

BC2016 DRIVERS' GUIDE

Unless otherwise noted, the active van follows the same route as their active runner. There are few exceptions to this rule and when the van needs to deviate from the running route it is indicated in this section of the guidebook. Usually, we will also have a race officials stationed to direct traffic at these spots. In fact, there are several exchange points where the vans will be asked to exit the exchange area by a different route than the runner, but again, a volunteer will guide your exit.

The best advice we can give, we gave earlier in this manual - study the map and drive the course beforehand. In addition, always reset your odometer at each exchange point to assist in following the route.

A. General Tips

1. Do not speed - your runner is only moving about 7 miles per hour. Trust us, you will catch him.
2. Many of the roads are thin - stay alert, wide awake and focused.
3. Pass all runners slowly.
4. Careful with the honking at night - folks are sleeping somewhere I reckon.
5. If your van is not active, get off the running routes if possible.
6. Never "shadow" or follow closely behind your runners at their pace.
7. Always obey all traffic laws. Police will be on the route to help keep everyone safe.
8. Be especially diligent entering and exiting exchange zone areas.
9. Make sure vehicle is turned off, in "park" and parking brake set before exiting vehicle.

B. Getting to Major Points along the Way

The Starting Line

Jim Beam's American Outpost is located in Clermont, about a mile east of I-65 at Exit 112.

Coming from Lexington, the drive is 1 hour and 15 minutes. The actual starting line is near the gift shop at the bottom of the hill.

From Lexington: Follow US 60 West to the Bluegrass Parkway. Take Exit 25 toward Bardstown, turning right on US 150, then turn right on KY 245. Follow for about 15 miles before turning right into the main entrance of the distillery grounds.

From Louisville or Shepherdsville: Head south on I-65 to Exit 112. Turn left on KY 245. Jim Beam is about a mile and a half ahead on the left.

Maker's Mark Distillery (Exchange #6 / Transition Zone #1)

Van 2 begins their journey along The Bourbon Chase 33 miles into the relay course at the historic distillery of Maker's Mark. The beautiful black and red buildings of the distillery will serve as a festive spot for Van 1 to handoff to Van 2. No matter which van you are in, work in a little extra time to linger and enjoy the distillery.

From Lexington: Take U.S. 60 West 6 miles to Martha Layne Collins Blue Grass Parkway. Merge onto the Parkway toward Elizabethtown and drive 30 miles to the Springfield/Lebanon exit (Exit 42). Take the exit and turn left toward Springfield/Lebanon on KY 555 S. After 14.8 miles, KY 555 S becomes KY 55 but continue straight for 8.9 miles to traffic signal (Gen. Thomas Statue). Turn right onto KY 55 Bypass and drive to next light (Circle K). Turn right onto KY 49/52 and continue 6.3 miles. Turn right onto KY 52 continuation and continue 2.2 miles. Turn right onto Burk's Spring Road and historic Maker's Mark Distillery is straight ahead. Approximately 1 hour, 15 minutes driving time.

From Jim Beam Distillery: Take Hwy. 245 to intersection of Hwy. 62, turning right and continue on Hwy. 62 east for approx. 2 miles. Hwy. 62 runs into Hwy. 150 where you will turn left and continue approx. 2 miles and past My Old Kentucky Home State Park. At intersection of Hwy. 150 and 49, turn right onto Hwy. 49 South and follow the brown historical landmark signs to Holy Cross, which will direct you to go straight on Hwy. 527 South. Follow Hwy. 527 to St. Francis (5 miles), where you will turn left onto Hwy. 52 East into Loretto. Continue on through Loretto for approximately .3 miles, at the end of Burks Spring Road you will see the sign welcoming you to the distillery. Approximately 50 minutes driving time.

Maker's Mark to Danville - (Exchange #12 / Transition Zone #2)

Van 2 hands the “baton” back to Van 1 in this beautiful town which was established as the capital of the Kentucky ‘district’ way back in 1787.

For Van 1, the quickest route from Maker’s Mark to Danville is: exit the distillery by going right out of parking area. (Van 2 and active runners will go left.) Follow this road until it T’s and turn left on KY 52. KY 52 meets KY 49. Go left on KY 49/52 and continue to follow KY 49 into Lebanon. Turn left on US 68/Main Street and follow to Perryville. Turn right on US-150 and follow it until you reach Danville.

Danville to Bright Leaf - (Exchange # 18 / Transition Zone # 3)

Van 1 passes back to Van 2 at this hotel that sits just outside of Danville - making the drive short and simple.

Head out of Danville going west on Main Street / US-150; turn right on Maple Street / US-127 Business; turn right again when you reach the T at US-127. It’s about a 10 minute drive.

Bright Leaf to Wild Turkey Distillery – (Exchange # 24 / Transition Zone # 4)

Van 1 starts their last carry of the “stick” at this distillery perched high above the Kentucky River.

Head north on US-127 for 23 miles before turning right on Woodford Street/KY-44; follow through the town of Lawrenceburg until you reach the distillery on the left. NOTE: Wild Turkey does not open until the exchange opens! That means 4:30am.

Wild Turkey Distillery to Hoover Blvd. – (Exchange # 30 / Transition Zone # 5)

The industrial park at Hoover Blvd serves as the last major exchange zone from van to van. This marks the end of running for Van 1 and the beginning of the final round for Van 2.

When Van 2 is ready to leave Wild Turkey, they will exit by following the course - with a left turn onto US-62. Follow US 62 all the way into the city of Versailles (about 7 miles) and turn left on Main Street. Stop and enjoy breakfast or lunch here as you watch the teams roll by. Once filled with food and re-fueled with coffee, continue out of town on Main Street going straight (runners turn left) to join US-60. A slight left as you leave town keeps you moving west on US-60 toward the transition zone. Follow US-60 another 8 miles to turn left at the traffic light onto Duncan Rd/KY-1681...and park.

Hoover Blvd. to Finish Line Celebration

Now that the running is done for Van 1 they have several options for getting to the party in Lexington. First, they can hightail it by turning left on US-60, jumping on Interstate 64 heading east, exiting on Newtown Pike (exit #115), and going right into the city to parking. Second, retrace your path by going right on US-60; continue to follow US-60 past Versailles (bearing left this time), Keeneland and the airport into downtown Lexington. Third, if you prefer to hit charming Midway for lunch and to cheer your teammates on, turn right on US-60 and then immediately left on Shady Lane/KY-1681 to join the runners' route; however, when they turn left, stay straight until you hit a stop sign. Now, left on US-62 to enter Midway. Afterward enjoying Midway, continue in the same direction on US-62 to leave town and turn right on Leestown Rd/US-421. Follow until it becomes Main Street in Lexington.

Parking at the Finish

You are welcome to park anywhere you can find a safe and legal spot. If you are staying at one of the downtown hotels, we suggest you use their lot or parking garage. If not, there are several pay lots and garages located within a few blocks of the finish line. Due to the fact that Van 2 will be in a hurry, you may find the quickest option to be the lower parking area of Rupp Arena. Access this lot off Oliver Lewis Way between Main Street and Manchester Street. (Newtown Pike becomes Oliver Lewis at Main Street.)

C. A Few Leg Specifics!

Please remember that during The Chase we are guests – so please show respect to the communities and residents where we travel. Parking is especially important due to the danger that entering and exiting exchange points creates. It is not our desire to be party poopers; however, our priority is the safety of our participants and volunteers. Moreover, space is extremely valuable at many sites; we must maximize parking area. Therefore, it is crucial that all instructions be followed. You are NOT free to park wherever you like or wherever you find most convenient at the exchange points. Drivers unwilling to follow these directions and the instructions of staff at exchange points will find their teams heavily penalized or disqualified. That sounds mean – but we think it sounds a lot better than an injured runner or volunteer. In most cases, vans follow the same route as the active runner; however, there are a few exceptions to this rule. Therefore, please adhere to the following SPECIAL instructions:

Leg 1 (Van 1, Runner 1)

Leaving the parking lot at Jim Beam, you will see that the runners turn left onto a trail; whereas, the van continues straight and then turns left onto KY 245. Follow KY 245 to 6.0 miles and turn left on Deatsville Loop. (Easy to pass at 55 MPH - so set your odometer) Then, drive over the RR tracks and right on Cedar Grove Road for parking.

Leg 2 (Van 1, Runner 2)

Continue straight on Deatsville Road – runners will turn left. Proceed to stop sign and then left to re-enter KY 245. Runners turn left onto Withrow Ct., but vans continue on 245 and turn left on Nutter Drive. Parking is on the left in Guthrie Opportunity Center parking lot.

Leg 3 (Van 1, Runner 3)

When leaving Exchange 2, do not follow outgoing runners, but instead turn left out of parking lot onto Nutter Drive, and then turn right onto Withrow Ct., and follow until road ends at US 150/US 31E, then turning right and following into downtown Bardstown.

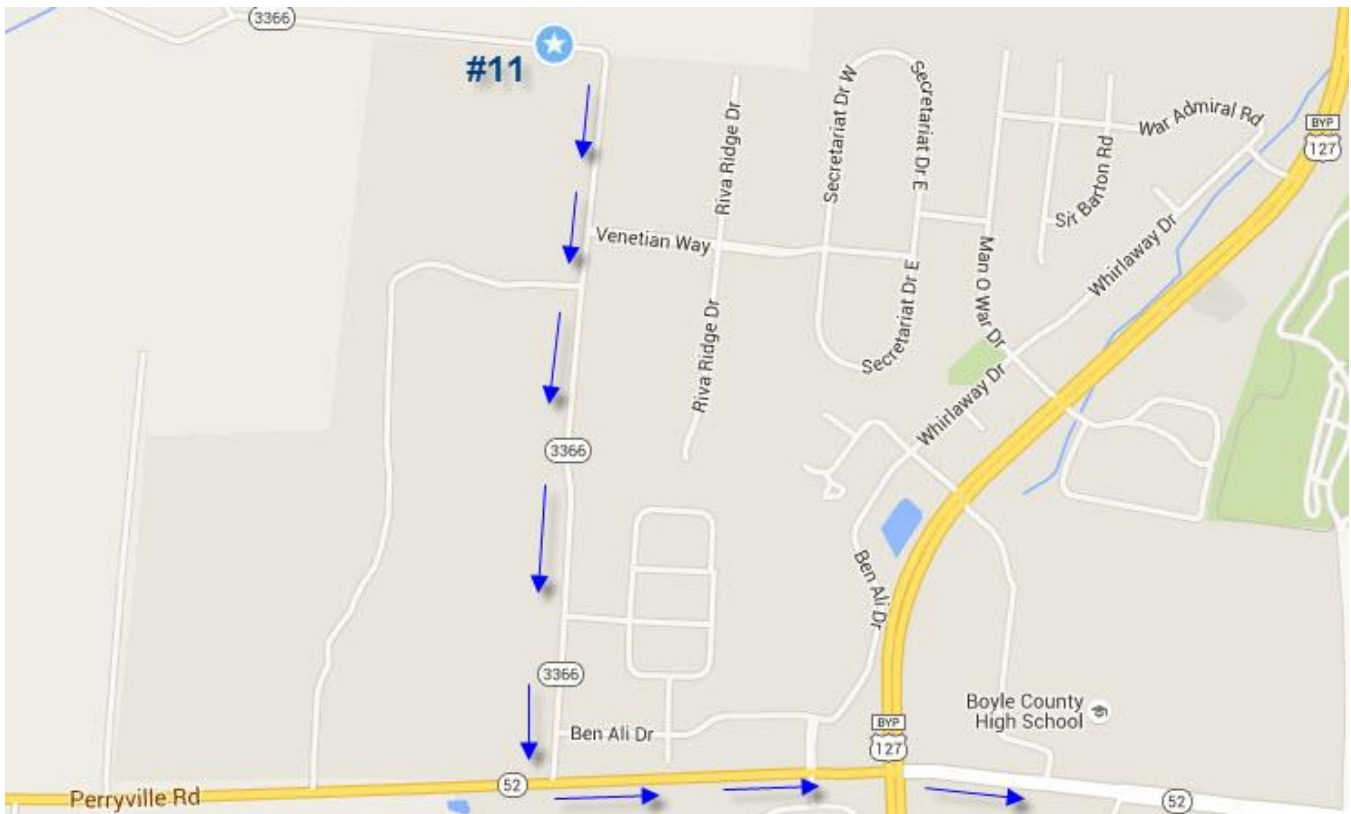
Leg 4 (Van 1, Runner 4)

At 1.3 miles (McDonalds) continue straight on US-150 (do NOT follow runner) for 4.2 miles before turning right on KY-605/Manton Rd. Take second right onto Greer Lane. Parking ONLY allowed on the right side of Greer Lane.



Leg 12 (Van 2, Runner 6)

Exit Exchange #11 by turning right out of parking area onto Bluegrass Pike (do NOT follow runners as they turn left onto Venetian Way). When you reach US-150 (gas station on left) turn left to drive into Danville.

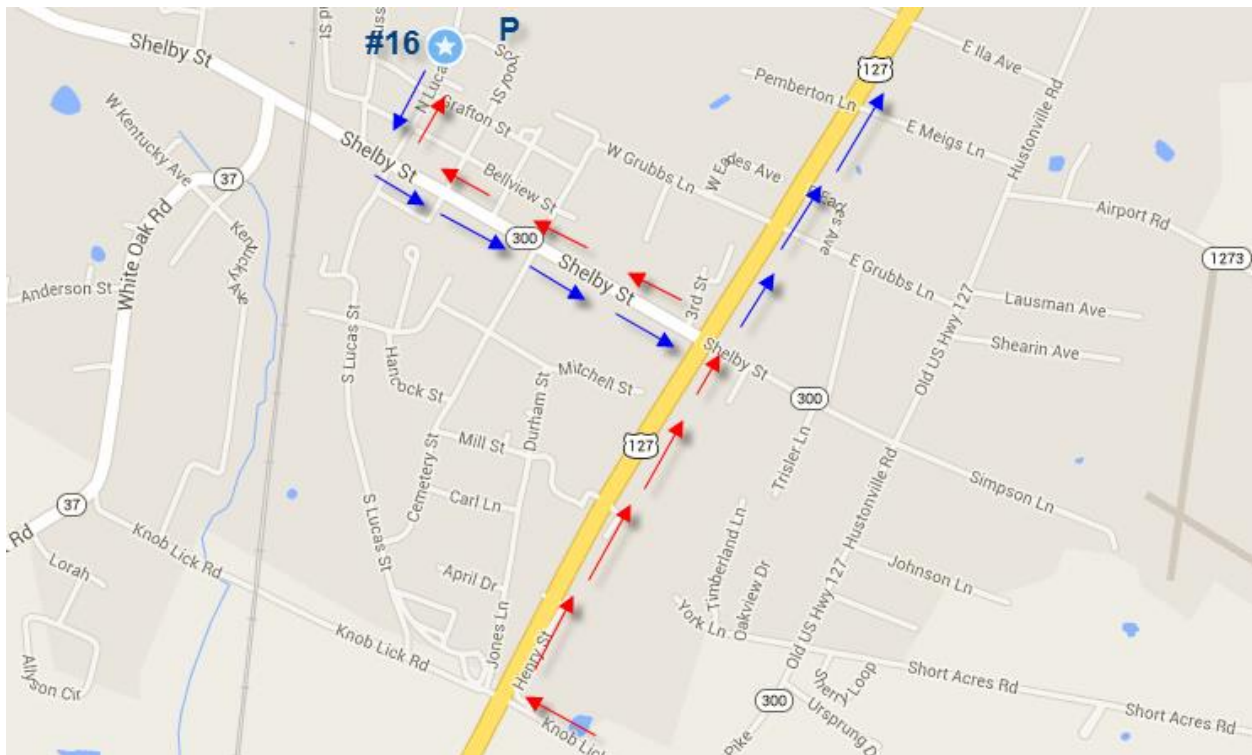


Leg 16 (Van 1, Runner 4)

Follow runners the first 5.3 miles. Runners cross US-127, but vans MUST turn right on US-127 and then left at the next traffic light onto Shelby Street. Turn right on the fifth street on the right – N. Lucas Street, where you will join back on the path of the runners. This is a residential area and we must maintain a strict Code of Silence here! (Feel free to yell and scream it out of your system at Exchange #15).

Leg 17 (Van 1, Runner 5)

Exit the school parking area by retracing your path - left on Shelby to return to US-127. Turn left for Danville.



Leg 20 (Van 2, Runner 2)

Enter parking area near runners' exchange, but then you will turn left on road behind store and park only on the right hand side of the road. Exit by following road straight until you return to US-127. Turn left to rejoin course.

Leg 22 (Van 2, Runner 4)

Parking is ONLY allowed past the exchange on Paxton Road and then, for the safety of the runners, ONLY on the right hand side of Paxton. Very crowded exchange area. Violators will be disqualified. Expect to walk a little!

Leg 23 (Van 2, Runner 5)

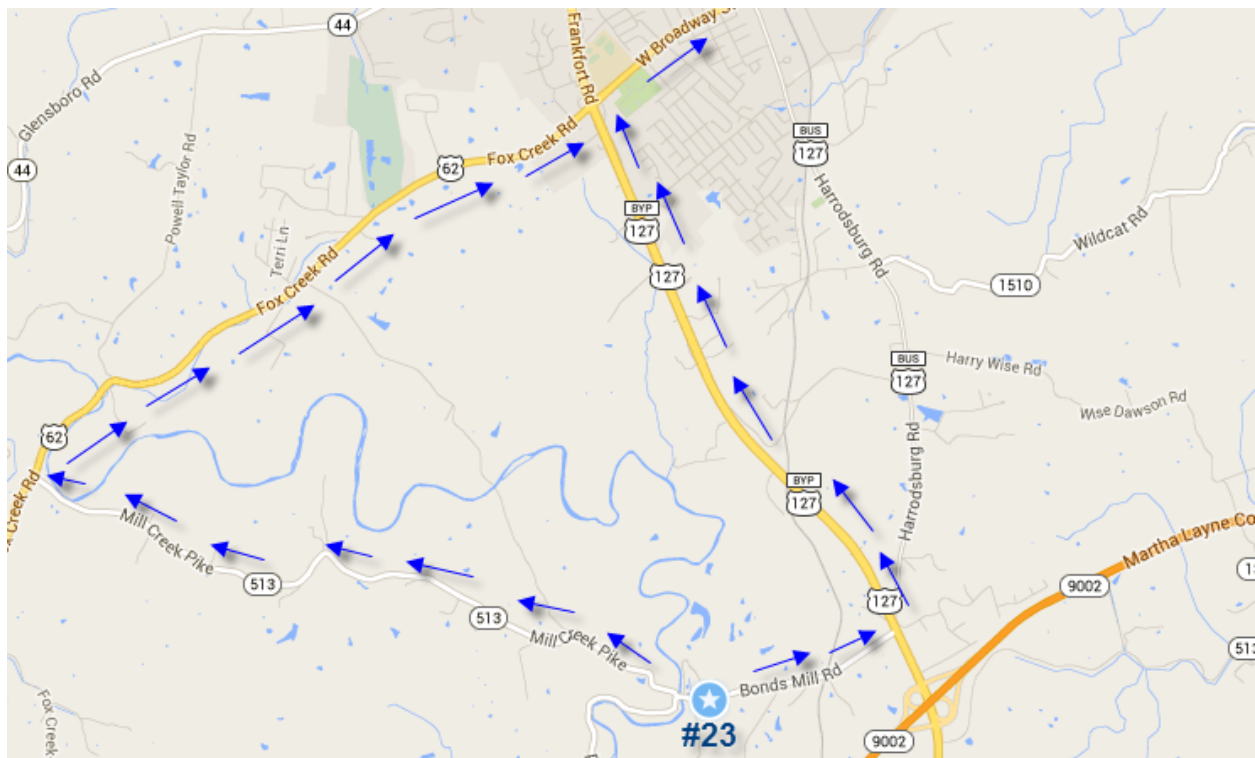
Extremely crowded exchange area! Follow signs and staff for entry, parking and exit. Compliance is mandatory for the safety of the runners. Zero toleration on non-complying teams.

Leg 24 (Van 2, Runner 6)

Based on where race officials direct you to park there are two options for exiting #23 and getting to #24.

Option 1 (west side of distillery) – Follow KY 513 / Mill Creek Pike for 4 miles until it ends at US-62. Turn right follow US-62 for 5 miles into Lawrenceburg until it ends at Main Street. Turn left on Main – signs for US-62 continues – follow through town center before turning right on Woodford Street – yes, this is still US-62. Follow for a few miles to reach Wild Turkey parking on the left.

Option 2 (east side of distillery) – follow KY 515 / Bonds Mill Rd to US-127. Turn left on US-127 and continue straight on US-127 Bypass for 3 miles - do NOT follow the runners by turning right on Business 127. Turn right on Broadway and follow the signs for US -62. When Broadway ends, continue following signs for US-62 by turning left on Main Street. Continue following US-62 by turning right on Woodford Street and follow a few miles to reach Wild Turkey parking on the left.



Leg 25 (Van 1, Runner 1)

First, don't wait around for your runner to receive the exchange! Getting out of this crowded place is going to take some time and the leg is only 3.4 miles. Hurry! Second, do NOT follow runners when they turn left on Milner (about 2.5 miles); instead, continue on US-62 to turn left on Steele Rd to reach exchange parking.

Leg 26 (Van 1, Runner 2)

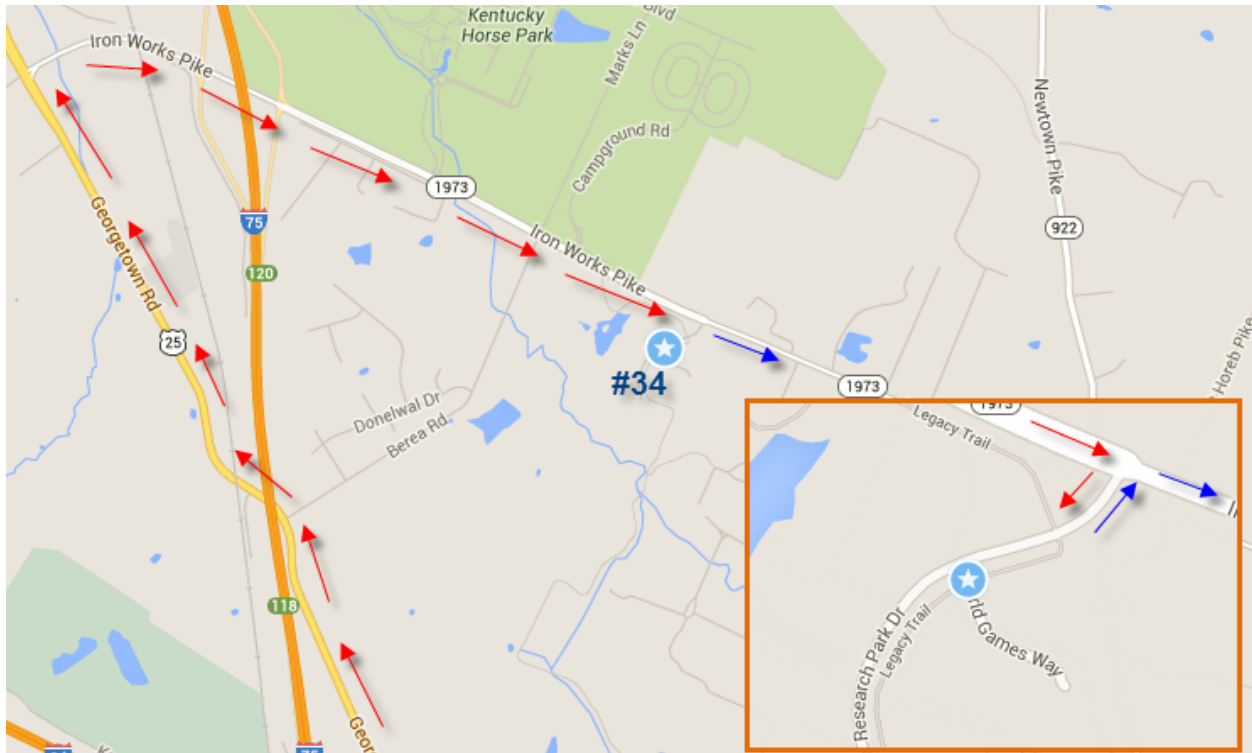
Do NOT follow runners! Exit #25 parking by turning left on Steele Rd, cross the train tracks and turn left on US-62. Follow for about 2.5 miles before turning left into the Falling Springs Park and Recreation Center.

Leg 28 (Van 1, Runner 4)

Follow runners into town, but turn left on Rose Hill Road at the first traffic light and then a quick right on Park Street.

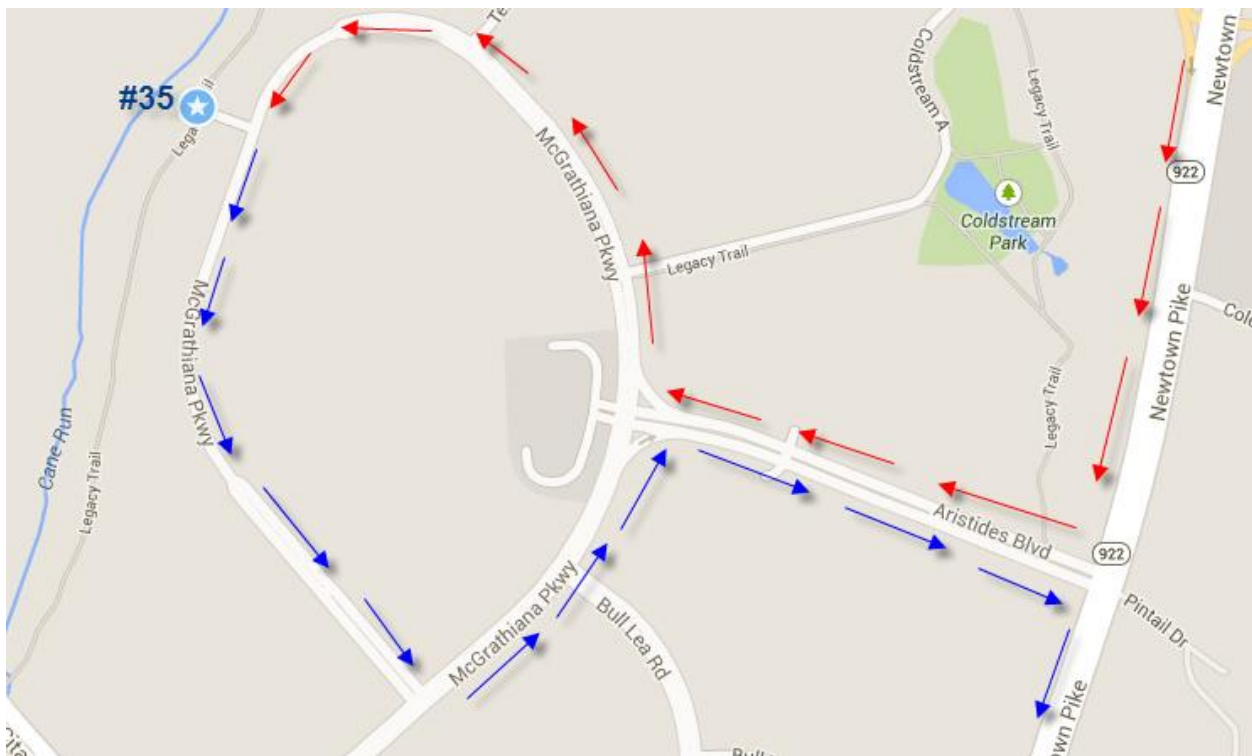
Leg 34 (Van 2, Runner 4)

Follow runners' route for the first 5 miles, but where runners turn right on Berea Rd - vans continue straight on US-25 / Georgetown Rd for another 1.5 miles before turning right at the next road – Iron Works Pike. Follow Iron Works Pike for 2 miles and then turn right on Research Park Drive to reach exchange parking.



Leg 35 (Van 2, Runner 5)

Exit #34 parking by turning right on Iron Works Pike; drive a mile and turn right on Newtown Pike; another 2 miles and you will drive under the Interstate; take the next right on Aristides Blvd; and bear right on McGrathiana Pkwy to circle around for parking.



Leg 36 (Van 2, Runner 6)

Exit #35 parking by continuing around the loop on McGrathiana Pkwy – stay on MCGrathiana Pkwy by turning left and then turn right on Aristides Blvd and another right to get back on Newtown Pike. Follow for over 2 miles to cross Main Street and access parking on the left at Manchester Street. Don't dillydally or you will miss your team's group finish!

