

RACE DAY FAQ

112th Annual Lexington Lions Patriots Day 5-Mile Road Race

Saturday, April 18, 2026 | 8:00 AM | Battle Green, Lexington, MA

QUICK FACTS

START TIME

8:00 AM sharp

START LINE

Mass Ave crosswalk between Meriam St & Cary Library

RACE MORNING BIB PICKUP

Emery Park (Depot Square)
7:00–7:45 AM

RACE MORNING

Q: When should I arrive?

A: We recommend arriving by 7:15–7:30 AM to allow time for parking, walking to the start area, and warming up.

Q: Can someone else pick up my bib?

A: Yes — another person may pick up your bib on your behalf, and you may do the same for a fellow runner.

Q: Where is the start line?

A: At the crosswalk on Massachusetts Avenue, directly between Meriam Street and Cary Library, near the Battle Green.

Q: How does the race start?

A: In true Lexington tradition, the race begins with a musket firing!

Q: Is there a race-day contact number?

A: No — we do not have a dedicated race-day phone or text line.

STARTING LINE / FINISH LINE



RACE-DAY BASICS

PARKING & GETTING THERE



Q: Where should I park?

A: Parking near the start is very limited due to road closures and large America 250 / Patriots' Day crowds. The reenactment wraps up around 7:00 AM, so some center-area parking may open then — but arrive early and allow extra time.

Q: Are there shuttles or transit options?

A: Satellite lots with shuttle service may be available. Check lexingtonma.gov/851/Patriots-Day-2026 for official info. MBTA bus 62/76 also serves Lexington on Saturdays from Alewife Station.

RESTROOMS



Q: Where are the bathrooms?

A: Public restrooms are inside the Visitors Center (1875 Mass Ave, next to Buckman Tavern, right side of the Minuteman Statue). Porta potties will also be available in the Battle Green area.

YOUR SWAG



Q: What's in my packet?

A: Your official race shirt (high-quality Bella Canvas cotton/blend) is included. A commemorative America 250 finisher medal will be awarded at the finish line.

MEDICAL & SAFETY



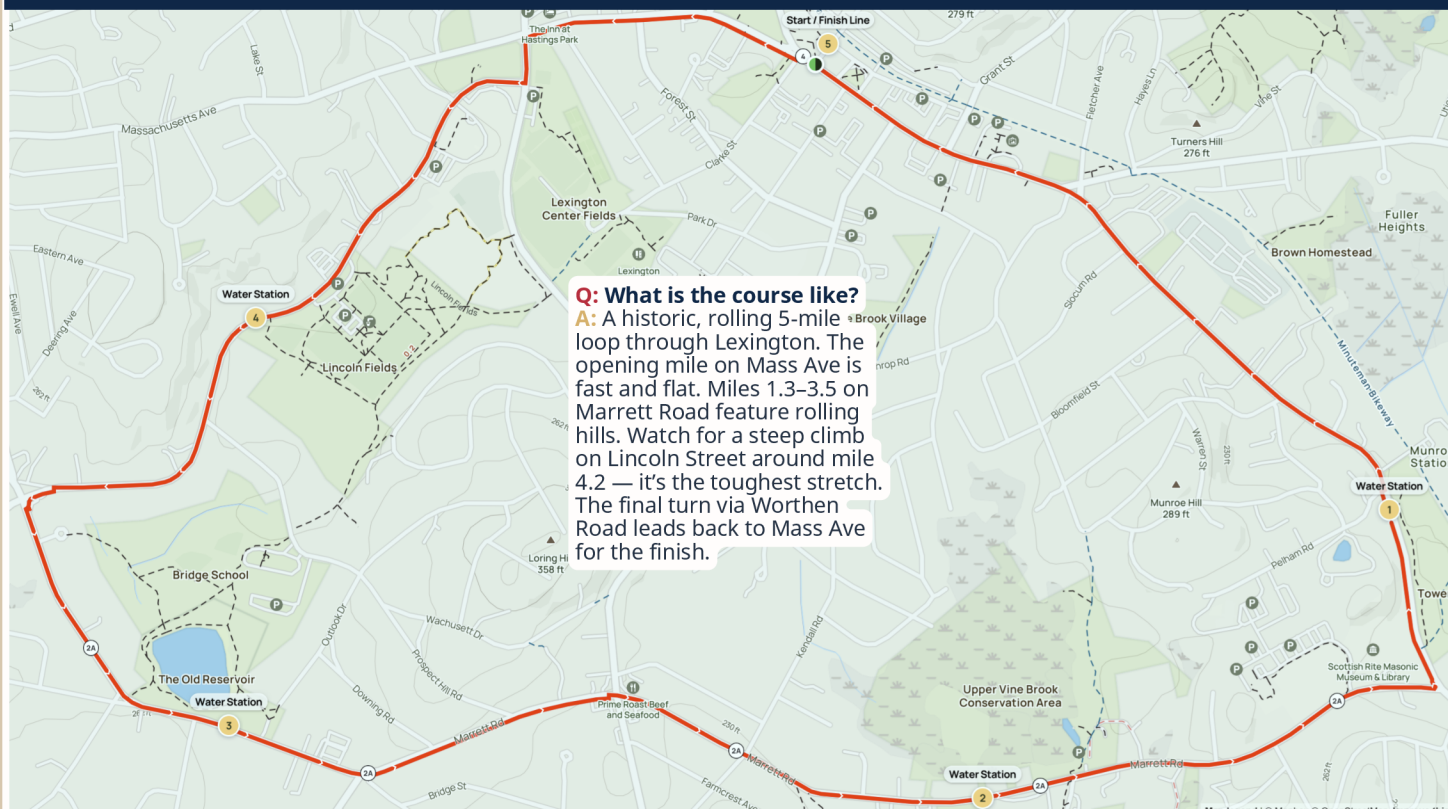
Q: Will first aid be available?

A: Yes — because it's Patriots' Day, there will be a strong public safety and medical presence at the start/finish and along the course.

On the Course, Finish Line & Awards

Course details, finish support, awards and Patriots' Day activities

● ON THE COURSE



Q: Will there be water on the course?

A: Yes — 4 water stops, spaced approximately one per mile.

Q: Are strollers allowed?

A: Yes, but we ask stroller runners to line up behind non-stroller participants at the start to prevent trips or collisions.

Q: Are dogs allowed?

A: No — dogs are not permitted on the course.

Q: Can I wear headphones?

A: Yes — headphones and earbuds are allowed.

Q: Is there a course cutoff time?

A: We do not enforce an official cutoff. Most runners, joggers, and fast walkers finish in about 1 hour 15 minutes.

Q: Can I check a bag?

A: No bag check is available. Unattended bags will be removed for safety. Leave belongings in your vehicle or with a spectator.

● AFTER YOU FINISH

AT THE FINISH LINE



Q: What's at the finish?

A: Water, juice, and fresh fruit are available just past the finish line for all runners.

Q: How do I get my results?

A: Professional chip timing by BayState Race Services. Results are posted online immediately after processing on RunSignUp.com

AWARDS



Q: When is the awards ceremony?

A: Approximately 9:15 AM at Emery Park.

Q: What awards are given?

A: Currier Cup (1st overall), Eileen Entin Award (1st female Lexingtonian), Sgt Norman Carlson Award (1st male Lexingtonian), plus age-group medals (1st & 2nd M/F) for: 12 & under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70+.

ENJOY THE DAY!

The America 250 celebration continues all day! After your run, enjoy historical reenactments, pancake breakfasts, open museums (Buckman Tavern, Hancock-Clarke House, Munroe Tavern), and the Patriots' Day Parade kicking off at 1:30 PM.