

THE SPOKANE MARATHON

Driving Instructions to get to relay exchanges

If one person drives all participants:

Leave downtown and go to Exchange #1 @ SFCC-

Drive west on Riverside

Take a right on Government Way

Take a right on Whistalks Way

Take a left into the SFCC parking lot – first left (by the east side of the track)

Drop runner #2

Leave Exchange # 1 and go to Exchange # 3

Leave SFCC parking lot and go left on Whistalks Way (**not** going back the way you came)

After you cross the Spokane River and just before you start up TJ Meenach hill, turn right and cloverleaf under the bridge (stay right so you will pass under the bridge)

Follow that road (Riverside State Park Dr / Downriver Dr) just a little over a mile

(You are now driving on the course the opposite direction of the race – drive slowly!)

Just before a “Y” in the road, will be Exchange # 3 (for the final runner)

Drop him/her off now- they need to warm up for a while anyway

Leave Exchange #3 and go to Exchange #2

Continue driving the same direction

Stay left at the “Y” (you are now on Aubrey L. White Pkwy) - for about 6 miles)

Eventually the road will end in a cul-de-sac

Exchange #2 is across the 7-Mile Bridge (past the cul-de-sac and to the left)

Drop your runner off there- they will need to cross the 7-Mile Bridge and turn left

They will see their exchange zone there.

NOTE – Of course you could have #4 runner go with you to drop # 3 and then return them to their spot since they will have the longest wait. Just PLEASE if there happens to be runners on the course – give them the right of way! Drive slowly!

Return to Downtown to Watch the Finish

Once you see that your nervous runner has made it across the bridge and not become lost (they don't think really well when nervous), you can return the way you came. Then instead of clover leafing back to the bridge and through SFCC, go straight up Pettet Dr (Doomsday hill). Follow that road until you come to the light @ Ash St (southbound one way)

Go right

Get in the left lane so that you can turn left on Boone Ave.

Follow Boone until Howard St (this street is the light just after you pass the Spokane Arena on your right)
Turn right on Howard St. to park in the Arena parking lots (both left and right of Howard). These are usually pay-for-parking lots. There is also parking on the side streets north of Boone. The finish line is about two blocks south of Boone and before you get to the north entrance into Riverfront Park.

Driving Instructions to the Relay Exchanges if everyone is driving individually (all from downtown)

Leave downtown and go to Exchange #1 @ SFCC-

Drive west on Riverside Ave
Take a right on Government Way
Take a right on Whistalks Way
Take a left into the parking lot – first left of SFCC (by the east side of the track)
Lots of parking there if you are leaving a car. There are signs for the exchange and a relay exchange volunteer who can help you.

Leave Downtown and go to Exchange #2 @ 7-Mile Bridge

***These directions will feel like you are nowhere close to the course, but you are!**

Drive west on Riverside Ave
Take a right on Monroe St.
Stay on Monroe St all the way to Francis Ave (almost 4 miles)
Go left on Francis Ave
Follow that road – it will go west and then “S” to the north where it changes to Nine-Mile Rd
Keep going north (just so you know that you are going the correct way, when you get to the bottom of a hill there will be a convenience store on the left)
Continue almost 2 miles until you see a sign to Seven-Mile Rd
Turn left
Follow that road until you cross over the river
Then turn immediately left onto Riverside Park Rd
The exchange will be right by that turn. There is a limited amount of parking out here. You can also park across the street – just be careful crossing the road.
There is also a trail head a few hundred yards ahead after you take this left turn where you can park, but it is limited also, and you need a Discover Pass.
There are signs for the exchange and a relay exchange volunteer who can help you.

Leave Downtown and go to Exchange #3 @ “Y” on Aubrey L. White Pkwy

Drive west of Riverside Ave
Take a right on Monroe St.
Take a left on Maxwell Ave

Follow Maxwell Ave through two lights (Maple St and Ash St)
Just past Cannon Pool, you will curve to the right (now you are on Pettet Dr)
You will go down a hill (Doomsday Hill if you know the Bloomsday course)
Stay on this road under the bridge and keep going just over a mile
You will pass Downriver Golf Course (on your right)
The exchange and parking is on your left. If you get to the “Y”, you have passed the parking.
If you are leaving a car here, you need a Discover Pass.
There are signs for the exchange and a relay exchange volunteer who can help you.