

2026 BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON

GRANT PARK TIMELINE AND CLOSURES

Event organizers are committed to minimizing disruptions and educating residents and businesses on what to expect in and around Grant Park for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. The following outlines the anticipated park closures and openings.

Please note, closures may change if deemed necessary by the City of Chicago. For the most up-to-date information, we encourage you to visit chicagomarathon.com/streetclosures.

Questions? Please contact event organizers at office@chicagomarathon.com.

EVENT TIMELINE

- Thursday, September 24 to Friday, October 16: Event production teams in Grant Park
Detailed timelines and production information included below.
- Saturday, October 10 through Sunday, October 11: Grant Park is closed to the public
- Saturday, October 10: Abbott Chicago 5K (6 a.m. to 9 a.m.)
- Sunday, October 11: Bank of America Chicago Marathon (5:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- Sunday, October 11: Starting at 6 p.m. Grant Park is re-opened to the public

GRANT PARK ACCESS

Grant Park will be closed to the public beginning Saturday, October 10 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 11. This closure is in place in partnership with event organizers and the City of Chicago to establish an event security perimeter. Registered participants will be allowed to access the park starting at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 11 and the public will have access to Butler Field for the Post-Race Party from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. All individuals accessing Grant Park during these periods will be subject to a security screening.

Please continue reading for specific Grant Park access information.

Buckingham Fountain: Access to Buckingham Fountain will be closed beginning Saturday, October 10 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 11. Please note, the South Rose Garden will be closed from Thursday, September 24 to Friday, October 16. Individuals interested in accessing the fountain during this time will need to use the other available access points (north, east and west entrances).

Pickleball & Tennis Courts: Access to Pickleball and Tennis Courts will be closed Saturday, October 10 through Sunday, October 11. When open, individuals are encouraged to use the 11th Street access to reach pickleball and tennis courts during event set-up.

Dog Park: Access to Dog Park will be closed from Thursday, October 8 through Sunday, October 11. A temporary dog park will be available during this time at Michigan Avenue and 11th Street.

Lower Hutchinson Field: Access to Lower Hutchinson Field will be closed on Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11. Access to the field will remain open outside of this time but will be limited to the access points along DuSable Lake Shore Drive.

Upper Hutchinson Field: Access to Upper Hutchinson Field will be closed from Thursday, September 24 to Friday, October 16.

Arvey Field: Access to Arvey Field will be closed on Monday, September 28 to Wednesday, October 14.

Grove 4: Access to Grove 4 will be closed from Friday, October 2 to Tuesday, October 13.

Grove 5: Access to Grove 5 will be closed from Thursday, September 24 to Friday, October 16.

North Rose Garden: Access to the North Rose Garden will be closed from Saturday, October 10 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 11. Please note, the paths and tree covered areas immediately east and west of the Rose Garden will experience closures, but these closures will not impact access to the Rose Garden.

South Rose Garden: Access to the South Rose Garden will be closed from Thursday, September 24 to Friday, October 16.

Butler Field: Access to Butler Field will be closed from Sunday, October 4 to Tuesday, October 13.

Lakefront Access: Access to the Lakefront Trail via the 11th Street and Museum Campus footpath will remain open for the entirety of the event. Access via Jackson Boulevard will be closed from Thursday, October 8 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 11. Access via Monroe Street will be closed from Saturday, October 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 11. Individuals looking to use Balbo Drive to access the lakefront will need to use the footpath north of Upper Hutchinson Field from Thursday, September 24 to Wednesday, October 7. Access via Balbo Drive will close on Thursday, October 8 and reopen on Tuesday, October 13.

GRANT PARK STREET CLOSURES

STREET DESCRIPTION	ANTICIPATED CLOSURE		ANTICIPATED OPENING	
Balbo Dr.: Columbus Dr. to DuSable Lake Shore Drive.	Thursday 9/24	6:00 a.m.	Friday 10/16	3:00 p.m.
Balbo Dr.: Michigan Ave. to Columbus Dr.	Thursday 10/8	4:00 a.m.	Monday 10/12	3:00 p.m.
Jackson Dr.: Columbus Dr. to DuSable Lake Shore Drive.	Thursday 10/8	4:00 a.m.	Monday 10/12	6:00 a.m.
Jackson Dr.: Michigan Ave. to Columbus Dr.	Thursday 10/8	4:00 a.m.	Sunday 10/11	8:00 p.m.
Columbus Dr.: Ida B. Wells Dr. to Roosevelt Rd.	Thursday 10/8	4:00 a.m.	Monday 10/12	3:00 p.m.
Columbus Dr.: Monroe St. to Ida B. Wells Dr.	Thursday 10/8	4:00 a.m.	Sunday 10/11	8:00 p.m.
Congress Plaza Dr.: Michigan Ave. (Van Buren St. to Harrison St.)	Thursday 10/8	4:00 a.m.	Sunday 10/11	8:00 p.m.
Ida B Wells Dr.: Michigan Ave. to Columbus Dr.	Thursday 10/8	4:00 a.m.	Sunday 10/11	8:00 p.m.
Columbus Dr.: Randolph St. to Monroe St.	Saturday 10/10	4:00 a.m.	Sunday 10/11	5:00 p.m.
Roosevelt Rd.: Columbus Dr. to DuSable Lake Shore Dr.	Saturday 10/10	11:00 a.m.	Sunday 10/11	6:00 p.m.
Monroe St.: Michigan Ave. to DuSable Lake Shore Dr.	Saturday 10/10	4:00 a.m.	Sunday 10/11	5:00 p.m.
Columbus Dr.: McFetridge Dr. to Roosevelt Rd.	Sunday 10/11	4:00 a.m.	Sunday 10/11	6:00 p.m.
Michigan Ave.: Madison St. to Balbo Dr.	Sunday 10/11	4:00 a.m.	Sunday 10/11	4:00 p.m.
Roosevelt Rd.: Michigan Ave. to Columbus Dr.	Sunday 10/11	4:00 a.m.	Sunday 10/11	6:00 p.m.
Michigan Ave.: Balbo Dr. to Roosevelt Rd.	Sunday 10/11	5:30 a.m.	Sunday 10/11	6:00 p.m.