

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

46 IN 2000

HIGHEST NUMBER OF FINISHERS

(SENIOR RACES)

492 IN 2000

MOST CONSECUTIVE RACES

FRED MOORE

31 IN 2000

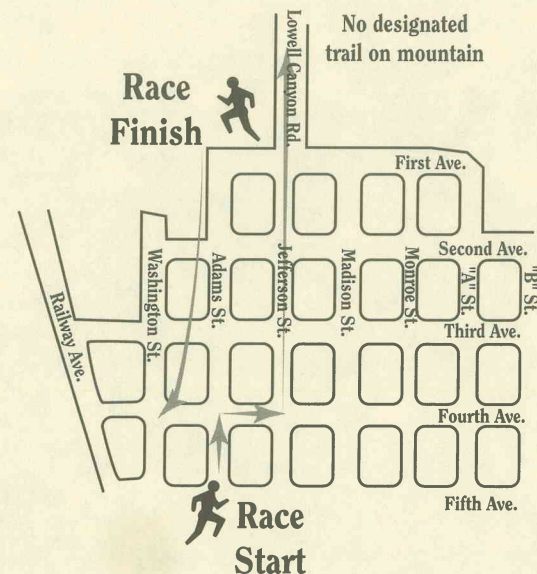
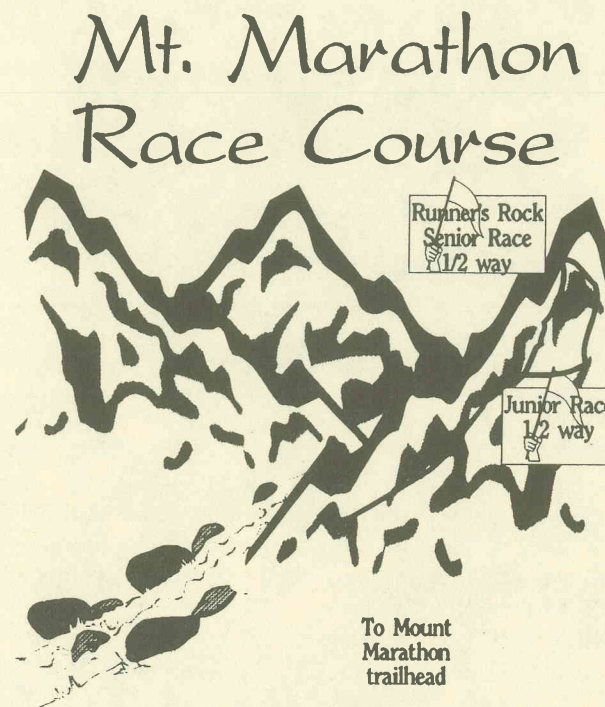
RACE RECORDS

WOMEN

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 Kempffel	57:46
1995	Nancy Pease	53:50
1996	Nina Kempffel	55:08
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2000	Nina Kempffel	54:20

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	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
2000	Brad Precosky	45:31



2001

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.

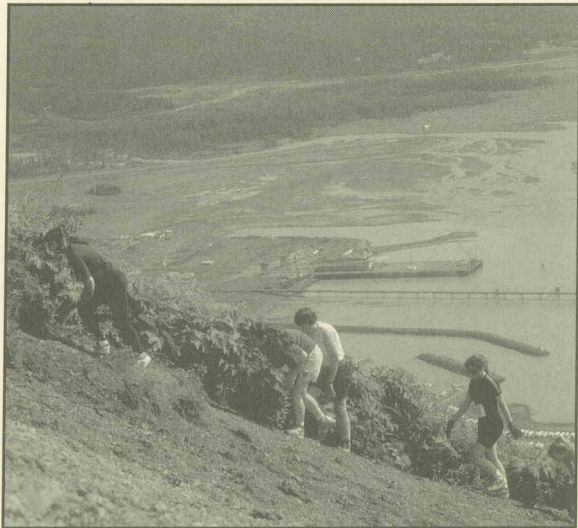


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RACE SCHEDULE

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.



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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: RORY EGELUS	2000	32:42
GIRL'S: NAHANNI WILLS	1997	37:53

11 and under age group

BOY'S: AARON THRALL	1994	30:51
GIRL'S: DENALI FOLDAGER	2000	47:51



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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	PAM RICHTER	2000	1:01:50
50-59	KATHY BINGMAN	2000	1:13:40
60-69	MILLIE SPEZIALY	2000	2:00:41



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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	2000	48:29
50-59	FRED MOORE	1990	54:18
60-69	FRED MOORE	2000	1:00:56
70+	HEINRICH GRUBER	2000	1:23:42

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