

WUNC 50th 5k on October 26th 2026 at 10 am

Here are all the logistics for the WUNC 50th Celebration 5k. Read through the entirety which should answer most or all of your questions. If you still have questions, please contact us at wunccares@wunc.org.

Let's get started!

The Map of the Start/Finish

@ The American Tobacco Historic District - 324 Blackwell Street, Durham, NC 27713



Map details

Parking instructions for both packet pickup and race day.

Parking can be accessed from Rt. 147 taking the Duke Street exit or from north and south of The American Tobacco Historic District.

Park in the South Lot marked at the bottom left of the map above. When you enter on Friday, you have 2 hours of free parking. On race day, **you will need to tell the parking attendant that you are here for the WUNC 50th Celebration 5k.**

Packet Pickup details

Both packet pickups are at American Tobacco:

1. **Friday the 2nd of October from 2 pm to 5 pm – Go to the location on the map for Friday's packet pickup.**
2. **Saturday the 3rd of October from 9am to 10 am – Go to the start/finish line at American Tobacco by the YMCA**

Race route and the Start/Finish

We will start the race on October 3rd at 10 am promptly in the walking area between the YMCA and the South Parking Lot. Here is the route:

1. We will head south, take a left on Jackie Robinson Drive.
2. Take an immediate right on Blackwell Street onto the sidewalk.
3. Head under Rt. 147, cross Morehead Avenue and then onto the American Tobacco Trail.
4. You will run approximately 1.5 miles to the turn around where we will have water and electrolytes.
5. Then you will run another 1.6 miles back the way you came to the start/finish.

Note: We will have mile markers so you know how far you have run during the race.

We have a map for the entire course below. When you leave the start/finish line, you will be guided to the entrance to the ATT (American Tobacco Trail). Once you are on the ATT, you will run straight to the turn around. There are no side trails or anything other than the straight ATT. There will be two street crossings where we

will have volunteers present to make sure you can cross safely.

We will have the course marked with Mile 1, 2 and 3 mile markers so you can track your progress. Once you see the mile 3 sign, you are .1 miles to the start/finish!

We have a 90-minute cutoff at 11:30 am. Running times will vary, but if you are walking, you want to make sure you keep roughly a faster than 25-minute mile pace to have you safely cross the finish in time.

We will have volunteers checking the course to collect signs and make sure everyone finishes safely.

[Here is an animated version of the route so you can get an idea of where you will be running.](#)

[Here is a GPX file for those of you that have a running app on your phone or watch that uses GPX files.](#)

Schedule

Date: Friday October 2nd, 2026 (Day before Race Day)

Packet pick-up - Times: **2:00-5:00 pm**

Location: WUNC Durham Studios ([view on Google Maps](#)) at:

324 Blackwell Street, Bay 6, Durham, NC 27701

Inside American Tobacco Historic District next to the grass in front of Bay 6 you will see WUNC signage and 5k signs.

At packet pickup we will ask for your name to assign you your bib. We will then have you move on to pick up your shirt and bag. **We may have long lines** so make sure you show up early to get your packet.

Date: Saturday, October 3rd, 2026 (Race Day)

General schedule of events on race day

9:00-9:45 am – **Packet pick-up**

9:45 am – Runners gather at start for **race briefing**

10:00 am – **50th 5k starts**

11:15 am – **awards/prizes** on the **main stage under the water tower**

Race start

We will gather at the start/finish line between the South Lot and the YMCA. There you can pick-up your race packet as well as grab some food and drink before the race starts.

Race start time

***** 15 minutes prior to the race start at 9:45am, please attend the pre-race briefing at the start/finish line. *****

Race starts at 10 am promptly, RAIN OR SHINE!

Awards Divisions

Top 3 M/F overall

1st M/F masters overall

70+ – 1st M/F

60-69 – 1st M/F

50-59 – 1st M/F

40-49 – 1st M/F

30-39 – 1st M/F

20-29 – 1st M/F

0-19 – 1st M/F

Post finish

Once you are finished you can enjoy the post-race snacks at the finish line, attend the **awards ceremony at the main stage under the water tower** and check out the other activities that the WUNC 50th Celebration will have to offer.

In the Event of Emergency – Dial 911

There will be volunteers on the course during the race. If there is an emergency, call 911. Please **do not** call 911 for directions. If you feel “lost” stay on the ATT and you should see other runners or volunteers.

If you need to leave the course before you reach the finish line, please let a volunteer know you are dropping out of the race and tell them your bib number. We have volunteers ‘sweep’ the course (meaning, they are looking to see if a participant is still out walking the course), but if we do not know you have dropped out of the race then we will worry about you.