












The Plus Runner's Amazing Spectator Guide for the Chicago Marathon

Or "How to see your runner 5 times on the course!!"

Meeting Time/Mile	Location	Directions/Details
<p>Mile 4.1 and Mile 10.75</p> <p>7:30 A.M.</p> <p>Runners: Look for your families at LaSalle just North of Division (4.1), and Sedgwick just North of Division (10.75)</p>	<p> Mile 4.1 LaSalle at Goethe (or up to Schiller) – either on the West side, or in the median (on the plant stand – good place to see all the runners)</p> <p>YOU WILL NEED TO BE ON THE WEST SIDE (runner's RIGHT) IF YOU HAVE FAST RUNNERS IN ORDER TO GET TO THE NEXT SPOT (2 blocks west)</p> <p> Mile 10.75 Sedgwick at Goethe or Evergreen – move to the West side if you can before runners start coming through</p>	<p> Take the Red Line to Division, get off, head WEST to LaSalle and go right (north) for the first pedestrian meeting point. OR Take the Brown Line to Sedgwick, get off, head SOUTH (right) to Goethe or Shiller, turning left (WEST) to LaSalle.</p> <p> The parking location for this stop is WEST of Sedgwick Avenue, yet EAST of Halsted. Park between Division Ave. on the South and Goethe or Shiller St. 1-2 blocks North. This is neighborhood parking – check zone signs before parking! But you should be fine...</p> <p>There is no need to move your car between stop 1 and 2.</p> <p>Time at this stop: The race begins at 7:30. It can take up to 45 minutes to cross the start line. Once you see your runner at Mile 4, multiply their pace per mile (example: 10 minute miles) X 6 to determine when you will see them at Mile 10.75.</p> <p>Next stop: Mile 16. Move fast once you see your runner at Mile 10.75!</p>
<p>Mile 16</p> <p>Runners: Look for your</p>	<p> Mile 16 Jackson at Aberdeen (1 block East of Racine). You will be on the runner's</p>	<p> This stop is fairly close to the 10.75 mark. Given how unreliable the CTA is, skip this marker, and take the Red Line South to the next stop.</p> <p> Driving Directions: Head South to Division Ave. Go RIGHT –</p>

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<p>families at Jackson just past the Mile 16 marker on your RIGHT.</p>	<p>RIGHT!</p>	<p>heading WEST – on Division until you reach Halsted Street. If traffic is moving, continue West until you see the ramp for 90/94 South. You MUST get on 90/94 to avoid getting stuck in marathon traffic.</p> <p>Take 90/94 South (West) to Indiana – and get in the right hand lanes, exit for 290 (Eisenhower) West.</p> <p>Exit RIGHT to 290 West, and stay in the right hand lanes. EXIT almost immediately at Morgan Street.</p> <p>Make an immediate LEFT on TILDEN (which looks like a frontage road along the expressway).</p> <p>Go 3 blocks, making a RIGHT on ABERDEEN. Pull into the large empty parking lot on the left – which fronts on the course.</p> <p>This is the FANNIE MAY candy company store location. <i>IF the police are blocking access to Tilden, you can reach it by heading SOUTH on Morgan, going West for a few blocks, and heading back NORTH across 290, then going EAST down Van Buren until you reach ABERDEEN. (a big circle).</i></p> <p>For "real" directions, see the attached guide from Google Maps.</p>
<p>Mile 22.5 & Mile 23.75</p> <p>Runners: Look for your families starting at 31st</p>	<p> Mile 22.5 Wentworth at 31st, on the EAST side of the street (if you can get there!)</p> <p> Mile 23.75 Michigan at 31st, on the WEST side of the</p>	<p> Take the Red Line to 35th. Exit and walk 4 blocks North to 31st, then go to the West Side of the course (to Wentworth). This is Mile 22.5. You'll be on the runner's LEFT. After you see your runner, cross 31st street, heading EAST to MICHIGAN AVE. You'll be on the runner's LEFT again when you see them at Mile 23.75.</p> <p> Head west on W Van Buren St toward S Tilden St Turn left at S Ashland Ave</p>

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street, before 33 rd , and again at 33 rd and Michigan.	street.	Take the 1st left onto W Congress Pkwy Take the ramp on the left onto I-290 E Take the I-90/Ryan Expy/I-94 exit toward Indiana Exit at 35th Street/COMISKEY PARK. Go RIGHT Make a RIGHT on SHIELDS. If Shields is closed to traffic, go 2 blocks further WEST to PARNELL and make a RIGHT. Go North to 33 rd Street, Park anywhere you can find a space and walk East to Wentworth.
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***NOTE: If you really, really want to see your runners at the finish, you should skip the stops at Point 4 and Point 5, and head back downtown to get to the finish line. The best route from Point 3 is to take 290 back EAST, and use the official spectator guide to locate parking near the finish.