

Following is the content of the Thursday Email for the 2026 St. Croix Crossing Half Marathon. If you're here, it's likely you did not receive the email when it was sent from Mtec Results along with your bib number. No worries; you can look up your bib number when you arrive at Packet Pick-up. See you soon.

SUBJECT: Personalized Race Information: July 25 St. Croix Crossing Race

Packet Pick-up

You have two options....

[Water Street Inn, 101 Water Street, Stillwater](#), Ballroom A

Friday, July 24, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. (*Recommended*) We hope you'll join us for some pre-race mingling with fellow runners and enjoy the afternoon in Stillwater.

Saturday, July 25, beginning at 5:20 a.m. Staff will stay after the race starts until ~10:30 a.m.

In-Person registration is available both Friday and Saturday at Packet Pick-up.

In-Person Registration and Will Call

Registration is available at Packet Pick-up for any buddies who decide to join you at the last minute. In addition, Will Call registration is available online from 12:01 a.m. Thursday until noon Friday, July 25. See the website for details.

Wild River Running to Host Shoe Demo

Check out the Asics shoe demo hosted by [Wild River Running](#). They'll be onsite Friday at Packet Pick-up. Just outside the front entrance of the Inn. The Wild River Running retail store at [224 Chestnut](#) – just 1 ½ blocks from the Water Street Inn – will be open until 8:00 p.m. Friday evening. You'll find a unique mix of shoes, clothing and accessories right here in town for all your last-minute race needs.

Changing Your Distance

If you must change your distance, we've got you. **Pick up your bib first**, then check in with us at the "In-Person Registration and Changes" table to make the switch. If you received your bib in the mail, a quick email to us will do the job too. Please note that changes (and late registration) may delay the appearance of your results.

Changing Your Shirt Size

Shirt exchanges can be done after the race. Bring your unworn shirt to the same location as Packet Pick-up to make the switch. We do this to ensure everyone gets the size they requested. We're mindful of waste and work hard to limit over-ordering.

Race Day Information

Parking: The [downtown map](#) shows recommended locations for parking. Ample free parking is available throughout downtown west of Main St.. Please obey ALL parking restrictions and postings. Paid parking begins at 10:00 a.m. using the Passport Parking app. FYI, with the 7:00 a.m. start, many of you running shorter distances may be done by the time paid parking begins. For more details on parking in the area, see the city's parking map [HERE](#).

Start Times

All distances start at 7:00 a.m. SHARP

Shuttle Buses – The LAST BUS leaves at 6:35 a.m. SHARP

Shuttles leave from Lot #1 on the south end of downtown Stillwater and run continuously beginning at 5:40 a.m. All runners must take the shuttle to their start area. **Buses are marked for each distance. Check before you board.**

From the Water Street Inn/Package Pick-up, take the paved walkway on the river side of the hotel south two blocks to the bus loading area. You'll walk past the Lift Bridge, past the finish line area and across Nelson St. Continue toward the river boats and the buses will be on your right.

The last bus leaves at 6:35 a.m. SHARP to make the 7:00 start.

There will be water, portapotties and bag drop at each start

Bag Drop: At the Starts

- Bags are provided at the remote start locations and are clear, 15" x 18"
- All Bag Drop items must fit in the clear bag provided
- Race bibs have a tear-off tag with your bib number to be used for Bag Drop
- **SECURELY TIE** the bag closed
- Your race bib and Bag Drop tag must match to pick up your items
- Bag Drop pick-up is at the finish line area and begins **no earlier than 7:45 a.m.** to allow for sorting
- Run Stillwater, Inc. is not responsible for lost or damaged items left in Bag Drop

Weather

Runner safety is our number one priority. At this writing, Saturday is expected to be warm, humid and mostly sunny with a 12 percent chance of rain. Sunrise is at 5:50 a.m. with temperatures around 68 degrees at 7:00 a.m. Air quality is expected to be good.

We have direct contact with the National Weather Service in the Twin Cities and area meteorologists to track and inform us of conditions. Any changes to the race schedule will be communicated by email, on our Facebook page and via voicemail at Run Stillwater. You'll find over 40 course marshals and public safety officers stationed around the course to help in good weather and bad. Know your limitations and stay safe.

Plenty of water and Gatorade is available on the course and lots of ice and cold water is stocked at the finish to cool you off.

Course Information

Detailed course maps and RideGPS guidance are available on the website. The course is fully-paved. Please note, the route is well marked and marshal staff and public safety will help guide you, but it is the runner's responsibility to be familiar with the route.

Half Marathon: The Half course has six water stops at approximately two-mile increments (2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12)

10K Race: The 10K course has three water stops

5K Race: The 5K course has one water stop

Pacers

Midwest Pacers will provide pacing for half marathon runners. You'll find them at the start line with signs showing their expected pace and overall time goal.

Download Our Tracking App

Run Stillwater offers race results and tracking using our mobile app available in the [Apple App Store](#) and on [Google Play](#). Bib numbers are uploaded sometime during race week. Check back if your name does not appear at first.

The app provides live results, allowing participants to see their performance seconds after crossing the finish line. Spectators can track the progress of participants on the course and stay updated via Race Update notifications, interactive course Maps, and real-time Leaderboards. Your name and bib information will be available just before race day. Download it now and get set up before the event.

Finish Information

The finish area is in Lowell Park along the St. Croix River at the foot of the Stillwater Lift Bridge. There is plenty of room for spectators at and around the finish line.

Results

Find race results online at [Mtec Results](#). There is a link on the race website to access preliminary results as soon as possible after the event. Results are not finalized until after the race concludes. Please be patient if what you're seeing at first doesn't jive with your watch or the time clock. All will be well in the end! Top three finishers in each 10-yr age group will receive awards via USPS after the race. We will not have an awards ceremony.

Commemorative Coasters

Run Stillwater is offering commemorative coasters to set your accomplishment in stone. Some of you may have purchased coaster at the time you registered.

Coasters are laser engraved and made of perfectly imperfect natural slate. Each one is customized with the race and your name, distance and time. Cost is \$18 including shipping, plus a processing fee. Delivery is typically 2-4 weeks after the race. You'll receive an email with tracking information when it is sent. For details and to order yours, [click here](#).

Pictures/Video

Pictures can be found along with your race results at [Mtec Results](#), including your video finish. In addition, hundreds of photos are available free on our Facebook page. Download as many as you'd like.

Social Media!

- Our Facebook page can be found here: [@runstillwater](#)
- Instagram is [@runstillwater](#)

Discover Stillwater This Weekend

There's always a lot going on in Stillwater on a summer weekend.

Historic Stillwater is full of things to do. Grab some lunch at any one of the many restaurants along Main Street and the river. Get some coffee or ice cream. Stroll Main St. shops and boutiques. Or, find a bench and take in the river.

Saturday afternoon and evening enjoy live music with local artist Colin Bracewell followed by **Opera on the River** in the evening. This free annual event is hosted by the St. Croix Valley Opera and features world-renowned vocalists. If you're new to opera, this event is a great place to spend a summer evening outdoors. *Really* not into opera, you'll find more live music around town and plenty of places to relax and enjoy your accomplishments.

Thank you for your participation and best of luck!

Run Stillwater 2026 Staff