THE
GREATER YELLOWSTONE
ADVENTURE SERIES

These Ain't No Pansy Ass City Races

The 30th Annual Madison River Run

Water to Whiskey 5K Fun Run

July 18, 2026

RUNNERS INFORMATION PACKET

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Madison River Run
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Date and Time of Race

Race Day: Saturday, July 18, 2026

Starting Time: 10:00 AM in Lion's Club Park

Race Check In

Check-in: 8:00 to 9:30 AM on Saturday, July 18, 2026
Lion's Club Park
Ennis, Montana

Runners, walkers, strollers, crawlers, and anyone else are all welcome.

Race Day Signup Available!

Check In Area

Race check in will be at Lion's Club Park in Ennis. This is right next to the Madison River at the end of Main Street. Look for the Greater Yellowstone Adventure Series banner. The Park is just a couple hundred yards south of Willies Distillery.

Sign up is easy. Either check in or, if there are still spots available, pay $25 for race day registration, sign a waiver, get your bib number, SWAG bag, race shirt, and you're good to go.

After check in, the runners are encouraged to hang around Lion's Park as they prepare for the run.

Race Day Logistics: 5 kilometer race

- On race day, athletes arrive in Ennis and proceed to Lion's Club Park by 8:00 AM or so for check in. Please park somewhere along Main Street and walk south on Main Street to the Park which is located roughly 200 yards from Willies Distillery.

- Race check in will be from 8:00 to 9:30 AM. After check in, runners are encouraged to hang out around Lion's Club Park to stretch, relax, and get ready for the race.

- At approximately 9:45 AM, runners will be asked to follow the race director to the starting line of the race. The starting line is on the paths within Lion's Club Park and immediately next to the baseball fields. The runners will start there and run out of the park and onto Highway 287. They turn left on the highway and cross the Madison River and begin running towards Jeffers. The runners should spread themselves out with the fast runners near the start and the walkers near the end.

- The race will begin at 10:00 AM. The runners will head south on Highway 287 on the left side of the road. They will make the first left turn towards the community of Jeffers. They will run to the turn-around point which will be marked with paint on the ground as well as construction cones. There will be a water cooler available for runners, but please bring your own water bottles or cups. All the GYAS races are cup-less except at the finish line. Then, they run back on the same route. Upon arriving back to Highway 287, runners keep to the right all the way back to Ennis. The traffic will be behind you so please keep to the shoulder of the road. Look for signs as well as spray painted arrows on the road.

- The finish line is within Lion's Club Park and will be easily visible upon leaving Highway 287 and running into the park.

- After you cross the finish line, you can rest and relax in the park. The awards ceremony will follow at approximately 11:30 AM. Ennis Farmers Market should be going on so take a look. Athletes are also encouraged to stop by Willies Distillery for a drink and have lunch at the G Bar and other Ennis establishments. Stick around for the weekend. Consider doing the Tour de Gravelly on Sunday morning!!

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Madison County Hotels and Restaurants

The home base for the Greater Yellowstone Adventure Series (GYAS) races is in Ennis, Montana. This is a small town on the Madison River. It is about 50 miles from Bozeman. The drive from Bozeman airport (BZN) to Ennis takes about an hour. Ennis is 70 miles from Yellowstone National Park (the west gate entrance).

Some of the Madison County hotels that we recommend are:

Red Bear Inn – www.redbearinn.com

El Western – www.elwestern.com

Sportman's Lodge – www.sportsmanslodgemt.com

McAllister Inn – www.mcallisterlodging.com

Lure Me Inn – www.luremeinn.com

Rainbow Valley Lodge – www.rainbowvalleylodge.com

Riverside Motel – www.riversidemotel-outfitters.com

Moriah Motel – www.moriahmotel.com

King's Motel – www.kingsmotelllc-mydirectorystay.com

Some of the nicer places to eat and drink include:

G Bar – 305 East Main Street, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-5553

Willies Distillery – 312 Main Street, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-4117

Alley Bistro – 59 MT Hwy 287, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-5695

Bynee's – 214 Main Street, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-3156

The Continental Divide – 47 Geyser Street, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-7600

Tavern 287 – 129 East Main Street, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-7287

Longbranch Saloon – 125 Main Street, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-7020

Yesterday's Soda Fountain – 124 Main Street, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-4246

The Pic A Nic Basket – 97 North 1st Street, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-7900

Ennis Sugar High – 170 North Main Street, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-7113

Nacho Mamma's Burrito – 111West Main Street, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-4006

McAllister Inn Steakhouse – 5566 Highway 287, McAllister Tel: (406) 682-5000

Sportman's Lodge – 310 North Main Street, Ennis Tel: (406) 682-4242

Wells Fargo Steak & Coffee House – 314 West Wallace Street, Virginia City Tel: (406) 843-5556

Mill Creek Inn – 102 Mill Street, Sheridan Tel: (406) 842-5565

The Shovel and Spoon – 108 North Main, Sheridan Tel: (406) 842-7999

The Old Hotel – 101 East 5th Avenue, Twin Bridges Tel: (406) 684-5959

The Shack – 301 North Main, Twin Bridges Tel: (406) 684-5050