Town of Palm Beach
UNITED WAY

TURKEY TROT QUESTION & ANSWER

RACE MORNING & SCHEDULE

What time does the race start?
The 5K begins promptly at 7:30 AM on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26, at Bradley Park.

What time does the Kids Drumstick Dash start?
The Kids Drumstick Dash begins promptly at 7:00 AM on the Great Lawn at Bradley Park. The dash is for children ages 1–6.

How early should I arrive?
We recommend arriving and parking no later than 7:00 AM to allow plenty of time to get to the starting line. Race announcements begin around 7:20 AM, and the 5K starts promptly at 7:30 AM. If you're participating in the Kids Drumstick Dash, plan to arrive earlier.

Where does the race start and finish?
Both the start and finish lines are located at Bradley Park in Palm Beach.

PARKING & FACILITIES

Where should I park?
The Publix parking lot or the Royal Poinciana Plaza parking lot are the most convenient options. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.
Publix: 135 Bradley Place, Palm Beach, FL 33480
Royal Poinciana Plaza: 340 Royal Poinciana Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480

Are there restrooms?
Yes! Portable toilets will be provided.

PARTICIPATION & RACE RULES

Can I bring my dog?
Yes! Furry friends are welcome. We ask that dogs remain on a short leash, and that participants with dogs start toward the back of the pack to allow faster runners to go first.

Can I push a stroller?
Absolutely! Strollers are welcome. We simply ask that you line up toward the back of the pack to allow faster runners to begin the race first.

Can I dress up?
Of course! We encourage costumes and festive Thanksgiving attire!

Can I walk the 5K?
Yes! Walkers are welcome.

I didn't register. Can I run or walk alongside a friend or family member?
Unfortunately, no. Due to limited space along the course, we ask that anyone who isn't registered cheer on their friends and family from the sidelines, start, or finish area.

Can I come watch and cheer on friends and family?
Absolutely! Spectators are welcome, and we encourage everyone to come out and cheer on participants!

Can I register on race morning?
No. The 2026 5K is sold out, and the waitlist is full. Registration for next year's race will open July 1, 2027.

RACE PACKETS, RAFFLE & AWARDS

Is there a raffle?
Yes! Your raffle ticket is attached to your race bib. Simply remove it and drop it into the drawing of your choice at the Raffle Tent on race morning. You must be present to win.

Is the race chip-timed?
Yes! The 5K is chip-timed, with a timing chip attached to your race bib. Your time is recorded as you cross the start and finish lines. Please do not switch or exchange race bibs with another participant, as this can interfere with our timing system and result in inaccurate race results.

Where do I find my race results?
Race results will be posted near the finish line. You can also view results online through the It's Your Race website.

Does everyone receive a medal?
Yes! Every participant who crosses the finish line receives a signature Turkey Trot finisher medal.

Are there awards?
Yes! We recognize the top overall male and female finishers, who each receive a trophy. We also award trophies to the first- and second-place male and female finishers in each of our 10 age groups.

COURSE & WEATHER

What if it rains?
The Turkey Trot is a rain-or-shine event. Please use your best judgment and participate safely.

Could the racecourse change because of high tides?
Yes. Due to tidal conditions and the possibility of rising water along the Lake Trail, an alternate route may be necessary. Participant safety is our priority. A final decision will be made Wednesday, November 25.

Are there water stations?
Yes, there will be two water stations along the course.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

How does my race registration benefit the community?
Every Turkey Trot helps make a difference! This year, the race is helping provide Thanksgiving meals to 7,601 people through 30 nonprofit agencies across Palm Beach County. The Town of Palm Beach United Way awards grants to local nonprofit organizations, which provide meals to individuals and families in need throughout our community.