



PARTICIPANT & SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Sunday, May 3, 2026

RunForTheZoo.org

Start Line: 8th St. & Atlantic Ave.

Finish Line: 10th St. in front of the ZOO

Event Start Times: Arrive at Start Line 15 min. prior to race.

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| Half Marathon | 7:00 am |
| 10K Timed Run | 8:00 am |
| 5K Timed Run/Wave Start | 9:00 am |
| 5K Fitness Run/Walk | 10:15 am |
| 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk | 11:00 am |

Course Safety:

NO parking on the course

NO pets, bikes, roller blades, skateboards & scooters

Baby strollers/joggers/carriers are allowed in the 5K Fitness & 1 Mile events ONLY & must start in the back

Half Marathon time limit is 3 ½ hours from start to finish. NO walkers!

1 Mile Fun Run/Walk course takes you on an adventure through the back of the Zoo!

Some of the path is dirt & may be muddy if water is present, please wear appropriate shoes.

Spectators may not cross 10th St. north of the Finish Line. Crossing is ONLY permitted on the south end of softball field.

Course Map & Aid Stations:

Water & portable toilet stations are located along the course. Download map with locations at www.RunfortheZoo.org

Medical:

EMS will be mobile on the course and stationery at the Medical Tent (located in the north parking lot of the Zoo) with capability to handle general first aid needs or other medical emergencies. Ask for help and report any incident. Police, Volunteers and Paramedics are reachable by radio.

Timed Event Changes:

Transferring to a different TIMED event is only available if your desired event isn't already sold out (price changes will apply). We will make every effort to switch your event but only if there is space remaining. Go to the "Got a Problem?" table during Packet Pick Up at the GAAR Event Center or on Race Day at least 45 minutes prior to original race and the race you're attempting to switch to.

Race Entry Timing:

Run for the Zoo utilizes Race Result Passive UHF disposable transponders located on the back of your BIB. Your official time begins when you cross the start line. Don't forget your bib at home, no bib, no time! In order to receive an accurate time, your BIB MUST be clearly visible on the outermost layer of your clothing. **Check your bib for a timing chip as soon as you receive your bib!**

With Race Entry, your official time begins as you cross the start mat & stops when you cross the finish. Don't forget your BIB on event day! Remember, No BIB means No Time!

Gear Storage:

Store items at Runner Gear Storage located on Atlantic Ave. between the Start & Finish Lines. Bags are clearly marked with your BIB number, safely stored inside the truck & claimed by showing your BIB.

5K Timed Race - Wave Start:

Due to its popularity, the 5K Timed Run utilizes a wave start. There are (4) waves starting at 5-minute intervals organized according to predicted min/mile pace, but the event starts at 9:30 a.m. Your BIB will state which wave you are placed in. **Make sure you are in the correct wave!**

Handicapped Access:

The course is closed to ALL vehicular traffic. Handicapped parking is available at the Civic Center Underground Parking Garage. Take the FREE Park & Ride service to 5th St. & Iron (at APS International High School) about three blocks from the start line. There is an ADA-accessible bus on route at all times.

FREE Event Day Zoo Admission:

Your BIB allows you FREE Zoo admission on Race Day. If you did not register, **a limited number of Zoo tickets will be available for purchase on April 24.**

Medals & Awards:

Medals are awarded to all half marathon finishers and to the top (3) Male & Female age group runners determined by tag time. Overall & Masters (40+) Male & Female awards are determined by gun time. Winners will be awarded the highest level of award for their finish time. No 'double dipping'. Lower-level awards will go to the next fastest runner in that gender/age division.

Race Results:

Results for Timed events are available after your race and can be viewed at the kiosks in the Awards area. Results can be sent to you and your friends using text message. Sign up for this option in your on-line race profile. Results will also be available at runforthezoo.org and may be modified up to two weeks as necessary.

Cancellation & Refund Policy:

The event will not be canceled. We will run, walk and have fun rain or shine! Refunds are not available. All net proceeds benefit the ABQ BioPark

Run for the Zoo is a major source of supplemental funding for your ABQ BioPark Zoo, Aquarium, Botanic Garden & Tingley Beach



PARKING SERVICES & HAPPENINGS

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FREE PARK & RIDE SERVICE

Be at ease with FREE Park & Ride Shuttle Service! Park at the Civic Center Underground Parking Garage, then take a shuttle back after the event!

Park & Shuttle

Allow at least one hour before your event starts! Spaces are limited. Lots will close when full and parking ordinances will be enforced. Please arrive at the start line at least 15 minutes prior to the start of your event.

Civic Center Underground Parking Garage Service Begins: 6 a.m. Park your car at 328 Marquette Ave. NW. Drop-off is 5th Street & Iron (APS International High School), and then it's a short "warm-up" walk to the Start Line at 8th and Atlantic.

Parking Instructions: Take a ticket upon entry to the garage. When exiting, *scan your QR code (available on social media and various locations on Race Day)*. The QR code will waive your parking fee.

Return Service Ends: 4 p.m. SHARPI

Pick up location is 5th & Iron (APS International High School, where you were dropped off) to return to the Civic Center Underground Parking Garage. Final return service pick-up is 4 p.m. SHARPI! NO Exceptions!

Participant Drop Off

Drop offs can be made at 5th & Iron or Downtown outside the course. Large groups should plan a designated meeting area. Do NOT drop off participants at Park & Ride.

Bike Valet

Ride your bike in, check it in, get a ticket, and go to your race! Drop off your bike at 10th & Atlantic at Dolores Gonzales Elementary. Service is free and available from 6:30 a.m. until noon. Space is limited.

Downtown Parking Options

Street parking and lots are best for the Timed races.

Race start times are as follows: 7a.m. Half Marathon, 8 a.m. 10K Timed Race, 9:30 a.m. 5K Timed Race, 10:15 a.m. 5K Fitness, 11 a.m. 1 Mile.

Enter Downtown area from Central using streets East of 8th St.

Absolutely NO PARKING inside the course! Parking meters are FREE on Sundays!

Free & Pay Lots are less than 1 Mile from the Start Line.

FREE Lot:

Civic Center Underground Parking Garage 328 Marquette Ave. NW

PAY Lots:*

SW corner: 4th & Coal NW corner: 6th & Central

NE corner: 7th & Gold (behind El Rey Theatre) NW corner: 7th & Gold (dirt lot)

SE corner: 7th & Gold (SafeHouse)

Parking Garage at 5th & Copper behind Kimo Theater

*prices subject to change by lot owner

Observe parking ordinances. Do not block driveways & watch for No Parking Zones. Parking violators will be ticketed and/or towed at owner's expense. Vehicle owner assumes all risk and/or liability. Pay lot fees subject to change. Please refer to pay lot rules and signage.

EVENT DAY HAPPENINGS

Participants will be greeted with a variety of post-event happenings, refreshments, giveaways, and other surprises at the Waterstone Mortgage Finish Line Sponsor Expo in the Zoo lot! Join the celebration!

- Enjoy refreshments like fruit, bagels, sport drinks & more! (While supplies last)

- Visit with our vendors, get free swag, and register to win prizes!

- Purchase limited edition 2026 Run for the Zoo apparel, hats, art posters & so much more in our merchandise tent!

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Thank you to Albuquerque International High School & Dolores Gonzales Elementary for supporting our participants