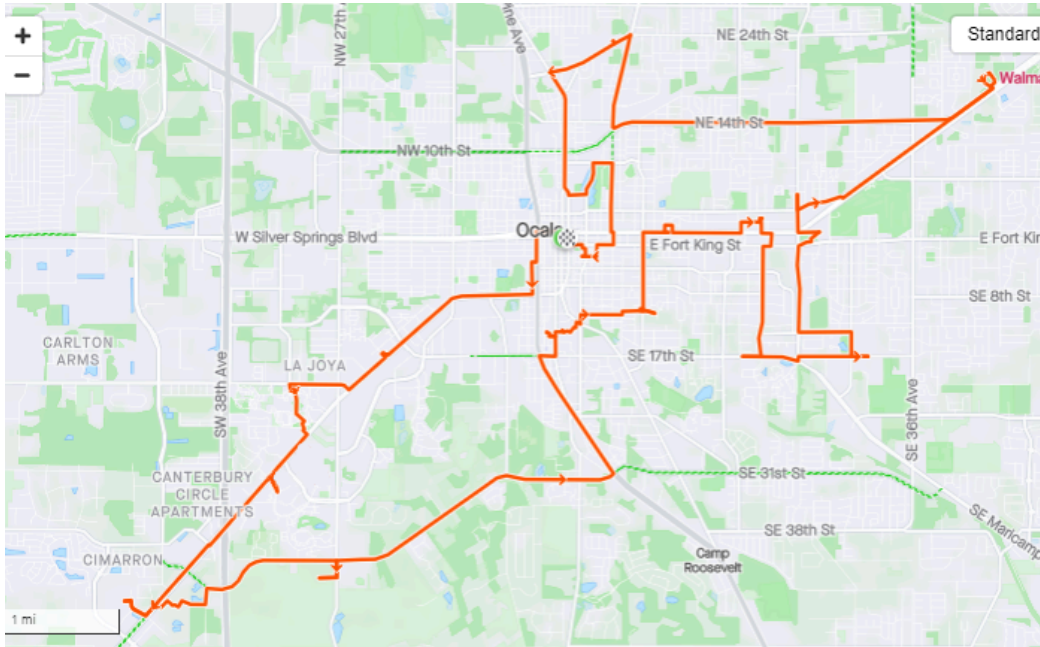


Painted Horse Urban Ultra



Welcome to the Painted Horse Urban Ultra!

This is a tour through Ocala where you'll see almost 50 painted horses over approximately 34 miles. This is less of a race and more of an urban adventure. Completing the adventure with friends will make it better, but you do you!

This route is a loop that starts and ends in [Downtown Ocala](#). It will start at 7am at the square downtown. You can pick up maps and race swag at the gazebo. We will do a group picture beforehand. There is NO cutoff. Feel free to have a fun adventure. Stop for lunch. Go shopping. Make a day out of it!

Horsin' Around 25k

For the 2025 event, we will be offering a 25k (ish) option. Not everyone is ready to jump into an ultra, so we have a route that packs +/- 20 horses into around 15 miles.

Route Safety & Notes

80% of the route is on sidewalks. The remaining 20% is on rural, urban, and historic district roads without sidewalks. Standard runner etiquette dictates that you travel against traffic for safety reasons.

Please take ALL safety precautions available such as: wearing blinky lights and reflective gear during dark hours (if applicable), running against traffic, and being aware that while pedestrians do have the legal right-of-way, drivers may be inattentive.

The horse at Chick-Fil-A is included, but due to the necessity of crossing SR200/College Road multiple times and potentially having to backtrack, the mileage has been calculated as if a runner is only viewing it from across the street. It is mildly amusing, but not essential to visit during the run.

The route primarily utilizes the most efficient way to see the horses. There are a few modifications that could reduce the distance slightly, but having a more scenic and safe route was a priority. Please use crosswalks, but feel free to cut through parking lots as much as you'd like. Finally, this route features quite a bit of sun exposure, so please plan accordingly.

There are several horses that are located in buildings or not accessible to runners on the day, but there will be printed versions of these horses outside of their locations or along the route so you are not missing out! There is currently one missing horse [Golf C(h)orse], and there will be a printed copy across the street from where it was formerly located.

If you get lost and you need help navigating, call me! Also, if you decide to cut your adventure short, please let me know via text or phone call! Shae - 352-427-3884.

Aid Along the Route

The route is meant to be self-supported as there are gas stations, stores, and restaurants along the way. You may choose to have a support crew. Crewing for this run is very easy as parking is plentiful at most of the stops. There will be one guaranteed aid station with water/snacks around mile 27(ish) and a few supply drops here and there which will be announced on race day.

Easy stops along the way for food & bathroom breaks for 55k runners:

- Wawa at mile 5.5
- 7-Eleven at mile 9.5
- RaceTrac at mile 12
- Tas-t-o Donuts at mile 14
- 7-Eleven at mile 19
- Wawa at mile 23.5
- Aid Station at mile 27(ish)

Easy stops along the way for food & bathroom breaks for 25k runners:

- Wawa at mile 6.0
- Runners will be one block off of Silver Springs Blvd along Fort King Street (miles 11-12.7), many fast food options if they go off course - *likely supply drop in this area*
- Tusawilla Park at mile 13.4 for bathrooms and water

Caltopo Map, Google Map, Strava Route, and Printable Version

All of the painted horses & routes are available on a Google Map: [Google Map](#)

55k Strava route is here: <https://www.strava.com/routes/3170503850807782808>

25k Strava Route: <https://www.strava.com/routes/3175489655884409584>

Printed Directions (everyone will be provided directions on race day):

55k: [Printable Directions](#)

25k: [Printable Directions](#)

55k Caltopo map here: <https://caltopo.com/m/VF0NA>

The Challenge

Do you like dumb things? Of course you do! Join us the next day (Sunday, February 22nd) at the Swan's Song Urban Run in Lakeland. If you complete both the Painted Horse and the Swan's Song Urban Run, you are eligible for extra swag! You will earn a fun extra item for completing both!

Hey, wait a second...isn't Marion County a mecca of amazing outdoor activities? Why an urban event???

Yes, it's true. Marion County and Ocala are home to the best outdoor activities. We have 70+ miles of single track Florida Trail going through the county, 100 miles of mountain bike trails, several amazing kayaking destinations, multiple springs including the famous Silver Springs with its glass-bottom boat rides, and tons of horseback riding trails. But doing all of those things is not as ridiculous as running around a city taking pictures of painted horses and eating gas station food, so here we are!

What about a playlist?

Please don't wear in-ear or ear covering headphones for safety reasons, but if you need some music to get you through some miles, here is a horse-centric playlist:

<https://tinyurl.com/demhorsies>

Afterparty!

After all runners have finished, we will make our way over to Midtown Station, a food and drink hall, where you can get beer (including NA), drinks, bbq, ice cream, chicken, pizza, and bar foods.

Horses Not Included in Route

1. Circle Square Commons at On Top of the World - 8399 SW 80th Street, Ocala, FL 34481
2. Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' & Owners' Assn - 801 SW 60th Ave, Ocala, FL 34474
3. Country Club of Ocala Entrance - 29.10693,-82.12031
4. Madison Street Academy of Arts - 401 NW Martin Luther King Jr Ave, Ocala, FL 34475
5. Roberts of Ocala West Chapel - 6241 SW State Rd 200, Ocala, FL 34476
6. Rotary Sportsplex of Marion County - 5220 SE Maricamp Rd, Ocala, FL 34480
7. Ocala Shrine Club - 4301 SE Maricamp Rd, Ocala, FL 34480 (currently under repair)
8. City of Belleview - 5343 SE Abshier Blvd, Belleview, FL 34420
9. HCA Florida Foxwood Emergency Center - 4631 NW Blitchton Rd, Ocala, FL 34482
10. MLK First Responders Campus - 515 SW Martin Luther King Jr Ave, Ocala, FL 34471
11. Horses on residential property or property closed off to the public were not included
12. ****there are more as they keep popping up every day, feel free to ask ****

****Business Hours Only Horses:**

#3 & 4 - Ocala/Marion County Visitor Bureau (109 W Silver Springs Blvd)

Open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

[Sneak a peek through the window!]

#25 – Inside of courtyard at Marion County Administrative Offices (601 SE 25th Ave)

Open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

[Will have a photo outside]

#28 – Inside of lobby at Marion County Library Headquarters

Open Mon-Thurs 10am-8pm, Fri-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 1-5pm

[25k folks may arrive before it opens]

#32 – Inside of lobby at Appleton Museum of Art

Open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 12-5pm, Closed Mondays

[25k folks may arrive before it opens]