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A 1985 runner challenging the mountain above the halfway point.



Runners in "The Chute" on the way down awaited by spectators and the well-deserved finish line.

WOMEN'S WINNERS

1963	Jane Tigg	97:08
1966	Maris Kitcher	90:13
1967	Joyce Patten	78:10
1968	Grace Hoeman	85:33
1969	Ann Livingston	86:17
1970	Margie Mahoney	67:07
1971	Margie Mahoney	65:25
1972	Kathy Solvay	77:03
1973	Lynn Spencer	60:39
1974	Kathy Anderson	58:23
1975	Dabble Haines	63:53
1976	Allison Spencer	57:39
1977	Judy Ziemiak	73:10
1978	Liz Casey	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	54:09.01
1985	Patti Foidtger	58:17.8
1986	Carmen Young	50:54

MEN'S WINNERS

1965	Ed Williams	48:05
1966	William Spencer	48:21.5
1967	Johnathan Charfee	44:28.2
1968	Johnathan Charfee	44:25
1969	Tom Besh	46:36.9
1970	Dale Shea	46:57.3
1971	Terry Aldrich	48:10
1972	Gene Morgan	48:16
1973	Tom Besh	45:49.3
1974	Bill Spencer	44:11
1975	Bill Spencer	44:37.5
1976	Bill Spencer	44:25
1977	Tom Besh	44:59
1978	Jeff Johnson	48:46.7
1979	Jeff Johnson	48:17.3
1980	Jeff Johnson	46:35.4
1981	Bill Spencer	43:23
1982	Bill Spencer	45:59.1
1983	Bill Spencer	48:01.3
1984	Sam Young	50:47.1
1985	Sam Young	44:49.6
1986	Sam Young/Bill Spencer	44:52.6

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Mount Marathon Story

Mount Marathon Facts



Women's mass start 1986.



Marathon Mountain, spectacular but grueling.

Majestic Mount Marathon, rising 3,022 feet above the seaport City of Seward, Alaska, is the place where the annual Mount Marathon Race is held each year. It is a rugged and dangerous course, starting in downtown Seward, going up the mountain over rock-strewn gullies, rocky bluffs, loose shale slides, and often snow and ice. The racers must go around a judge at the top of the mountain at the flag pole and then the descent begins. This tough and grueling race attracts runners from all over the world. The number of participants is limited to 200 in the Men's and Women's races, and a maximum of 100 in the Junior division for safety reasons.

The tradition of the Mount Marathon Race, according to folklore, began when two soundoughs 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 soundough lost his wager, the winning racer took one hour and two minutes. Official records disclose the Mount Marathon Race actually began as an organized run in 1915 and has since become a regular part of the annual Independence Day celebration in Seward.

RACE SCHEDULE

Junior Race (Boys and girls under 18 years)	9:30am
Women's Senior Race (women over 18 years)	11:30am
Men's Senior Race (men over 18 years)	2:00pm

RACE CHAIRMAN
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- ★ Race Started: 1915
- ★ First Winner: James Walters with a time of 62 minutes
- ★ Race Distance: 18,211 feet or 269 feet short of 3½ miles
- ★ Oldest Winner: Ed Vogel, 40 years old, won in 1925 with a time of 57:40
- ★ Youngest Winner: Ephrim Kalmakoff, age 14, won in 1928, time of 52:35
- ★ Longest Record Held: 30 years, 1928 to 1957, by Ephrim Kalmakoff
- ★ Closest Race: Sven Johansson beat Don Stickman in 1954 by 1 second
- ★ Most Consecutive Wins: Six, Sven Johansson, 1954 to 1959
- ★ Most Wins: Seven: Bill Spencer, 1974-1976, 1981-1983 and the 1986
- ★ Most Alaskan Communities Represented: 22 in 1981
- ★ Most Official Number of Participants: 213 since 1979
- ★ Highest Number of Finishers Under 60 minutes: 38 in 1982
- ★ Highest Number of Participants Completing Race: 191 in 1980
- ★ Men's Record Holder: Bill Spencer, 43:23 in 1981
- ★ Women's Record Holder: Carmen Young, 50:54 in 1986

Individual medals are awarded to the first five place winners in the Boys', Girls', Men's Open and Women's Open divisions and the first three places in all other divisions.