

## Course Description – Mile Markers, Marshals and Cones **PISP Beach 1 – Half Marathon**

The racecourse is USATF-certified. The number is PA02012WB.

The racecourse is located in Erie, PA, at Presque Isle State Park. Ample parking is available for race participants in the area designated as Beach One Parking Area. This area is located just inside the main gate (only one entrance to park) on the Lake Erie side (north) of the main drive (Peninsula Drive). Presque Isle Bay is located to the south of Peninsula Drive.

START: The starting area is located in the Beach One area on the Old Lake Road (also known as Peninsula Road) adjacent to the Beach One restrooms. The restrooms have a concrete sidewalk that leads to the Old lake Road. The specific starting point (line) is where the south edge of this sidewalk joins (meets) the Old Lake Road roadway. As a secondary marker it is located 34 feet north of drinking fountain that is located along Old lake Road adjacent to the Beach One restrooms.

Runners will run from this point in the direction of the park entrance (south) to the point where Old Lake Road merges with Peninsula Drive south bound. CONE and MARSHAL need to be placed at this intersection to ensure that all runners merge onto Peninsula Drive south bound and control/direct south bound traffic. Runners should be instructed to run in the LEFT lane of the roadway while running **with** traffic on Peninsula Drive for safety reasons. Peninsula Drive has two lanes of traffic in each direction with a large median between the north and south bound lanes.

The one and only turn-around point is on Peninsula Drive just before reaching Sara's Restaurant. The exact location of the turn is 15 feet north of the north end of the Presque Isle Condos that are located across from Sara's Restaurant. It is marked with RED paint and a nail in the middle of the roadway between the yellow lines. CONE and MARSHAL need to be placed at this point to ensure runners make turn and are instructed to remain in left lane.

The course will continue in a northerly direction around the park on the main road by first running on the Presque Isle Bay side (counter clockwise) and then circling south to the Lake Erie side. On the north end of the park, where traffic becomes one lane each way, traffic needs to be controlled so that it is only allowed to go counter clockwise. This enables runners to run safely in the left lane all the way around the park.

The one and only turn off of the main drive comes at about the 11.5 mile mark where the course turns right onto the Old Lake Road (asphalt bike path) that runs along Lake Erie between Beach 6 and the start/finish line. CONES and MARSHALS will be needed at this location to cross runners and control traffic. Runners continue on this bike path southward to the finish line.

MARKER 1 is located just north of Vista 1 Parking Lot along Presque Isle Bay. Approximately 10 feet after (north) a yellow park sign that reads "Share Road – Bike/Run". Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

MARKER 2 is located before Sturgeon Bay Parking Lot along Presque Isle Bay at about the 1.55 mile point on the bike path. There is a road sign (25 MPH) that is located 20 feet south of mile marker. Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

MARKER 3 is located directly across from the entry drive into the Niagara Boat Ramp. Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

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MARKER 4 may be a little hard to find as it is in a nondescript part of the park just before the Duck Pond Area. More precisely it is 140 feet south of the bike path mile marker 3.7. Another locator would be the first parking wooden post as you enter the Duck Pond Area; mile marker is located 120 feet to the south. Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

MARKER 5 is located at the entrance to Marina Lake East Pier. It is approximately 25 feet before (south) of the park sign that reads “East Pier”. Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

MARKER 6 is the easiest marker to find. It is located right on the Misery Bay Bridge (Perry’s Monument). It is located 20 feet from the north end of the bridge. Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

MARKER 7 is located before the Beach 11 parking area and is 8 feet before reaching a road sign that reads “Bridge Weight Limit 14 tons 1 mile ahead”. Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

MARKER 8 is located at Sunset Point with a beautiful view of Lake Erie. It is approximately 10 feet before (north – now running south) two signs that read “Speed Limit 25” and “Curve Ahead”. Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

MARKER 9 is located approximately 200 feet before reaching the Light House Beach Area. More precisely identified by being 29 feet before (north) of a cast iron water system 10” cover that reads “BPF Water”. Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

MARKER 10 is truly the hardest marker to identify on this course. It is located on the south end of the Duck Pond Beach Area but before the point where the road way changes from asphalt to concrete. A little more description of the location of the marker is approximately 100 feet north of the curve at the end of the Duck Pond Beach Area. Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

MARKER 11 is located between the turn-off to the Water Works Cabins and the Park Administration Building. There is a turn-around (south to north) access between these two landmarks (Cabins & Admin Bldg.) and the mile marker is located 135 past (south) of this turn-around. Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

TURN to Beach Access Road – this is located at approximately 11.5 mile point where runners will be directed from the left lane to a right hand turn on to the asphalt Old Lake Road (Peninsula **Road**). Peninsula Road is also called the Old Lake Road and should not be confused with Peninsula Drive, which is the main drive that runs through out the park. This turn is immediately after the “S” curve in the roadway south of the Administration Building. CONES and MARSHALS will be needed to cross runners and control traffic.

MARKER 12 is located on the Old Lake Road between Beach 6 and the Stull Nature Center. It is 65 feet north of the bike path mile marker 11.8 . Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

Marker 13 is also on the Old Lake Road but is south of the Stull Nature Center. It is located 30 feet beyond (south) of the ERC 4” x4” post that reads “START 2 Mi.” Marked with red paint on left side of roadway.

FINISH: same as the start location above.

