

Course Corner: Marathon Miles 24 – Finish Line



You've almost made it – only 3 miles to go! The final three miles of this course are arguably the most scenic of the entire course, which will hopefully help get you to the Finish Line. Four different Water Stations and ample medical assistance along the way will do all they can to help you reach your goal. Herb & Dolly Smith and Arrowhead Parks in Neenah showcase the lake, trails and the downtown area of Neenah. Plus, you'll be treated to the Oshkosh Defense Mile of Honor in and around Arrowhead Park. Another positive is that you're all done with any hills from here to the Finish!

Miles 24, 25 & 26: Fox Crossing & Neenah

After you exit Fritse Park and turn south on the Trail that is adjacent to N Lake St., you will experience a combination of residential, park and Fox Cities industry during Mile 24. Kimberly-Clark volunteers will provide you with support and encouragement from their office building and before you know it, you'll be closing in on the next park, Herb & Dolly Smith Park. Once you arrive at Smith Park, you can plan on heading east back towards the lake and on the Trail following the shores – enjoy the wooded section of the trail as it will keep the sun off your back! Traversing a new trestle bridge, you will continue to follow the lakeshore into Arrowhead Park where you will enter the Oshkosh Defense Mile of Honor.

After Arrowhead, you will head towards downtown Neenah by going under the Main St. Bridge where you will come to the next water station by the Neenah Historical Society. At this point you've just passed Mile 25 – so a 1+ mile stretch to the Finish Line is all that stands between you and a Finisher's medal, refreshments and rest!

The Final Mile includes the last Water Station and the building of excitement from spectators and volunteers as you approach the Finish Line. Towards the end of the last mile you'll probably be able to

start hearing the music and announcer in the distance as well – soak up the experience as regardless of if you're the fastest, slowest or somewhere in between, completing your race is an amazing accomplishment! Congratulations!

Turn-by-Turn Directions

- Continue to follow the N Lake St. Trail south towards Neenah, merging on to the east side of N Lake St. just south of the Kimberly-Clark property
- Turn left (east) into Herb & Dolly Smith Park and back on to the trail
- Follow the trail through park, over the second trestle bridge
- Continue to follow Arrowhead Park Trail (along edge of the lake) towards parking lot
- Turn right (west) running through Arrowhead Park parking lot
- Turn left (south) on Millview Dr.
- Turn right (west) running through warehouse parking lot
- Continue west/south going under Main St. Bridge
- Turn left (east) on Smith St.
- Follow Smith St. east until it turns into W Columbian Ave. at the Church St. intersection
- Continue to follow W Columbian Ave. east to Oak St.
- Turn left (north) on Oak St.
- Turn right (east) on E Wisconsin Ave.
- Turn left (north) on Riverside Park Dr. & follow to Finish Line

Course Features & Aid

- Water Station #17 – Kimberly-Clark property (south end)
- Water Station #18 – Herb & Dolly Smith Park
- Water Station #19 – Octagon House, Smith St., Neenah
- Water Station #20 – Columbian Ave./Walnut St. intersection