



# Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend



OC Owl and the Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend Power Crew warming up at the multi-use pathway outside of Pimisi Station.

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### Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend races: Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26

As the biggest multi-day race event in Canada, it draws in thousands of out of town visitors and 200,000 spectators. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Ottawa's marathon and because of this milestone event, it is the first time in several years the marathon has reached maximum capacity with 35,000 runners participating.

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#### Health and Fitness Expo: Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25

OC Owl has been invited to the Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend Health and Fitness Expo. Along with the OC Transpo Outreach Team, they will be there to promote transit and answer any questions you might have. Come by and say hi!

## How can I use transit to get around?

Skip traffic, forget about parking downtown, and avoid road closures by using O-Train Line 1 to travel to and through the downtown core. With three O-Train stations within 15-minutes of the start line, OC Transpo is the most convenient, accessible and eco-friendly way to get to and from the event safely.

Date	Service information
Saturday, May 25	Regular Saturday schedule.
Sunday, May 26	Service will begin early, at 5:00 am, and run every 15 minutes until 8:00 am. From 8:00 am, O-Train Line 1 will run a regular Sunday schedule.


O-Train Line 1 service during Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend, May 25-26:

## Picking up your race kit

Use transit to get to the Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend Health and Fitness Expo at Aberdeen Pavilion in Lansdowne Park:

 [Friday, May 24 from 8 am to 8 pm](#)  [Saturday, May 25 from 8 am to 6 pm](#)

**Routes 6 and 7** stop right in front of Lansdowne Park. Easily connect to these routes at Rideau, Billings Bridge, South Keys, or Greenboro stations, or at one of the many stops along Bank street, between Queen Street and Billings Bridge Station.

**Are you participating in the race? Ride OC Transpo buses and trains for free to the Fitness Expo on May 24 and 25 when picking up your race kit. Just show your ticket/event registration to the Bus Operator or call Customer Service at ticket machines in O-Train Line 1 stations.** 

## Getting to the start line and festivities

The Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend races start at Marion Dewar Festival Plaza (City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West):

 [Saturday, May 25 at 2:00 pm](#)  [Sunday, May 26 at 7:00 am](#)

Take **O-Train Line 1** to either uOttawa, Rideau, or Parliament stations, then walk approximately 15 minutes:

- **From uOttawa Station:** Exit the Station through the south, cross Colonel By Drive, turn right to walk along the Rideau Canal, right towards Laurier Avenue, left onto Laurier Avenue, and then left into Marion Dewar Plaza.
- **From Rideau Station:** Walk to and through Rideau Centre, following in-mall signage to the top floor, and toward Mackenzie King Bridge. Exit the mall, cross Mackenzie King Bridge, turn right.
  - Accessible walking route: Continue on Mackenzie King Bridge, turn left onto Elgin Street, left into Confederation Park towards Laurier Avenue, cross Laurier Avenue and arrive at Marion Dewar Plaza.
  - Inaccessible walking route: From Mackenzie King Bridge, take the stairs on your left down and walk through Confederation Park towards Laurier Avenue, cross Laurier Avenue and arrive at Marion Dewar Plaza.
- **From Parliament Station:** Walk northeast on Queen Street, turn right onto O'Connor Street, left onto Slater Avenue, cross Elgin Street, walk through Confederation Park towards Laurier Avenue, cross Laurier Avenue and arrive at Marion Dewar Plaza.

## Convenient travel and fares

Take the scenic route and stroll, jog, or even bike along the Rideau Canal from Lansdowne Park to City Hall. Your bike is welcome aboard any train or bus, as the [Rack & Roll](#) program is year-round and all buses are equipped with a bike rack. You can also take advantage of supervised [Secure Bike Parking at City Hall](#) during race hours, offered for free by [Velofix Ottawa](#) on Saturdays and Sundays.

If travelling from outside the downtown core, there are many [Park & Ride](#) lots across Ottawa that offer free parking for attendees using transit.

With [O-Payment](#), all fare readers on buses and fare gates at O-Train Line 1 stations accept Visa, Mastercard, and mobile wallet options such as Apple Pay and Google Pay.

Don't forget: If you're 12 years old or younger, [Kids Go Free](#) all day, everyday. If you're 13 years old or older, on weekends you and a friend can ride together on a single fare with the [2-for-1 DayPass](#).

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