

Mt. Marathon Facts:

First Winner

James Walker - 60.02 Minutes in 1915

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

Nine by Nina Kempffel
94, 96-03

Highest Number of Finishers Under 60 Minutes

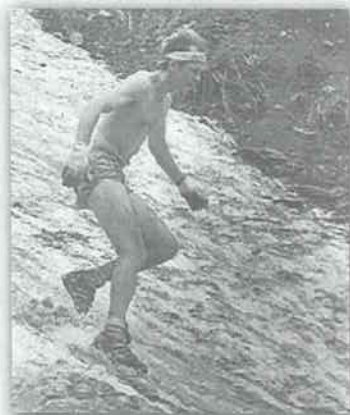
50 in 2001

Highest Number of Finishers in Senior Races

555 in 2003

Most Consecutive Races

Fred Moore - 34 in 2003



Race Winners

WOMEN

1966 Marlis Kilcher	90:13
1967 Joyce Patten	76:10
1968 Grace Hoeman	85:33
1969 Ann Livingston	86:17
1970 Margie Mahoney	67:24
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 Ziemiak	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 Kempffel	57:46
1995 Nancy Pease	53:50
1996 Nina Kempffel	55:08
1997 Nina Kempffel	55:08
1998 Nina Kempffel	59:36
1999 Nina Kempffel	61:47
2000 Nina Kempffel	54:20
2001 Nina Kempffel	56:59
2002 Nina Kempffel	55:04
2003 Nina Kempffel	56:46

MEN

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 Sam Young & Bill 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
2000 Brad Precosky	45:31
2001 Brad Precosky	45:07
2002 Brad Precosky	46:17
2003 Tod Boanstra	47:32

JUNIOR BOYS

2003 Rory Egelus	27:14
2002 Rory Egelus	28:13
2001 Mark Johnson	30:57
2000 Jacob Eihard	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

2003 Leah Besh	35:47
2002 Leah Besh	35:22
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



The 2004 Mt. Marathon Race

77th Running



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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.

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 racers may race as individuals as well as on teams.

Records:

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 Ellyn Brown 2003 1:11:25
60-69 Mary Kempfel 2003 1:30:36

Men's Race

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

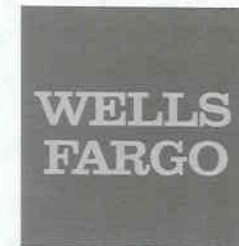
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Record by Age Groups:

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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