



PARTICIPANT GUIDE
SEPTEMBER 4 & 5, 2026
WACO, TX

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WELCOME

5K, 10K, 15K, Half Marathon + 10K RUCK

September 4-5, 2026

Cameron Park Redwood Shelter

2300 Cameron Park Dr, Waco, TX 76708 (PIN)

Embark on a nocturnal adventure at the Bear Country Night Trek in Waco, Texas, where runners can choose from 5K, 10K, 15K, and half-marathon trail runs, along with a 10K ruck, on the Cameron Park trails. As darkness descends, headlamps illuminate the challenging terrain, providing a thrilling experience under the starry sky. Join us for an authentic nighttime trail run through the heart of Bear Country on Friday or Saturday Night.

We encourage you to take time to carefully read through this participant guide to help better prepare you for your race that's ahead.

If you have any questions after reading through please email us at:
Info@TexasOutlawRunning.com

FRIDAY

- *RACE BRIEFS 10 MIN. BEFORE EACH RACE.*
- *Please arrive 30 min. before your start time*
- 6-8PM - Early Packet Pickup
- 8:30PM - 5K Friday & 10K Friday STARTS
- MIDNIGHT - CUTOFF/park closes (3.5 HOURS)

SATURDAY

- *RACE BRIEFS 10 MIN. BEFORE EACH RACE.*
- *Please arrive 30 min. before your start time*
- *Please consider carpooling*
- 5:30-7:30PM - Packet Pickup
- 7:00PM - Half Marathon STARTS
- 7:30PM - 10K Ruck STARTS
- 8PM - 5K Saturday, 10K Saturday, & 15K START
- MIDNIGHT - CUTOFF/park closes (3.5 HOURS)

10K RUCK Requirement:

- 25lb Minimum

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GENERAL INFO

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

The start/finish line will be located at the Cameron Park Redwood Shelter. Take Herring Avenue, turn onto Cameron Park Drive, follow road into Cameron park. Take the road all the way to the start/finish line. ([PIN LOCATION](#))

RESTROOMS

Restrooms will be available near the Finish Line area.

MEDICAL

We will be using nearby public medical personnel. PLEASE CALL 911 in case of an emergency.

RACE TIMING

We will utilize the UltraSignup timing software (manual time.) We will time you using your bib number so please make sure your bib number is visible on the front of your body.

RESTROOMS

We will have portable restrooms available outside the start/finish area.

PARKING

Parking is limited - please carpool if you can.





IMPORTANT

DROPPING OUT OF THE RACE

You must notify the race director at the start/finish line BEFORE leaving the race site if you decide to quit or drop out of the race.

BIBS

Please make sure that the bib number is visible and on the front of your body. We will use your bib number to identify you and record your time.

CUPLESS RACE/CARRYING

To reduce waste out on the trails and in general we follow the cupless race protocol. This means that we will not serve any cups at aid stations for drinks. Please bring your own water carrying system with at least 16 oz.

RUNNING IN THE DARK

Headlamps required for ALL EVENTS

AID STATIONS

We will have two aid stations and one water station.

Aid Stations: cold foods, snacks, water, electrolytes, pickle juice & ice

Water Stations: Water & Ice

Main Aid Station (Start/Finish Line)

- 10K (Mile 0.0 / finish)
- 15K (Mile 0.0 / finish)
- Half Marathon (Mile 0.0 / 6.6 / finish)

Kidney's Water Station

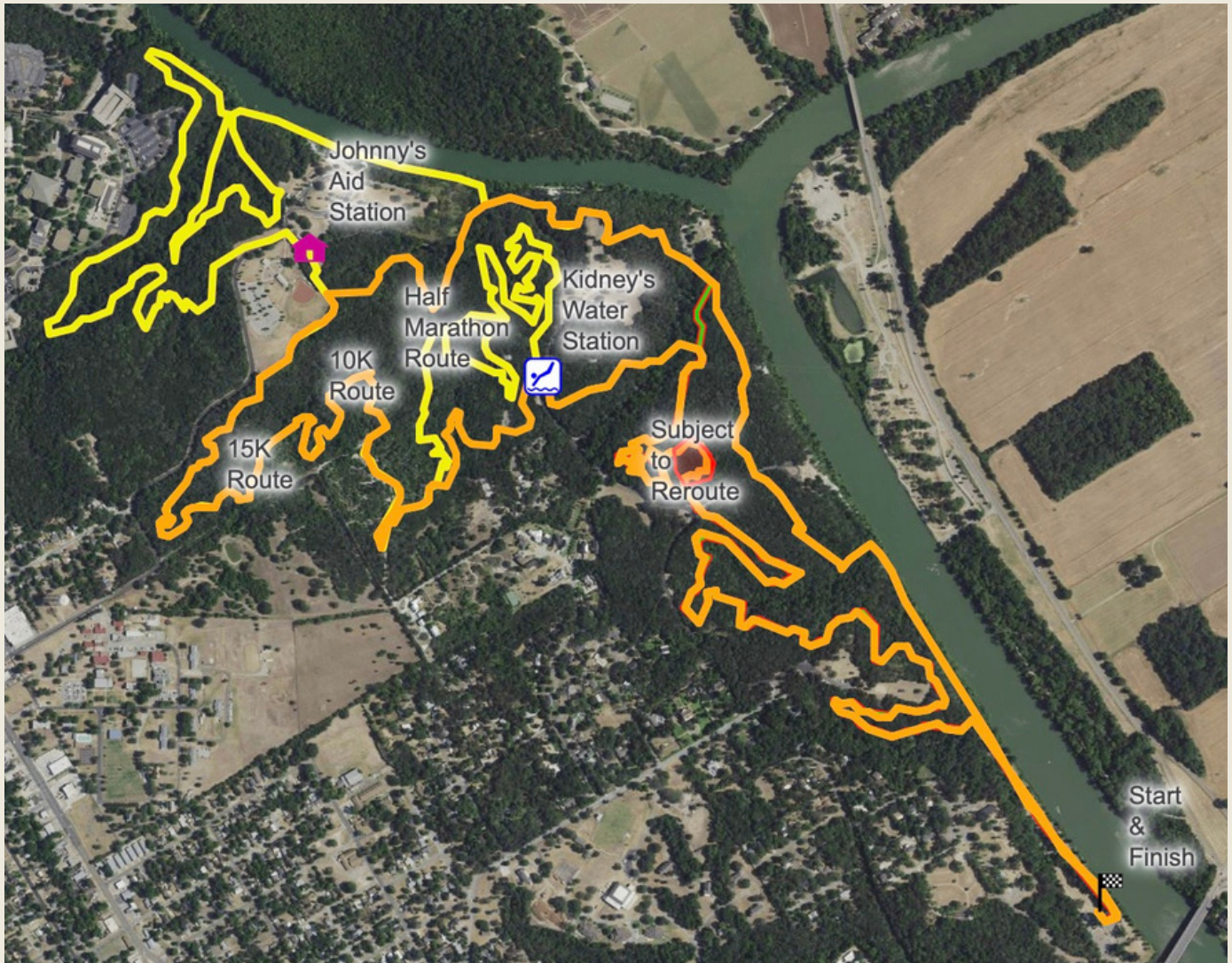
- 10K (Mile 2.1)
- 15K (Mile 2.1)
- Half Marathon (Mile 2.1 / 8.7)

Johnny's Aid Station

- 10K (Mile 4.1)
- 15K (Mile 4.1)
- Half Marathon (Mile 4.1 / 10.7)



COURSE MAP

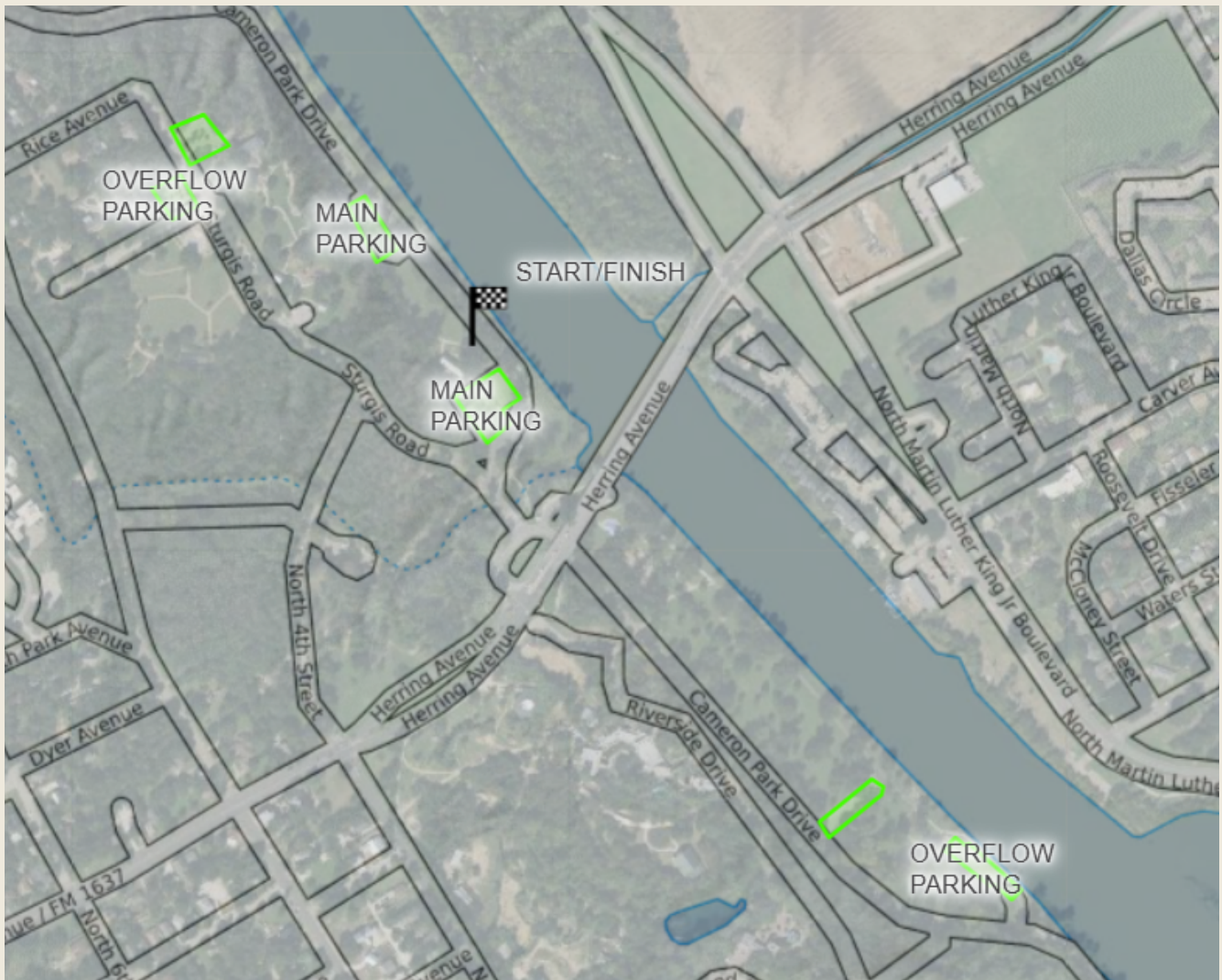


Half Marathon, 15K, 10K, 5K COURSE -

<https://caltopo.com/m/4KFBQ3T>

PARKINGMAP

- **PARKING NEAR THE START/FINISH LINE WILL FILL UP QUICK.**
- **THERE ARE MANY PARKING LOTS NEAR THE START/FINISH LINE, PARK IN THOSE.**





COURSE DETAILS

COURSE PROFILE

Cameron Park is a 416-acre oasis with towering trees, two rivers, breathtaking cliffs, playgrounds and a multi-use National Recreation Trail System. Since the William Cameron family donated the parkland more than 100 years ago, the park has been constantly abuzz with parties, festivals and sports. The Bear Country Night Trek features beautiful scenery and challenging rooty, dirt, and grass trails with 1300 feet of elevation for the 15K loop. The race follows a single-track trail with the start/finish line at the Redwood shelter.





COURSE MARKINGS



The trails will consist of orange signage, flagging (and yellow red reflective tape on the orange signs for the runners in the dark) as seen above. The orange signage and flags will also be seen throughout the course at intersections to show you where to go.

WHEN IN DOUBT REMEMBER "ORANGE"



RACE RULES

TRAIL RUNNING RULES

- Headlamps are required.
- No Littering (If caught disqualification will occur.)
- Runners must follow the marked course and no cutting the course.
- Race cutoff will be enforced.
- Be aware of your surroundings. You're partially in the wilderness, there can be wild animals/snakes.
- Please be respectful to all volunteers, race staff, and other race personnel.

WEATHER FORECAST as of 08/25/26

for Saturday 6PM - 10PM - 2AM

Temp Forecast: 93° - 86° - 78°

Feels Like: 98° - 90° - 82°

Rain: 20%

Wind: 7mph S





AWARDS

ALL DISTANCES

- Bear Country Night Trek Finisher Medal- A Texas Summer Night Series Collectible
- Bear Country Night Trek Tri-Blend tee
- 1st place award all distances M & F
- DFL "Dead Freakin' Last" awards for Half Marathon

RUCK FINISHERS

- Bear Country Night Trek Ruck Patch





TEXAS SUMMER NIGHT SERIES



This race is a part of the Texas Summer Night Series. Anyone who finishes 3/7 races will receive a TSNS exclusive duffle bag. Complete 6/7 races, and runners get a Texas Summer Night Series plaque and the collectible race medals.

June 6 | [Texoma Challenge](#) (Denison TX)

June 13 | [Fire Trail Running Festival](#) (near San Antonio TX)

August 1 | [Fiesta Night Run](#) (San Antonio TX)

August 15 | [Night Claw](#) (Glen Rose TX)

September 5 | [Bear Country Night Trek](#) (Waco TX)

September 12 | [Lone Star Night Run](#) (near Ft Worth TX)

September 19 | [Noche Trail Run](#) (near Kerrville TX)

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