

2023 Golden Gate Trail Classic – Half Marathon

Start: Rodeo Beach Parking Lot, [Fort Cronkhite, 11050 Mitchell Rd, Mill Valley, CA 94941](#)

Finish: Crissy Field, [610 Old Mason Street, San Francisco CA 94129](#)

All times expressed on this guide are shown on local time zone - Pacific Standard Time (PST)

Start Time: Sunday, November 19, 9:00am | **Official Finish Time:** Sunday, November 19, 2:00pm

Welcome to the third edition of the Golden Gate Trail Classic! Our Half Marathon will also host our only stop of the 2023 Spartan Trail World Championship in the United States. We are excited to have you racing with us and for you to see the beautiful course we have traversing some of the most iconic landmarks in the Bay Area and with the majestic city of San Francisco in the backdrop.

Your safety is our first and highest priority. Please review this document in full to ensure your full understanding and compliance to the rules and policies as specified.

Race Week Schedule

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| Monday, November 13 Time TBD | <i>Virtual Pre-Race Briefing</i> | Briefing details TBD closer to race date. |
| Friday, November 17 Time TBD | <i>Race Early Packet Pickup</i> | Location TBD closer to race date. |
| Sunday, November 19 9:00am - 2:00pm | <i>Golden Gate Trail Classic Half Marathon</i> | <p>Start: Rodeo Beach, Parking Lot Fort Cronkhite, 11050 Mitchell Rd, Mill Valley, CA 94941</p> <p>Finish: Crissy Field 610 Old Mason Street San Francisco CA 94129</p> |

Race Packet Pick-up & Registration

Early packet pick-up will be available on Friday before the race. We highly recommend organizing your trip to get your bib in advance, and also, to evacuate any doubts you may have before the race with our staff.

Requirements:

- ID/ Passport, with name matching your registration
- Race packets must be picked up by the runner

Race packet includes:

- **Runner BIB** is mandatory for all race distances.
- **Chip Timing Tag and holding wristband** mandatory for all race distances.
- **Pacer BIB** – one pacer is allowed per runner. See Pacer section for more details.
- **Swag:** Sponsors discounts, product samples

If you are unable to pick up your race packet on Friday, your race packet will be available at the Finish Line (**Crissy Field**) up to 15 minutes before the departure of the last shuttle to the start line. Please consider arriving early to avoid delays and queuing.

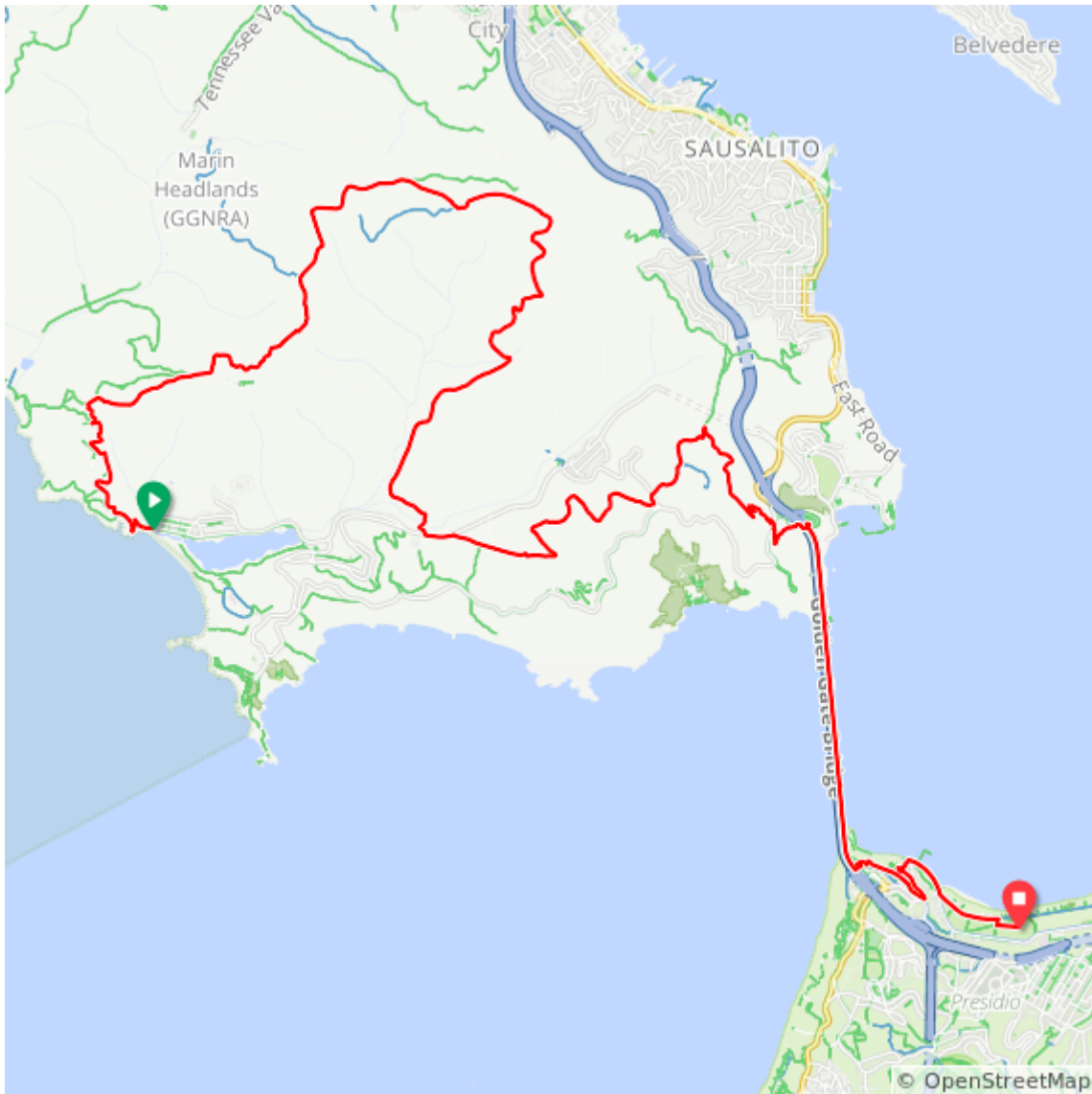
If there are still spots available, on-site registration is available during Friday's packet pick-up. There will be no race day registration.

Shuttle To Start

Shuttles from Crissy Field to the start will be available. Detailed information about shuttles will be defined on the upcoming version of this guide.

Course Information

Your journey will start at the stunning Pacific Ocean side at Rodeo Beach, moving towards the Golden Gate Bridge, with the iconic city of San Francisco as a backdrop, and the stunning landscape of the Marin Headlands. Breathtaking views will guide your way towards the finish line at Crissy Field. Fun fact - Crissy Field was home to the 1939 World's Fair. We will be cheering for you every step of the way!



You can navigate the interactive race map at our official website [here](#).

Elevation Chart

The Half Marathon course will see a net gain of 2,057' and a net loss of 2,083'.



Mandatory Equipment

- **Bib number** must be visible from the front during the entire race. Staff along the race course MUST be able to read the number clearly.
- **Chip timing tag** must be worn for the duration of the race.
- **One 500ml (17 oz) water carrying vessel AND 400 calories of nutrition**
- **Face masks** are not currently required. Our event is in full observance of standing federal, state and municipal regulations and so the mask policy may change.

Recommended Equipment

Some additional gear to consider:

- Water bottle, waist pack, soft flask holder or backpack with hydration system. Participants must carry and dispose their trash at aid stations. **Any runners caught littering will be subject to immediate disqualification.**
- Waterproof breathable warm gloves. Early morning temperatures can reach the low 40s
- Breathable warm jacket to protect you from low temperatures
- Tights with high Lycra content. Aside from protection from the cooler temperatures, tights will keep you free from poison oak along the course.
- Running shoes with rugged traction
- Trekking poles are allowed.
- Short running gaiters to keep debris out is a great way to prevent blisters
- Multifunctional neck gaiter or buff which can double as a head cover during cooler temps
- Sunscreen
- Running hat and/or visor
- Eyewear: keep in mind that the race course goes through dark forest areas and sunny open lands so proper eyewear is recommended
- Warm and dry clothes at the start/finish bag check

Drop Policy

If it turns out not to be your day and you are unable to complete the race, **you may drop at the nearest aid station by surrendering your race bib to the aid station captain.** Transportation will be provided to transfer you back to the finish line.

We have taken extensive measures to account for all runners that are on course and those dropped from the race. Course Marshals or any other staff/volunteer members are **NOT** authorized to record any dropped participants.

***** DO NOT exit the course without notifying our staff if you decided to drop. Failure to do so may result in dispatching search and rescue personnel to locate you. You will be responsible for such expenses. *****

Clean Race Policy

Our race will take place in Golden Gate National Park in the Bay Area and surrounding State parks. One of the key factors for success is maintaining the magnificent scenery surrounding the race. Local residents, tourists and all users are responsible for preserving this place. For this reason, **littering along the race course is grounds for immediate disqualification. NO EXCEPTION.** It is our responsibility to have a clean race.

Trash and recycling receptacles are available at all aid stations.

Contact Information

Our team is here to ensure you have the best race experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please use our website, <https://www.goldengatetrailclassic.com>, or contact us by email trail@spartan.com.