



Spectator Guide 2022

Palo Corona Regional Park Address

4860 Carmel Valley Road

Carmel, CA 93923

Parking for Cross Country Events at Palo Corona Regional Park

- Upon exiting Carmel Valley Road, turn onto Rio Road to enter the parking area at the Community Church of Monterey Peninsula. Informational signs and parking attendants will be present for further instructions to park your vehicle.
- Park only in designated cross country event parking areas.
- DO NOT pull over and/or drop passengers off on Carmel Valley Road under any circumstance.
- Please do not drop off or gather in traffic lanes or block traffic while entering or exiting the park. Park in designated areas only.

Please let a parking attendant know if you or someone in your vehicle requires special accommodation for drop off and entrance to the trail.

Getting to the Start Line / Team Area

- Please enter through the designated cross country event entrance gate adjacent to the gated park entrance by following event signs from the parking area. All cross country event related individuals need to enter through this gate.
- Upon entrance, follow the event signs toward the spectator viewing area near the start/finish line and team tent area.
- Please walk on the clearly marked path at all times to the spectator viewing area.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a Big Sur Marathon Foundation Event Marshal.

Watching the Races

- Unlike most other cross-country events, a portion of the Palo Corona trail runs through a section of the park that is designated as sensitive habitat and is strictly off-limits to spectators. Please respect spectator boundaries, marshalls' instructions, and do not enter the closed areas of the trail.
- Spectators can view the cross country races from two designated locations within the park. The main viewing location is at the start/finish area, which provides multiple views at varying points along the course.
- The secondary viewing location can be accessed by walking on the trail up to the top of 'Windmill' Hill (near Carmel Valley Rd). *Almost all of the 2k loop can be viewed from this location.*
- It is imperative that spectators view the races from either one of these two locations. Access to other areas of the park is prohibited and clearly marked. Thank you for your cooperation in abiding by these park rules during cross country events. Your adherence to this directive will help protect the park and help us continue to have future events at this location.



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Important Information for Spectators

- Restrooms: Please only use porta potty restrooms located near the team tent area. Please do not enter or use Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) 'clubhouse' facilities as this venue is generally reserved for private events at the park. Use of the clubhouse restrooms is strictly prohibited.
- Please be sure to bring your own drinking water or beverages, as there is limited to no

access to drinking water at the event site.

- Please be sure to pack out everything that you have brought in. Trash cans are dispersed throughout the spectator and team tent areas. Please be sure to utilize these as needed.
- Upon the conclusion of your visit, please exit the park by following the path that you used to enter the park. We ask that you continue to abide by the park rules of staying on designated paths and areas.
- Please do not bring bicycles to the park.
- All dogs must remain on a leash at all times.

We hope that you have a great experience at this amazing new multi-benefit community based trail for cross country events!