

MOUNT MARATHON

FACTS

FIRST WINNER

JAMES WALTER IN A TIME OF 62 MINUTES

RACE DISTANCE

18,211 FEET OR 269 FEET
SHORT OF 3.5 MILES

OLDEST WINNER

ED VOGEL, 40, WON IN 1925, TIME 57:40

YOUNGEST WINNER

EPHRIAM KALMAKOFF, 14, WON IN 1928,
TIME 52:35

RECORD HELD THE LONGEST

30 YEARS, 1929 TO 1957 BY EPHRIAM KALMAKOFF

MOST WINS

EIGHT BY BILL SPENCER

1974-1976, 1981-1983, 1986 (TIE), 1991

MOST ALASKAN COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED

36 IN 1998

HIGHEST NUMBER OF FINISHERS UNDER

60 MINUTES

46 IN 1992

HIGHEST NUMBER OF FINISHERS

(SENIOR RACES)

487 IN 1998

MOST CONSECUTIVE RACES

FRED MOORE

30 IN 1999

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RACE RECORDS

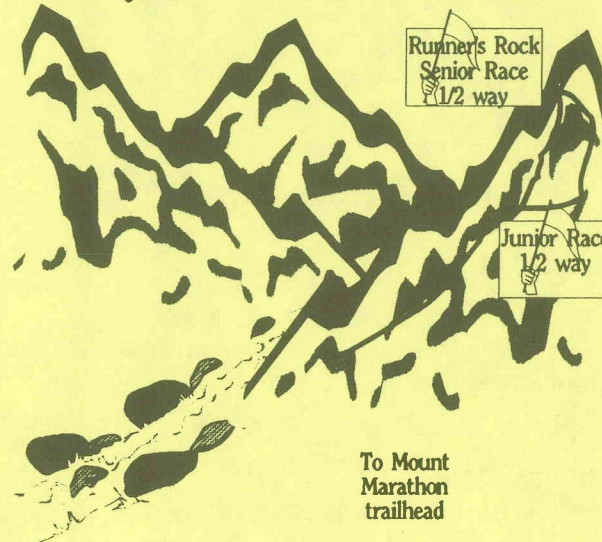
WOMEN

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|------|-----------------|-------|
| 1963 | Jane Trigg | 97:08 |
| 1966 | Marlis Kilcher | 90:13 |
| 1967 | Joyce Patten | 76:10 |
| 1968 | Grace Hoeman | 85:33 |
| 1970 | Ann Livingston | 86:17 |
| 1971 | Margie Mahoney | 65:25 |
| 1972 | Kathy Spivey | 77:03 |
| 1973 | Lynn Spencer | 60:39 |
| 1974 | Kathy Anderson | 58:23 |
| 1975 | Debbie Haines | 63:53 |
| 1976 | Allison Spencer | 57:39 |
| 1977 | Judy Ziemplak | 73:10 |
| 1978 | Liz Carey | 58:06 |
| 1979 | Betsy Haines | 57:38 |
| 1980 | Betsy Haines | 61:14 |
| 1981 | Betsy Haines | 60:01 |
| 1982 | Carmen Young | 57:07 |
| 1983 | Lynn Galanes | 53:19 |
| 1984 | Nancy Pease | 54:09 |
| 1985 | Patti Foldager | 58:17 |
| 1986 | Carmen Young | 50:54 |
| 1987 | Carmen Young | 52:15 |
| 1988 | Carmen Young | 53:53 |
| 1989 | Nancy Pease | 51:13 |
| 1990 | Nancy Pease | 50:30 |
| 1991 | Nancy Pease | 53:06 |
| 1992 | Nancy Pease | 51:41 |
| 1993 | Patti Foldager | 56:36 |
| 1994 | Nina Kemppl | 57:46 |
| 1995 | Nancy Pease | 53:50 |
| 1996 | Nina Kemppl | 55:08 |
| 1997 | Nina Kemppl | 55:08 |
| 1998 | Nina Kemppl | 59:36 |
| 1999 | Nina Kemppl | 61:47 |

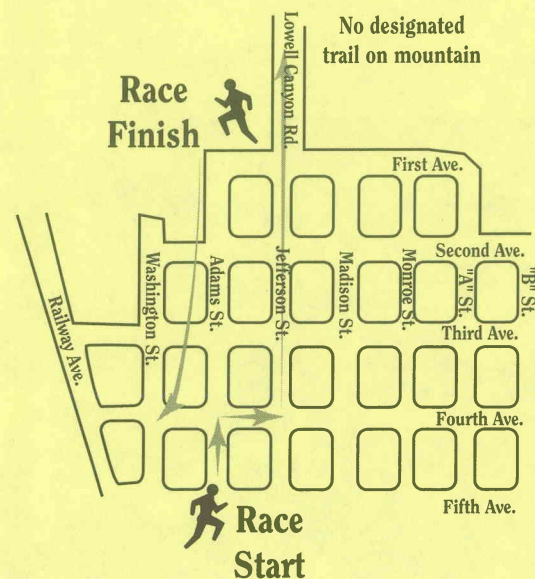
MEN

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|------|---------------------|-------|
| 1965 | Ed Williams | 49:05 |
| 1966 | William Spencer | 48:21 |
| 1967 | Jonathan Chaffee | 44:28 |
| 1968 | Jonathan Chaffee | 44:25 |
| 1969 | Tom Besh | 46:36 |
| 1970 | Dale Shea | 46:57 |
| 1971 | Terry Aldrich | 48:10 |
| 1972 | Gene Morgan | 46:16 |
| 1973 | Tom Besh | 45:49 |
| 1974 | Bill Spencer | 44:11 |
| 1975 | Bill Spencer | 44:37 |
| 1976 | Bill Spencer | 44:25 |
| 1977 | Tom Besh | 44:59 |
| 1978 | Jeff Johnson | 46:46 |
| 1979 | Jeff Johnson | 46:17 |
| 1980 | Jeff Johnson | 46:35 |
| 1981 | Bill Spencer | 43:23 |
| 1982 | Bill Spencer | 45:59 |
| 1983 | Bill Spencer | 46:01 |
| 1984 | Sam Young | 50:49 |
| 1985 | Sam Young | 44:49 |
| 1986 | S. Young/B. Spencer | 45:32 |
| 1987 | Jim Renkert | 46:33 |
| 1988 | Michael Graham | 46:24 |
| 1989 | Michael Graham | 49:16 |
| 1990 | Marten Martensen | 47:57 |
| 1991 | Bill Spencer | 46:15 |
| 1992 | Marten Martensen | 46:54 |
| 1993 | Steve Buchanan | 47:17 |
| 1994 | Steve Buchanan | 49:02 |
| 1995 | Marten Martensen | 46:49 |
| 1996 | Todd Boonstra | 47:30 |
| 1997 | Todd Boonstra | 45:17 |
| 1998 | Todd Boonstra | 46:17 |
| 1999 | Brad Precosky | 46:10 |

Mt. Marathon Race Course



2000 MOUNT MARATHON RACE



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MOUNT MARATHON STORY

The tradition of the Mount Marathon Race, according to folklore, began when two sourdoughs had an argument about whether it was possible to climb and descend the mountain in less than one hour. "Impossible" one said. To settle the argument and the resulting wager it was decided to hold a race with the loser to furnish drinks for the crowd. At the same time enterprising merchants put up a suit of clothes and other attractions for the winner and proposed the race take place on a holiday – why not the 4th of July? The optimistic sourdough lost his bet – the winning racer took one hour and two minutes. Official records disclose that the Mount Marathon Race actually began as an organized run in 1915 and has since become a regular part of the Independence Day celebration in Seward.



JUNIOR RACE

The junior race is for racers aged 17 and under. This race follows the same trail to the finish as the senior race, but only goes half-way to the summit. Juniors may race as individuals as well as on teams.

RECORDS:

BOY'S: BILL SPENCER 1973 24:34
GIRL'S: AUBREY SMITH 1997 33:01

12-14 age group

BOY'S: MICHAEL RUBEO 1999 34:43
GIRL'S: NAHANNI WILLS 1997 37:53

11 and under age group

BOY'S: AARON THRALL 1994 30:51
GIRL'S: HOPE MILLER 1999 56:49



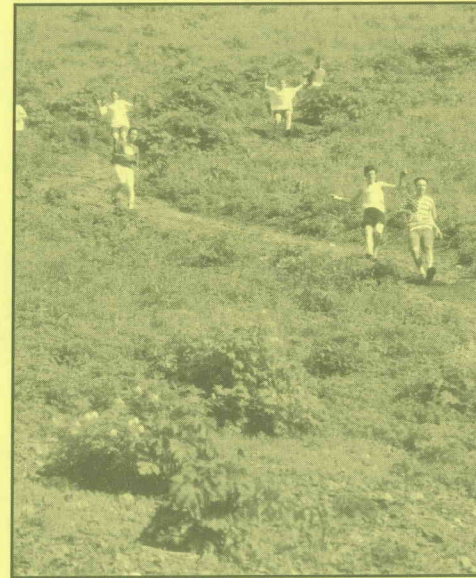
WOMEN'S RACE

In 1985, a separate race for senior women racers was established with 54 women finishing the race. In 1996, the race filled with 300 runners for the first time.

RECORD: NANCY PEASE 1990 50:30

AGE GROUPS:

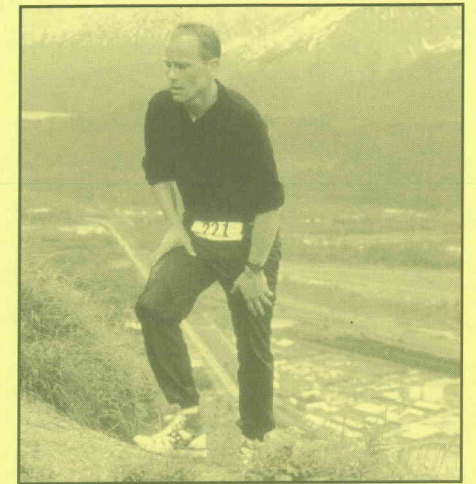
18-29 NANCY PEASE 1990 50:30
30-39 CARMEN YOUNG 1986 50:54
40-49 CARMEN YOUNG 1997 1:01:55
50-59 SANDY WASSILIE 1997 1:17:00



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MEN'S RACE

Each year 300 entries for the men's race are received by early spring. The challenge of the mountain calls racers back year after year, and intrigues visitors from all over the world.

RECORD: BILL SPENCER 1981 43:23

AGE GROUPS:

18-29 BILL SPENCER 1981 43:23
30-39 SAM YOUNG 1985 44:49
40-49 BARNEY GRIFFITH 1998 49:04
50-59 FRED MOORE 1990 54:18
60+ HEINRICH GRUBER 1990 1:03:39

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RACE SCHEDULE

JUNIOR'S RACE (17 and under) 9:30 A.M.
WOMEN'S RACE (18 and above) 11:15 A.M.
MEN'S RACE (18 and above) 3:00 P.M.