

Vermont City Marathon Gig

Date:

Sunday, May 30, 2010 From 9:00 AM to about 1:00 PM.

Location:

Burlington VT, The most Northern point of North Ave.

Follow North Avenue North until just before it turns left (west). We are playing on the grass field on the left.

The GPS coordinates are 44°31'39.62"N, 73°16'6.65"W.

Once the marathon gets going at 8:00 AM, it will be extremely difficult to drive to where we are. North Ave is the only main road up there and the police close one lane while there are runners. In addition, it is recommended that you stay away from Burlington itself and plan a route circumventing the main part of the city. They recommend approaching from Colchester using rt 127 (beltline) into the North Ave Extension (Plattsburg Ave). In Burlington, there are a number of roads that will be closed at various times starting at 6:00 AM. This includes route 127 from the North Ave Extension (Plattsburg) south.

Included in the information packet is a schedule of road closures. Also, I can give anyone a pass that "might" help get you through those closed areas.

The Marathon people have suggested a way to get through Burlington for the adventurous:

>From South: Take route 7 (Shelburne Rd), bear left on St Paul Street and follow instructions below.

>From East: Take Williston Road or Colchester Avenue, left on Prospect Street, bear right on Ledge Road, right on Shelburne Road and then bear left on St Paul Street.

>From St Paul Street: Take a left on Maple Street, cross Pine Street. You must be pass this point by 8:30 AM. Then, right on South Champlain Street, left on Main Street, cross Battery Street to 1 Main Street (train station building with flying monkeys) and bear right on Depot Street and you will go up a steep hill. This is marked "Do Not Enter". Then take a left on North Avenue to our location.

Parking:

Park on the east side of the street overlooking the river, across from where we are playing. The west side is where the runners will be. If you have a pass, it should be placed on the dashboard. The marathon organizers are pretty sure we don't need passes for where we are but gave them to us just in case.

Bring:

You will need to bring a music stand and a chair that can be used on a grassy hill (15°). Bring sun block. Also consider Bug spray and drinks. We'll have a big cooler to keep things cool. Norm and I are working on a tarp for sun and rain protection.

Notes:

The Marathon starts at 8:00 AM but the first runners won't reach us until around 9:25 AM. They expect the bulk to pass us between 11:00 AM and 11:30 AM The last runners are expected about 1:00 PM.

It's likely that rain won't stop the Marathon but we might choose to cancel. The decision to cancel would be made by 7:30 AM and a message would go up on the web site along with phone calls.

A cellphone for this gig: 802 578 9702 (Bob Belcher)

