

# More room to run at 2018 Great Columbia Crossing

The Great Columbia Crossing 10K run/walk is the only opportunity each year to cross the Astoria Bridge — the longest continuous truss bridge in North America — from Washington to Astoria while on foot.

And this year, for the first time, the bridge will be closed to vehicles during the event from 8:30 to 11 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 14.

The 200-foot incline takes racers up into the clouds, offering scenic views of the mouth of the Columbia River. After crossing the finish line, participants can head into the historic town of Astoria to fuel up with seaside fare and local craft brews as the morning fog starts to lift.

Registration is now open for the Official USA Track & Field

Certified Event, and will close when capacity reaches 3,500 racers. All participants will be timed via electronic chip, and competitive racers will be given a separate start time from walkers.

Each year, the Crossing offers a variety of merchandise for participants to remember the experience by, including this year's long-sleeve event T-shirt featuring original artwork designed specifically for the event.

The \$40 registration includes:

- Free parking with shuttle bus service to the start of the race from the Port of Astoria or the Port of Chinook

- Bib number (required to board shuttle and access bridge)
- Finish line bites and water
- Five "Clam Bucks," worth

\$1 each, can be redeemed at participating Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce businesses from Thursday, Oct. 11, through Wednesday, Oct. 17.

For more information, visit [greatcolumbiacrossing.com](http://greatcolumbiacrossing.com), call 503-325-6311 or 800-875-6807, email [events@oldoregon.com](mailto:events@oldoregon.com), or come in person to 111 W. Marine Drive, Astoria.

For this event to take place, the Chamber relies on volunteers filling roughly 80 shifts over four days. Volunteers help with several duties, from packet pick-up and race course set-up to shuttle bus loading and distributing water at the finish line. If you are interested in being part of our "Great team," sign up to volunteer at [greatcolumbiacrossing.com](http://greatcolumbiacrossing.com).



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