

Mt. Marathon Facts:

First Winner

James Walker - 62 Minutes

Race Distance

18,211 Feet
(269 feet short 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 - 1957
by Ephriam Kalmakoff

Most Wins

Eight by Bill Spencer
1974-1976, 1981-1983, 1986 (tie), 1991

Highest Number of Finishers Under 60 Minutes

50 in 2001

Highest Number of Finishers in Senior Races

492 in 2000

Most Consecutive Races

Fred Moore - 32 in 2001



Race Winners

WOMEN	
2001 Nina Kemppel	56:59
2000 Nina Kemppel	54:20
1999 Nina Kemppel	61:47
1998 Nina Kemppel	59:36
1997 Nina Kemppel	55:08
1996 Nina Kemppel	55:08
1995 Nancy Pease	53:50
1994 Nina Kemppel	57:46
1993 Patti Foldager	56:36
1992 Nancy Pease	51:41
1991 Nancy Pease	53:06
1990 Nancy Pease	50:30
1989 Nancy Pease	51:13
1988 Carmen Young	53:53
1987 Carmen Young	52:15
1986 Carmen Young	50:54
1985 Patti Foldager	58:17
1984 Nancy Pease	54:09
1983 Lynn Galanes	53:19
1982 Carmen Young	57:07
1981 Betsy Haines	60:01
1980 Betsy Haines	61:14
1979 Betsy Haines	57:38
1978 Liz Carey	58:06
1977 Judy Ziemlak	73:10
1976 Allison Spencer	57:39
1975 Debbie Haines	63:53
1974 Kathy Anderson	58:23
1973 Lynn Spencer	60:39
1972 Kathy Spivey	77:03
1971 Margie Mahoney	65:25
1970 Margie Mahoney	67:24
1969 Ann Livingston	86:17
1968 Grace Hoeman	85:33
1967 Joyce Patten	76:10
1966 Marlis Kilcher	90:13
MEN	
2001 Brad Precosky	45:07
2000 Brad Precosky	45:31
1999 Brad Precosky	46:10
1998 Todd Boonstra	46:17
1997 Todd Boonstra	45:17
1996 Todd Boonstra	47:30
1995 Marten Martensen	46:49
1994 Steve Buchanan	49:02
1993 Steve Buchanan	47:17
1992 Marten Martensen	46:54
1991 Bill Spencer	46:15
1990 Marten Martensen	47:57
1989 Michael Graham	49:16
1988 Michael Graham	46:24
1987 Jim Renkert	46:33
1986 Sam Young & Bill Spencer (tie)	45:32
1985 Sam Young	44:49
1984 Sam Young	50:49
1983 Bill Spencer	46:01
1982 Bill Spencer	45:59
1981 Bill Spencer	43:23
1980 Jeff Johnson	46:35
1979 Jeff Johnson	46:17
1978 Jeff Johnson	46:46
1977 Tom Besh	44:59
1976 Bill Spencer	44:25

1975 Bill Spencer	44:37
1974 Bill Spencer	44:11
1973 Tom Besh	45:49
1972 Gene Morgan	46:16
1971 Terry Aldrich	48:10
1970 Dale Shea	46:57
1969 Tom Besh	46:36
1968 Jonathan Chaffee	44:25
1967 Jonathan Chaffee	44:28
1966 William Spencer	48:21

JUNIOR BOYS

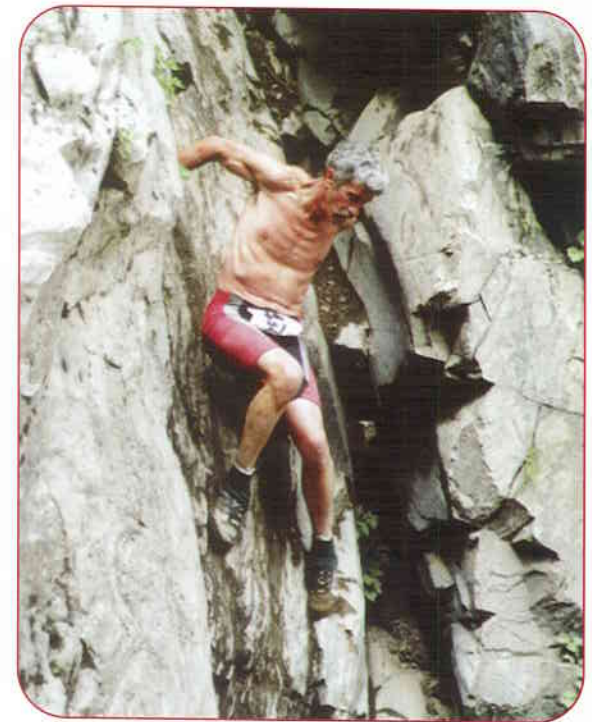
2001 Mark Johnson	30:57
2000 Jacob Elhard	28:46
1999 Eric Strabel	28:30
1998 Ryan Quinn	29:44
1997 Tory Dugan	26:51
1996 Tory Dugan	27:14
1995 Jason Eastman	30:58
1994 Jason Eastman	29:52
1993 Matt Porter	33:20
1992 Matt Porter	30:52
1991 Darryl Sela	30:18
1990 Jeremy Crawford	30:43
1989 Justin Meyers	27:52
1988 Troy Fritzel	31:28
1987 Andrew Johnson	31:03

JUNIOR GIRLS

2001 Dominique Colberg	35:00
2000 Kikkan Randall	33:28
1999 Kikkan Randall	34:44
1998 Kikkan Randall	35:01
1997 Aubrey Smith	33:01
1996 Aubrey Smith	34:42
1995 Aubrey Smith	38:39
1994 Kristel Nelsen	36:00
1993 Emily Ransom	38:00
1992 Emily Ransom	35:05
1991 Kristel Nelsen	35:21
1990 Emily Ransom	34:17
1989 Emily Ransom	36:30
1988 Kendra Besh	40:12
1987 Debbie Moseley	42:24



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Mt. Marathon Story:

The tradition of the Mt. 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 Mt. Marathon Race actually began as an organized run in 1915 and has since become a regular part of the Independence Day celebration in Seward.

Race Schedule:

Junior Race (17 & under)

9:30 a.m.

Women's Race (18 & above)

11:15 a.m.

Men's Race (18 & above)

3:00 p.m.

Cover Photo: Fred Moore
32 Consecutive Races

(Courtesy of Kathy Bingman)

Junior Race

The Junior Race is for racers age 17 and under. This race follows the same trail to the finish line as the Senior Race, but only goes half-way to the summit. Junior races may race as individuals as well as on teams.

Records:

Junior Boy Record: Bill Spencer 1973 24:34

Junior Girl Record: Aubrey Smith 1997 33:01

15-17 Age Group

Boys: Bill Spencer 1973 24:34

Girls: Aubrey Smith 1997 33:01

12-14 Age Group

Boys: Rory Egelus 2001 31:52

Girls: Nahanni Wills 1997 37:53

11 and Under Age Group

Boys: Aaron Thrall 1994 30:51

Girls: Denali Foldager 2001 39:40

Women's Race:

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

Record: Nancy Pease 1990 50:30

Record by Age Groups:

18-29 Nance Pease 1990 50:30

30-39 Carmen Young 1986 50:54

40-49 Pam Richter 2000 1:01:50

50-59 Kathy Bingman 2001 1:13:29

60-69 Millie Spezialy 2000 2:00:41

Men's Race

The Mt. Marathon men's race is a tradition among Alaskan racers, and gaining popularity world-wide. Annually, the men's race draws runners from ages 18 to 75.

Record: Bill Spencer 1981 43:23

Record by Age Groups:

18-29 Bill Spencer 1981 43:23

30-39 Sam Young 1985 44:49

40-49 Barney Griffith 2001 47:09

50-59 Fred Moore 1990 54:18

60-69 Fred Moore 2000 1:00:56

70+ Heinrich Gruber 2001 1:23:23

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