



Covered Bridges Half Marathon

34th CBHM Race

Traffic and Safety Manual

Pomfret to Stimets RD

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The Story of the Race: Covered Bridges Half Marathon

The Best 13.1 Miles in New England Over \$2 Million Donated to Our Communities

A Vermont Tradition Since 1992

The Covered Bridges Half Marathon began in **1992**, when David Chioffi and a group of local community members set out to create a race showcasing the scenic beauty of the Woodstock area.

Their vision: a half marathon along some of the region's most picturesque roads—featuring **three historic covered bridges**, including one that runners pass directly through.

- **First race:** ~400 runners
 - Built from a grassroots mailing list of over 4,000 interested participants
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Growth & Evolution

As the race grew in popularity, adjustments were made to improve:

- Traffic flow
- Parking logistics
- Overall runner experience
- The **current course** has been in place since **1997**
- Participation peaked at **2,900 runners in 2001**
- In **2002**, the race was intentionally reduced to **2,000 runners** to preserve its small, community-focused feel

Today, the race is carefully capped at **2,300 participants**—and still sells out **within minutes** each year.

A Race That Gives Back

Organized entirely by volunteers under CBHM Inc., the event is more than just a race—it's a major force for good in the community.

- **\$75,000+** donated annually to local non-profits
- Focus on **youth programs and youth sports** in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire
- **\$150,000+** raised annually through charity bib partnerships

- **Over \$2 million donated** since the race began
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Community Impact

- **600+ volunteers** support race day operations
- Many volunteers have been involved for **over 30 years**
- Estimated **\$1.2 million economic impact** for the region each year

The race strikes a careful balance—supporting charitable causes while maintaining the **intimate, high-quality experience** runners expect.

What Makes It Special

- Scenic New England countryside
 - Historic covered bridges
 - Tight-knit, volunteer-driven atmosphere
 - Strong commitment to community impact
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The Covered Bridges Half Marathon isn't just a race—it's a long-standing tradition built on community, generosity, and a shared love of running.

Traffic and Safety Officials Contact Information

CBHM, Inc.

Website: cbhm.com

- Mike Silverman — 603-381-9993
- Nancy Nutile-McMenemy — 802-230-5152 (KC11ZK)

HAM Radio Coordinator

- Rob Mather — 802-591-7277 (N1XSS)

Green Mountain Bike Patrol

- Steve Cota — 802-356-1150 (KB1LVE)

Windsor County Sheriff's Department

- Claude Weyant — 802-356-3002

Hartford Police Department

- Chief Connie Kelley — 802-299-8970

Hartford Fire and Rescue

- Fire Chief Scott D. Clooney — 802-295-3232

Woodstock Police Department

- Acting Chief Chris O'Keefe
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Medical Assistance Information for Volunteers

- If a runner needs medical assistance, **dial 911 immediately**.
 - Inform the dispatcher that you are with the **Covered Bridges Half Marathon** and provide your exact location.
 - **Green Mountain Bike Patrol EMTs** are stationed along the course and can respond quickly by bike.
 - Law enforcement will notify you when roads are reopened to two-way traffic.
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Final Notes

- Cheer on the runners and help maintain a positive, safe environment.
- Thank you for volunteering and supporting the race!

Traffic Control Volunteers and Duties

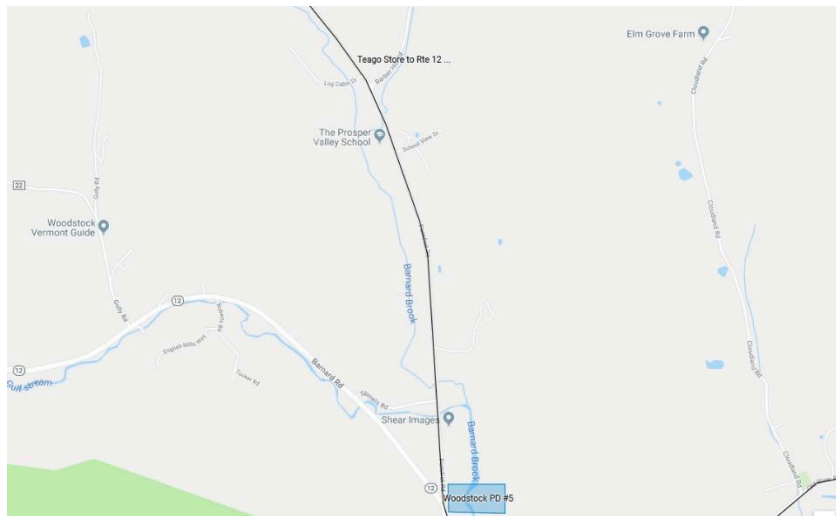
At Least ONE (better to have two) ADULT volunteer(s) at EVERY intersection

General Guidance for All Locations

- Your top priority is **safety—for yourself and the runners**
- Allow vehicles through **only when there is a safe gap in runners**
- Be courteous and calm, but **do not argue with drivers**
- Do the best you can to manage traffic safely

Contact: Skylar McNally 457-2500

Pomfret Volunteer Traffic Control



Time: 0700–0930 Hours

Post #1: Stage Road (Pomfret Library Side of Teago's)

Time: 0700–0835 Hours

- Direct all vehicles to the designated drop-off area at Saskadena Six until the road is closed by police.
- **Road Restrictions:**
 - No cars permitted **northbound on Stage Road after 0805** (except emergency vehicles).

- No cars permitted **southbound on Stage Road from race start until approximately 0835** *(to allow the final runner to reach Barber Hill safely)*.
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Post #2: Stage Road (Pomfret Side of Teago's)

Time: 0700–0835 Hours

- Direct all vehicles to the designated drop-off area at Saskadena Six until the road is closed by police.
- **Road Restrictions:**
 - No cars permitted **northbound on Stage Road after 0805** (except emergency vehicles).
 - No cars permitted **southbound on Stage Road from race start until approximately 0835** *(to allow the final runner to reach Barber Hill safely)*.

Station #3 – Stage Road to Barber Hill Road (0730–0845)

- Prevent traffic from going **north onto Stage Road:**
 - From **0805 until runners thin out (~0830)**
 - Prevent traffic from going **south onto Stage Road:**
 - From **0820–0840**
 - Purpose: Allow runners time to safely reach **Stimets Road**
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Station #4 – Stimets Road & Stage Road (0730–0845)

- **NO northbound traffic on Stage Road:**
 - From **0805 until runners thin out (~0840)**
 - **NO southbound traffic on Stage Road:**
 - Until runners reach **Route 12 (~0845)**
 - Encourage detours:
 - Direct vehicles heading to Woodstock or US Route 4 to use:
 - **Stimets Road → Route 12 → Prosper Road**
 - Detour signage will be in place
 - Applies from **0805 until runners clear the 4-mile mark in the Village**
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Traffic Cone Placement Plan – Union Arena

Cone Distribution by Location

Location	Number of Cones	Notes
River Rd / Mountain Ave / Route 4	6	Stack
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Route 4 → Elm St to Iron Bridge	20	Centerline (middle of road)
Iron Bridge → Old River Road	12	Centerline
Route 12 (just after Old River Road)	6	Centerline
Route 12 / Stage Road	6	Stack
Mile 2 Water Stop (Stage Road)	10	Stack
Stage Road / Stimets	2	Stack
Route 12 / Stimets → Stage Road	6	Centerline
River Rd / Cloudland	2	Stack
River Rd / High Pastures	2	Stack
Otis Hill / River Rd	2	Stack
Taftsville Bridge Hill → Covered Bridge	100	Spaced ~200 ft apart (centerline)
Covered Bridge → 500 yards from Finish	20	Spaced ~200 ft apart (centerline)

Extended Cone Placement Areas

Hillside Road → Quechee–West Hartford Road

- Cone the **entire length** along the centerline
- Space cones **~200 ft apart or within visible distance**
- Place cones **closer together in front of Quechee Club**

West Hartford Road → Quechee Covered Bridge

- Cones should be **closer together** throughout this stretch
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General Placement Guidelines

- Always **leave gaps at driveways and intersecting roads**
 - Use:
 - **Stacks** at intersections and control points
 - **Centerline spacing** for runner guidance along roads
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Post-Race Cone Retrieval

- **All cones must be collected on race day**
 - Return cones to the **storage shed**
 - A **sweep vehicle** will follow the course:
 - Start retrieval at **Route 12**, following the sweep
 - Alternatively, retrieve later—but **must be completed same day**
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Race Schedule, Road Closures & Runner Timing

Race Start

- **0815 Hours**
- Location: Saskadena Six Ski Area, South Pomfret

Road Closures & Traffic Impacts

Stage Road

- **Closure:** 0750–0830
- From Saskadena Six **north to Teago Store**

Pomfret Road

- **Closure:** 0750–0900
- From Teago Store to Route 12

Route 12 (Stage Road Intersection into Woodstock Village)

- **Closure:** 0815–0915

Woodstock Village

- **Impacted Roads:** River Street, Mountain Ave, Elm Street
- **Closure Window:** 0830–0930

River Road

- **Closure:** 0840–1000
- From Route 12 to Taftsville Bridge

Quechee Area Traffic Plan

Quechee Club House Road

- **Closed to westbound traffic** (Quechee → Taftsville Bridge)
- **Open to eastbound traffic** (Taftsville Bridge → Quechee, including golf course access)

Quechee Main Street

- **0900–1045: Alternating one-way traffic**
 - Controlled by Hartford Police & Windsor County Sheriff
 - From West Hartford Road to Old Quechee Road (cemetery area)

- **0900–1100: Fully closed**
 - From Old Quechee Road to Polo Field
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Alternate Route

- From Route 12:
 - Take **Prosper Road** → **Route 4 East** → **Route 12 South (Taftsville)**
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Approximate Runner Timing

(Estimates based on field size and conditions)

- **First Finisher:** ~0930
- **Last Finisher:** ~1200 (~13+ minute mile pace)

Peak Runner Flow by Mile

Mile	Peak Time
Mile 1	0828
Mile 2	0841
Mile 3	0854
Mile 4	0907
Mile 5	0920
Mile 6	0933
Mile 7	0946
Mile 8	1000

Mile 9 1013

Mile 10 1026

Mile 11 1039

Mile 12 1052

Mile 13 1105

Race Day Road Closures & Traffic Advisory

Pomfret, Vermont

- Race start: 8:15 a.m. at Saskadena Six, South Pomfret

Road Closures

- Stage Road: CLOSED 7:50–8:30 a.m. (north of Saskadena Six to Teago Store)
- Pomfret Road: CLOSED 7:50–9:00 a.m. (Teago Store to Route 12)
- Route 12: CLOSED 8:15–9:15 a.m. (Stage Road intersection into Woodstock Village)

Woodstock, Vermont

- Route 4: Remains OPEN before and during the race

Village & Road Closures

- Woodstock Village: CLOSED 8:30–9:30 a.m.
 - River Street
 - Mountain Avenue
 - Elm Street
- Old River Road: CLOSED 8:40–10:00 a.m. (Route 12 to Taftsville Bridge)
- Old River Rd (High Pastures to Otis Lane): CLOSED starting 8:40 a.m.
- Taftsville Covered Bridge: CLOSED 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Detour

- Woodstock → Quechee via Upper High Pastures Road to Quechee Village

Quechee, Vermont

Main Street / Village Area

- Quechee Main Street (near covered bridge): 9:00–11:00 a.m.
 - Alternating one-way traffic (police-controlled)
- Area includes:
 - Quechee Covered Bridge
 - Simon Pearce
 - Post Office
 - Village Green

Closures

- Quechee Main St to Old Quechee Rd / Polo Field: LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY 5–9 a.m., then CLOSED 9–11:30 a.m.
- Hard Rd to Dewey Mills Rd: CLOSED 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Parking & Access

- Runner, volunteer, spectator parking at Dewey Mills Polo Field (Dewey Mills Rd at US Route 4)
- Strict traffic flow rules depending on time (one-way systems for entry/exit)
- No parking at:
 - Taftsville Bridge area / Route 4 near bridge
 - Quechee Antique Mall (EV stations prohibited)
 - Snack Bar/Ott Dog lot
 - Any posted no-parking zones

Important rule

- In Vermont, all four tires must be off the roadway when parked or you may be ticketed.

Quechee Village Traffic Rules (after 9 a.m.)

Most roads have one-way exit restrictions, including:

- Many condo roads → must turn left only or right only depending on location
- Old Quechee Rd & Mill Run Condos: MUST turn right toward Quechee Covered Bridge
- Simon Pearce exit: must turn right toward Quechee
- River St / Waterman Hill: directional restrictions toward post office or bridge only

- Hard Road area: no access past Hard Road toward finish line

Alternate Routes (Sunday morning)

- Prosper Road detour: Route 12 → Pomfret → Prosper Rd → Route 4
- Woodstock/Quechee alternate via:
 - River Road
 - High Pastures
 - Quechee Main Street (limited access depending on timing)

Big Picture Summary

- Expect rolling closures from ~7:50 a.m. to ~12:30 p.m.
- Heaviest disruption:
 - 8:15–10:30 a.m. (race through Woodstock → Quechee)

Quechee Village will have strict traffic control and one-way systems

Detour Map: [Sunday Morning Road Detour](#)

Appendix

Google Map Links

Road Closures and Police Detail [CBHM Traffic Control](#)

Sunday Morning DETOUR Woodstock to Quechee [Sunday Morning Road Detour](#)

Back Roads S6 to Polo Field: [CBHM Back Roads](#)

Course Map [CBHM Course](#)

Chamber Pasta Supper: [Chamber Pasta Dinner](#)

Marathon Running Events Best Practices Manual: [2016 marathon best practices guide final.pdf](#)