RICHMOND EARTH DAY 5K RACE WITHOUT A TRACE

About the Race

Join us for the 5th Annual Richmond Earth Day 5K Race Without a Trace, presented by Sigora Solar, showing off the best the city has to offer. Run, walk or stroll down the newly completed Virginia Capital Trail and see the beauty of the James River and its downtown surroundings. Learn easy ways to help the environment along the course and finish just half a mile from one of the best events of the Spring. That's right, this race takes place just across the river from the RVA Earth Day Festival, so when you cross that finish line, you'll be steps away from the festival's live music, vendors, food and drink, demos and plenty of educational information and activities.

The race name says it all - our goal is to combine one of the city's most environmentally friendly races with the most fun possible. Register today and let us show you what the riverfront is all about!

Strollers (no wider than 41 inches) and well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome! Registration is just $30 and includes an official Earth Day 5K Race Without a Trace t-shirt.

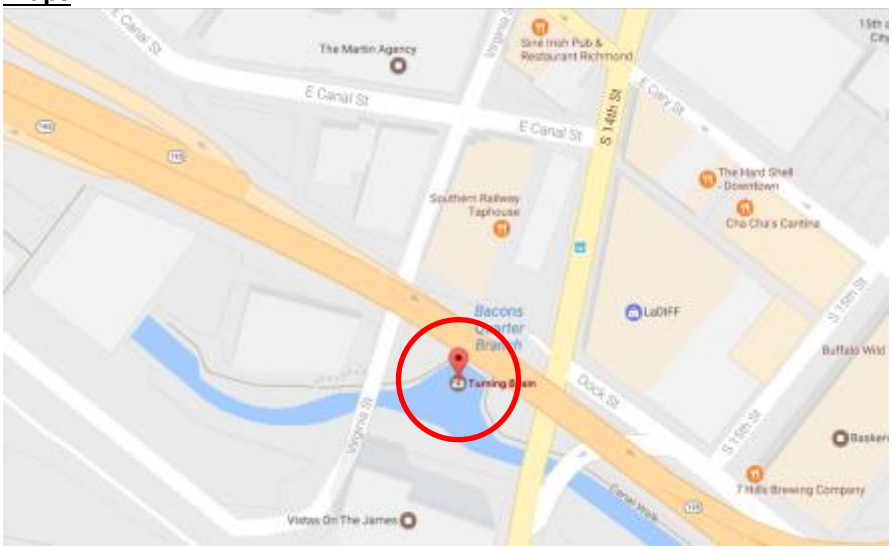
Race Info

Date: April 22, 2017
Start/Finish Location: Turning Basin of the Canal Walk – under the downtown expressway between Virginia Street and 14th Street – map it
Race Time: Race begins at 11:00 AM (packet pick-up 9:00 – 10:30 AM)

Registration:

- Cost: $30
- Online through Thursday, April 20th at midnight
- In-person paper registration at packet pick-up on 4/21 and on race morning at start line from 9:00 – 10:30 AM (cash or check only)

Maps



Start/Finish

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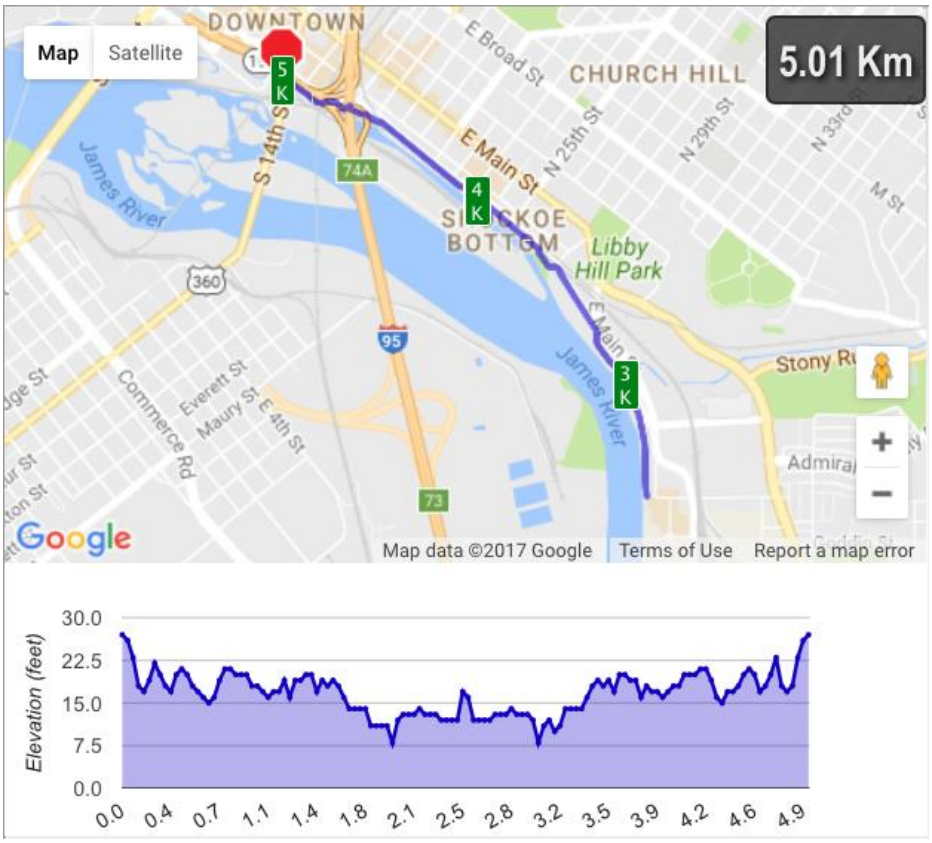

Course

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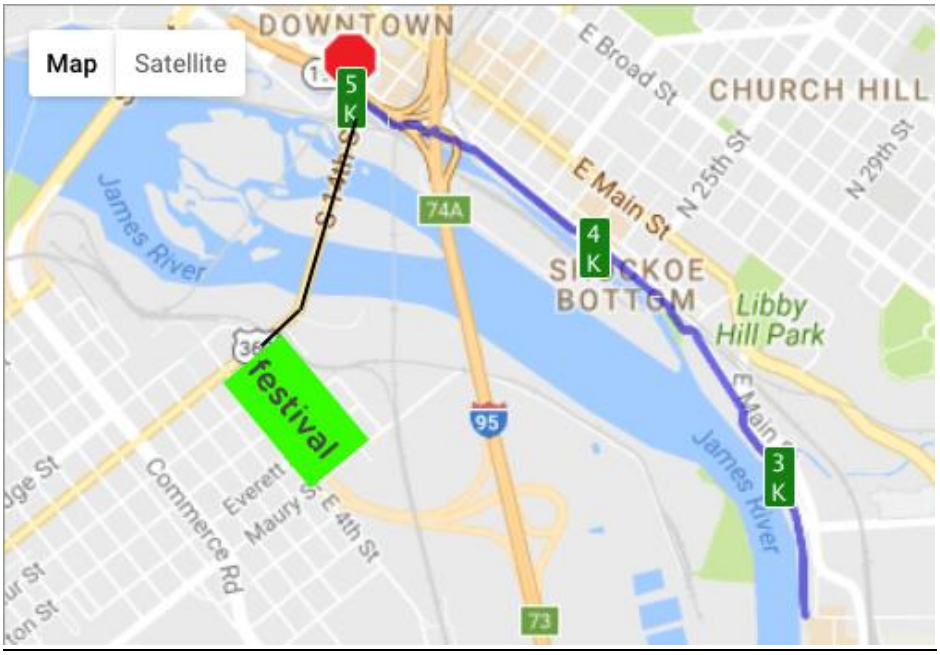

Course, Start/Finish, & RVA Earth Day Festival

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Other Info

Parking

- There is street parking surrounding the turning basin in downtown Richmond. There are also paid city parking lots – click here for locations and details. If you plan to go to the RVA Earth Day Festival after the race, you may choose to park there and walk over to the start/finish (just over 0.5 mile walk, crossing 14th Street bridge). The RVA Earth Day Festival lists the following parking lots:
    - 4th and Hull Streets
    - 6th and Hull Streets
    - 7th Street Between Hull Street and Bainbridge
    - Mayo Island
    - Handicap-accessible Parking is available beside Diversity Park near the Floodwall

Restrooms

- There will be 2 port-a-johns at the Turning Basin near the start/finish line.

Awards

- Prizes will be presented in a variety of categories. Final award categories are still being outlined, but some examples from last year include…
    - First Male and Female to Cross the Finish Line
    - Best Dramatic Finish (examples: moonwalk across the finish, dance moves across the finish, etc)
    - Best Dressed
    - Sustainable Supporter (first participant to cross the finish line and repeat one of the informational facts that were posted along the course)

Race Information and FAQs

- Is this race timed?
  This event is clock timed. We will have an overall clock and volunteers collecting times, but this is not a chipped run. Participants will receive an email with finish times after the event.

- What is the course like?
  If you were any closer to the river, you'd be swimming. The Earth Day 5K Race Without a Trace has a new course, and it shows off the urban Canal Walk and the beautiful, newly-built Virginia Capital Trail. Built in preparation for the UCI Road World Championships in 2015, be one of the first to experience this brand new path that spans from the Canal Walk past Rockett's Landing and along the beautiful James River. The course takes place entirely on the trail so there are no street crossings. There are gentle hills – nothing too strenuous.

  Learn easy ways to help the environment along the course and finish just half a mile from one of the best events of the Spring. That's right, this race takes place just across the river from the RVA Earth Day Festival, so when you cross that finish line, you'll be steps away from the festival's live music, vendors, food and drink, demos and plenty of educational information and activities.

  Walkers, strollers (max width of 41 inches), and well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome!

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- <u>Are there awards for winners?</u>
  Prizes will be presented in a variety of categories. Final award categories are still being outlined, but some examples from last year include…
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- <u>Will we run if it rains?</u>
  Yes, we'll be running rain or shine! Dress accordingly. We are primarily on paved/hard surfaces but there could be some muddy spots.

- <u>Where are the restrooms?</u>
  There will be 2 port-a-johns at the Turning Basin near the start/finish line.

- <u>Will there be photos taken of all runners at this race?</u>
  We will have a photographer at the event, but we will not have a photo service to get photos of all runners.

- <u>How is this race environmentally friendly?</u>
  The Earth Day 5K Race Without a Trace has made every effort to be environmentally friendly with measures including minimal printing of flyers and promotional materials, reusable course signage, biodegradable bibs, organic t-shirts, recycling at the festival, clean-up of the course after the race, and minimal power usage. Being partnered with local Earth Day Festival activities (RVA Earth Day and Enrichmond's Earth Day activities) also helps to encourage runners and walkers to participate in the festival activities and support sustainability in RVA.

- <u>What are the hours of the RVA Earth Day Festival?</u>
  12 – 7 PM, all festival details can be found at http://rvaearthdayfest.org.

- <u>Who is hosting the 5K?</u>
  The host of the 5K Race Without a Trace is Viridiant, formerly known as EarthCraft Virginia. Viridiant is a non-profit organization committed to supporting sustainable building processes through education, consultation and certification. Through these efforts, Viridiant helps to set a path for businesses and homeowners to create structures that are more affordable, more livable and more durable. Learn more at viridiant.org.