

Marine Corps Marathon Transportation

Metro opens at 6 a.m. on Marine Corps Marathon Day, October 28

QUANTICO, VA (Oct 24, 2018) – As the majority of MCM Weekend events from Oct. 26-28 occur at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center at National Harbor, MD, the Marine Corps Marathon Organization is offering free shuttle service from both the Eisenhower and Van Dorn Metro stations to the Gaylord. A host of other transportation possibilities are available throughout MCM Weekend. Runners and spectators can access all weekend transportation information through the [MCM Transportation](#) page and on the [MCM App](#).

Metro

Metro services open at 6 a.m. for the 43rd Marine Corps Marathon and MCM10K on Sunday, Oct. 28. Runners are encouraged to become familiar with the Metro map in advance of event morning and be aware of the most convenient stations to access preferred locations. In advance of MCM Weekend, runners and supporters should purchase a [Metro SmarTrip card](#).

- **To the Expo:** Take Metro to Eisenhower (yellow line) Van Dorn (blue line) stations, then enjoy a free shuttle to National Harbor.
- **To the Kids Run:** Take Metro to the Pentagon station (yellow or blue line), then ride the shuttle to the start line.
- **To the MCM10K:** The Archives-Navy Memorial-Penn Quarter station (green or yellow line) is most convenient to the MCM10K start. Other nearby options include L'Enfant Plaza (yellow, green, blue or orange line) or Smithsonian (blue or orange line).
- **To the MCM Start:** Access Runners Village through the Pentagon station (yellow or blue line).
- **On Course:** Smithsonian station (blue, orange or silver line) offers access to the National Mall for a stretch of the MCM course between miles 17-20. Crystal City station (blue or yellow line) delivers visitors to miles 22-23 of the MCM course and miles 3-4 of the MCM10K course. L'Enfant Plaza station (green, yellow, blue, orange or silver lines) takes individuals to the Beat the Bridge location at Mile 20. Arlington Cemetery (blue line) opens on event morning at 8:30 a.m. and is a short walk to mile 25 of the MCM course, mile 5 of the MCM10K course and the official finish line at the Marine Corps War Memorial.
- **To the Finish:** Use the Rosslyn station (blue, orange or silver line) to arrive at the Finish Festival or walk to the finish line at the Marine Corps War Memorial.

Shuttles

To the MCM Start:

- **From Crystal City:** Shuttles will follow a route from 23rd Street and Crystal Drive in Crystal City to Runners Village in the Pentagon North Parking lot from 4:30-8 a.m.
- **From Gaylord National:** From 4:30–6:00 a.m., MCM offers runners-only shuttles from the intersection of Waterfront and St. George to Runners Village at the Pentagon from the Gaylord National Resort, the MCM headquarters hotel at National Harbor. Beginning at 6 a.m., shuttle service will deliver runners to the Eisenhower Metro station (yellow line) until 9:00 a.m.

From the Finish:

- **Rosslyn:** Finish shuttles will be located in the Finish Festival on Oak Street and Wilson Blvd will return runners and spectators to 23rd Street and Crystal Drive in Crystal City.
- **Gaylord National:** To return to National Harbor, runners and guests should Metro to the Eisenhower station (yellow line) to access the free shuttles to the Gaylord National Resort. Return service will be available from 1030 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.

To the MCM Kids Run:

- **From Metro:** Utilize the free shuttle service running continuously from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. between the Pentagon Metro station (yellow or blue line) and the MCM Kids Run start/finish area.

Parking

- **Expo:** Pay parking is located at the Gaylord National Resort and in garages throughout National Harbor.
- **MCM:** Free parking is available courtesy of the Crystal City Business Improvement District in the underground lots located at the intersection of 23rd and Crystal Drive.
- **MCM10K:** There is no designated parking location for the MCM10K. Participants may seek locations in nearby downtown DC but are encouraged to Metro to the event start line.

Health and Fitness Expo Presented by Cigna

[MCM Weekend](#) kicks off Friday, Oct. 26 with opening of the [Health & Fitness Expo](#) at the Gaylord. The Expo is open free to the public from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 26, and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 27.

- **Onsite Parking:** Runners who opt to drive to the Expo may park at one of the three National Harbor garages or at the Gaylord National Resort. There is a fee for parking in National Harbor garages and at the Gaylord. Runners who park at the Gaylord may get their parking validated for a discount.
- **Packet Pick-up:** MCM and MCM10K runners will pick up their essential event-day packets and information at the Health & Fitness Expo throughout MCM Weekend. MCM Kids Run participants will pick up packets at the Gaylord that Friday, or prior to their event on Saturday, Oct. 27. The [MCM Kids Run presented by Virginia529](#) will be hosted in the North Pentagon parking lot in Arlington, VA. Both the 43rd MCM and MCM10K will be held simultaneously on Oct. 28.

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The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM), known as “The People’s Marathon,” promotes physical fitness and generates community goodwill while showcasing the high standards and discipline of the United States Marine Corps. Annually ranked as one of the largest marathons in the US and the world, the MCM welcomes runners from all 50 states and more than 60 countries. The 43rd MCM, coordinated by the Marine Corps Marathon Organization (MCMO), will be held Oct. 28, 2018 in Arlington, VA. The MCM is presented by Arlington County, Brooks, Cigna and Leidos. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied. Connect with the Marine Corps Marathon on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). #RunWithTheMarines