

38th Annual Palm Springs Tram Road Challenge
6K Run/Walk Confirmation
October 18, 2025
PLEASE READ! IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Dear Participant,

Thank you for your entry into the 38th Annual Palm Springs Aerial Tram Road Challenge 6K. We appreciate your support of the event.

6:30am Walker Start - We will be offering a 6:30am walker start for those who need the extra time to get up the hill. This start time is for participants who plan to walk only or anyone who will take longer than 1 1/2 hours to finish the 6K. **If you start at 6:30, you will not be eligible for overall awards or awards in your age group**, so please take this into consideration before starting at 6:30am. If you are a runner you must start at 7:00am.

The Run/Walk starts at 7:00am sharp, please arrive early!! Remember that you need to get from the parking lot to the start line and get through security.

There is still time for your family or friends to register for this fun event. [Click here](#) to register through Friday, October 17th.

Changing Your Category – If you want to switch from the walk to the run or the run to the walk, no problem. When you pick up your packet (see below), talk to the Time Management representative. They will switch your registration over.

New Packet Pick Up & Registration - There will be t-shirt and packet pick up on **Friday, October 18th, from 3:00pm-7:00pm at REI, 71800 Hwy 111, Ste B119, Rancho Mirage 92270**. Packets can also be picked up on race morning, October 18, starting at 5:15am at the bottom of the Tram Road. There will be a late registration desk on race morning for those who haven't signed up. Participants picking up their packet race morning will receive their race number at the bottom and will get their t-shirt upon finishing at the top. Save yourself time on race morning by picking up your packet on Friday. **YOU MAY PICK UP SOMEONE ELSE'S PACKET IF YOU HAVE A COPY OR PHOTO OF THEIR ID.**

Chip Timing - Your Timing Device for this event is a disposable timing chip which is affixed to the back of your bib number. To receive an accurate time, please make sure your bib is clearly visible on the front of the torso, unaltered and unmodified (do not fold or wrinkle), pinned in all four corners, and not covered by jackets, runner belts, water bottles, etc. Pins will be included with your bib. Time Management will be timing this event.

Directions to Race Start for Dropoff/Pickup Only - To get to the race start from I-10 east, take the Hwy 111 exit into Palm Springs. Drive approximately 9.7 miles to the Palm Springs Visitor Center, 2901 N. Palm Canyon Drive. From I-10 west take Palm Drive exit and go left to Vista Chino and turn right to Palm Canyon Dr and go right to the Palm Springs Visitor Information Center (address above).

Participant Parking - Parking is available in either the Carl's Jr. and Del Taco parking lots on the corner of N. Palm Canyon Drive and Racquet Club Dr. This is about 1/4 mile south of the Tram Road Challenge start area and we suggest walking or running to the start as a warm-up. However, buses will be shuttling participants and spectators from the Carl's Jr lot to the start area from 5:30am to 7:00am. **No participant or spectator parking will be allowed at race finish. No exceptions! Participants and spectators must park at the Carl's Jr or Del Taco parking lots and walk/run or take the shuttle busses to the start line. We will have a spectator bus that will leave from the start line at precisely 6:00am for the top.**

Palm Springs Aerial Tram - *If this is your first visit to the PS Tram, we encourage you to take a ride up this magnificent tram car through beautiful Chino Canyon into the San Jacinto Mountains. Mt. San Jacinto State Park awaits you at an elevation of 8,500 feet. There are miles and miles of beautiful hiking and running trails. A \$3.00 discount coupon will be distributed at the post-race expo at the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway booth. Get more information and reserve tickets at <http://www.pstramway.com>*

Tram Road Course - The Tram Road Challenge is just that, A CHALLENGE!! Starting at the bottom of the road by the gate, you will climb over 2000 feet in elevation in just 3.7 miles. Here's a tip: start out easy as the bottom is the most gradual part and know that the steepest part is at the top. The climb averages a 12% grade, but from mile 3 to the finish is at a 16% grade.

Water Stations - There will be three water stations, one at each mile along the course, as well as at the start line. There will also be a large water bowl at each water station for those of you walking with your dog.

Gear Check - It can be quite cool at the finish area, so you can drop your warm-up clothes in the truck parked next to the start line and marked as Gear Check. They will be taken to the finish area and can be picked-up near the Athlete Food tent in our secure Gear Check area. Your bib will come with a Gear Check tag. You can attach the tag before arrival or at the Gear Check truck. Please keep your bib and have it at the finish line Gear Check pickup so we can confirm that your bag is yours. **DO NOT** cross the Start Line to get to the Gear Check truck; walk around either side of the start arch so your time doesn't start.

Shuttles Down the Road - For the runners and walkers, shuttles will be provided at the top and will be available starting at approximately 8:30am to take you back down to either the race start or the parking lot at Carl's Jr./Del Taco. **If you are planning on running or walking back down the hill to your car at the parking area, you must use the paved runner's path on the right side of the road. Please do not run on the road itself as we will have buses coming up and down constantly.** Due to changes in the charter bus systems within the Coachella Valley, we will have fewer buses than in year's past. Please be patient with our staff and volunteers as we work to get everyone back down to the bottom. If you're physically able, we encourage you to walk or run back to the bottom.

Food and Refreshments – After you cross the finish line, head over to athlete food for some refreshments to put some of those calories back in your body.

Expo and Awards Ceremony at Finish Line – Our post-race expo will take place the upper parking lot past the finish line. Make sure you visit all our exhibitors and our photographers, Pixel Titan, to get a special keepsake photo. Our awards ceremony will take place on the stage in the upper parking lot as well. Awards will be given to the top three in each age category male, female, and non-binary. **PLEASE NOTE AWARDS MUST BE PICKED UP AS WE CANNOT MAIL THEM OUT. IF YOU HAVE TO LEAVE EARLY, PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE PICK IT UP FOR YOU.**

We still have some space in our expo. If you or someone you know is interested in engaging with our participants and getting the word out about their business, please contact info@southland-events.com ASAP.

Finisher Medals - All finishers will receive a beautiful custom Tram Road Challenge finisher medal with a moving runner passing some of the iconic spots along the route, presented by the **Palm Springs Aerial Tramway**.

Volunteers – We can't put on a race of this size without our amazing volunteers. If you have friends or family who don't want to race but want to help, we'd love to have them! Have them [CLICK HERE](#) sign up for a volunteer shift. Volunteers will get \$20 off registration to the 2026 Palm Desert ½ Marathon & 5K, a snazzy Volunteer t-shirt, snacks and drinks, and the feeling they've helped a bunch of awesome athletes! Student and civic groups of 10 or more who volunteer will receive a donation based on the number of volunteers they bring.

Updated Information – While we will continue sending out email information leading up to the race, we ask that you also like our [Facebook page](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#) for updates.

If you have any pre-race questions, email us at info@southland-events.com.

Thanks again for registering, and we'll see you on the 18th!

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