



## Carmel Marathon Fact Sheet

### About the Carmel Marathon

- The Carmel Marathon debuted 2011 as the newest marathon/half marathon event in Indiana. Since that time the race has grown to become the second largest marathon in Indiana and the largest running event in the city of Carmel.
- The race is now a top-75 marathon in the United States, out of the 1,000-plus marathons staged nationally each year.
- The Carmel Marathon was the fastest growing marathon in the U.S in 2018.
- In 2018, the event attracted runners from 43 states and five countries, with 200 Indiana cities represented.
- The Carmel Marathon has become known as one of the best Boston-qualifying races in U.S. In 2018, more than 22.5 percent of runners bit Boston-qualifying times ("BQ"), earning the race a position on FindMyMarathon.com's list of the "Top 25 Boston Qualifying Races."
- This year's Carmel Marathon Weekend's Official Charity is the Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide (ICPYAS). Through this support, the ICYPAS will be able to roll out its youth programs in seven additional schools throughout Indiana.

### Carmel Marathon Weekend Distances

- Carmel Marathon (26.2 Miles)
- Drewry Simmons Vornehm Half Marathon (13.1 Miles)
- Indiana Spine Group 10K (6.2 Miles)
- Indiana Members Credit Union 5K (3.1 Miles)
- 2-Person Marathon Relay (13.1 miles per runner)
- 4-Person Marathon Relay (Approximately 6.55 miles per runner)

### What's New in 2019?

- New in 2019 is the change in race distance for the Indiana Spine Group 10K, formerly an 8K. The 10K is one of the two fastest growing race distances in the United States giving Carmel its only 10K race of the year.
- Because of the growing numbers of runners, this year's Carmel Marathon will feature wave starts for the marathon and half marathon runners, with waves starting every 60 seconds.
- This year's race after party not only features a pancake breakfast for runners, courtesy of the Indiana Spine Group, but also free bacon, provided by First Watch.
- The 2019 Carmel Marathon has been awarded the 2019 State Championship race designation by the Road Runners Club of America (RCCA), the largest running-based membership organization in the United States.

## **The Carmel Marathon Course**

- The courses utilized by the Carmel Marathon Weekend take runners around Carmel, down the historic Monon Greenway, and by or through the Carmel Arts & Design District. All races start and finish at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in the heart of Carmel.

## **Course Records**

### *Marathon*

- Male - 2:21:46 (2014, Jesse Davis)
- Female - 2:42:13 (2012, Leah Thorvilson)

### *Half Marathon*

- Male - 1:04:51 (2014, George Towett)
- Female - 1:16:50 (2012, Mariska Kramer)

### *Indiana Members Credit Union 5K*

- Male - 16:06 (2015, Mike Cole)
- Female - 19:35 (2015, Eva Brungard)

## **2018 Winners**

### *Marathon*

- Male – Scott Leslie (2:24.46)
- Female – Kelby Laughner (2:48.51)

### *Half Marathon*

- Male - Japhet Kipkoech (1:05.04)
- Female – Rachael Brewer (1:18.28)

### *Indiana Spine Group 8K (now the Indiana Spine Group 10K)*

- Male – John Mascari (23:59)
- Female – Katie Kerr (30:13)

### *Indiana Memorial Credit Union 5K*

- Male – Gordy Aiken (17:09)
- Female – Paige Woods (19:37)

## **Carmel Marathon Weekend by the Numbers**

- 500+ - Number of volunteers needed to prepare for and put on the Carmel Marathon Weekend.
- 1,061 - Number of Finishers in the 2019 Carmel Marathon.
- 1,775 - Number of Finishers in the 2018 Carmel Half Marathon, making it the third largest half marathon in Indiana.
- Approximately \$100,000 – Amount that the Carmel Marathon Weekend has donated to local charities since its founding.
- 400+ – Number of hotel rooms booked by runners participating in the race weekend.
- 3,200+ – Gallons of water and Gatorade that will be handed out on the course.
- 70,000+ – Cups that will be used on the course to provide runners with hydration.
- 7,000 – Number of pancakes that will be served to runners following the races.

## **About Carmel, Indiana**

- Carmel, Indiana is just north of Indianapolis and has long been known as one of the fastest-growing, economically thriving suburbs in the state of Indiana. Carmel is home to more than 91,000 residents.
- In the past several years, Carmel has received numerous awards and national recognition. In 2012 Carmel was named the top three “Best Place to Live in America” in 2018 by *Money Magazine* and later recognized as the “#1 Best Town for Young Families” and one of the “Best Cities to Relocate To” in America.
- Carmel is known for its vibrant arts scene, which centers at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts, and its miles and miles of multi-use trails, bike lanes and 500 acres of park land.
- Carmel is home to more than 40 corporate headquarters of major companies that do business worldwide.
- Carmel has more than 80 roundabouts – more than any city in America – making it a uniquely commuter-friendly city.