Directions to Eggleston Avenue lots: **NOTE: THESE STREETS CLOSE TO THE RELAY LOTS CLOSE AT 6:00 AM.**

From the North: From I-71 South, take the Gilbert/Reading Road exit. Follow signs for Reading Road. Turn left on Eggleston (street after Broadway) and park in lots off the right. Please see Flight Plan—Relay Section for a map of the area.

From the South: From I-471 North, follow directions for I-71 North. Take the Liberty Street exit. Turn left onto Reading Road. Turn left on Eggleston (street after Broadway) and park in lots off the right. Please see Flight Plan—Relay Section for a map of the area.

From the East: Take Riverside Dr. to Pete Rose Way. Turn right on Eggleston, left on Sentinel and left on Culvert and park in the pay lots. Please see Flight Plan—Relay Section for a map of the area.

From the West: Take I-75 South to the 5th Street exit. Follow 5th Street past downtown. Take a left on Sentinel (just past P&G). Take a right on Culvert and park in the lots. Please see Flight Plan—Relay Section for a map of the area.

What can I see if I'm a spectator at the start and just want to walk to other parts of the course?

The start is at Elm Street and Mehring Way. After the start go north on Central Avenue or Elm Street to 7th Street and watch the runners. To watch a Half runners continue north to Central Parkway and turn right (east) to Walnut or further east to Sycamore and watch the runners going to the turn around at Walnut. Then follow the runners down Eggleston to the finish. When you get to Eggleston and Pete Rose Way be sure to cross over to the Ohio River side of the street. Follow the runners and turn left on Mehring Way to the Victory Parkway and reunion area. To watch a full marathoner you're next spot is the finish. Head back down towards the Ohio River.

How do spectators get to Hyde Park Square (mile 10.7) or Mariemont Square (mile 16)?

If you want to then drive out on the course, go north on Broadway, Main Street, or Vine Street to 5th Street. Go east on 5th Street to I-71 North to the Smith/Edwards Road exit. Turn right at the light onto Edmundson, and right on Edwards Road to Hyde Park Square which is around mile 10.7. Or continue north on I-71 11 miles to the Kenwood Road exit. Turn right on Kenwood, left on Euclid Avenue, and right on Miami Avenue to Mariemont Square which is around mile 16.

How do spectators get to the relay zones (miles 6.8 Full and Half, 12 Full, 19.7 Full) and back?

To and from Zone 2 at the Gazebo on Eden Park Drive at Fulton Street close to mile 6.8:
Drop off runner at the Bus Departure Zone on Eggleston Avenue before 5:00 a.m.

Be sure to know when your bus will be leaving. Runners will take a bus to Zone 2. Go south towards the river on Culvert or Butler. Turn right on Third, right on Pike, Pike becomes 4th Street. Turn right on Broadway, right on 5th Street and take the Columbia Parkway Exit off 5th Street. Turn left on Kemper, Kemper becomes Nassau Street. Park on Nassau near Fulton and walk down Fulton because Fulton will be closed for the busses. Return along the same route since the runners will be on the other side of the road.

To and from Zone 3 on Wasson Road between Paxton Avenue and Marburg Avenue at mile 12:

Drop off runner at the Bus Departure Zone before 5:30 a.m. Runners will take a bus to Zone 3. Go south towards the river on Culvert or Butler. Turn right on Third, right on Pike, Pike becomes 4th Street. Turn right on Broadway, right on 5th Street and take the I-71 north Exit off 5th Street. Take the Edwards Rd. Exit, turn right on Edmundson, right on Edwards, left on Wasson just past Madison. Wasson forks left into Paxton. Wasson forks right and is the course the runners are following. Park in the Kroger/ Bigg's

parking lot in the Hyde Park Plaza near Bigg's and walk out the back on Eastern Hills Lane. Turn right on Wasson to Zone 3.

To and from Zone 4 at Linwood Avenue and Eastern Avenue close to mile 19.7:

Drop off runner at the Bus Departure Zone before 5:30 a.m. Runners will take a bus to Zone 4. Go south towards the river on Culvert or Butler. Turn right on Third, right on Pike, Pike becomes 4th Street. Turn right on Broadway, right on 5th Street and take the Columbia Parkway Exit off 5th Street. Take the Beechmont Ave. Exit and at the bottom of the exit turn left on Beechmont and park on Linwood. On your right in Linwood Ave. also which you walk down to Zone 4. Return by turning around on Linwood and taking the Columbia Parkway entrance ramp west. Take the 4th Street exit at the very end and park near Broadway and walk down to the finish.

For Entertainment, Fluid Stations, and Spectators needing to get to Eastern between Eastern Ave. Exit off Columbia Park and Stanley

Follow Wilmer Avenue to right on Kellogg, right on Stanley and right on Eastern.

Getting downtown from out on the course:

By 8:00 a.m. all the downtown streets will reopen, as all runners will have passed through this early part of the course.

Use Columbia Parkway. Columbia Parkway westbound is open all the way from Mariemont. Take the 6th Street Exit and park downtown close to Broadway and 3rd.

I-75 South (from north of Cincinnati) take the 2nd Street exit Follow 2nd Street to left on Main to left on 3rd. Park in the many garages on 3rd Street and walk back to Main and walk south towards the Ohio River.

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