

BALTIMORE PACER GUIDE FOR THE BALTIMORE MARATHON 2013

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26.2 mile tour around Baltimore City (mile markers are approximate)

25 of the sights you will see during the Marathon – there are more but these are the highlights

1. Start Line: M&T Bank Stadium/Oriole Park at Camden Yards – Home of the Baltimore Ravens Football Team and the Baltimore Orioles Baseball Team. Ravens Stadium was built in 1998 and holds 71,008 people. It was named M&T Bank Stadium in 2003. Oriole Park was completed in 1992 and celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2012. The stadium holds 45,971.
2. Mile 3 – Maryland Zoo in Druid Hill Park – Home to over 2000 animals and generally considered to be the third oldest zoological park in the USA. It opened in 1876. We do not enter the zoo this year.
3. Mile 3.5 - Druid Hill Park – along with Fairmont Park in Philadelphia and Central Park in NYC, Druid Hill Park is one of the oldest landscaped parks in the country.
4. Mile 4 – Druid Hill Lake – Fed from the Jones Falls in Baltimore County and is used for drinking water purposes. Construction was completed in 1871. Surface area is 48 acres with a length of 3000 feet. The loop around the lake is about 1.5 miles. Great place to run or bike.
5. Mile 5.7 (relay exchange point) -Johns Hopkins University – founded in 1876. At the time the \$7 million bequest was the largest philanthropic donation on record. Johns Hopkins had the crazy first name of “Johns” with an “S.” He was named after his mother’s maiden name. The campus is 140 acres.
6. Mile 7.5 – Pennsylvania Station - Baltimore (Train Station) Built in 1911 in the Beaux-Arts Style for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Penn Station is the 8th busiest rail station in the USA by number of passengers served (953,170 passengers in 2011). In 2004 the City of Baltimore, through its public arts program, commissioned noted sculptor Jonathan Borofsky to create a 51 foot tall aluminum statue entitled Male/Female. You will see it to the right as we pass Penn Station.
7. Mile 8 – St. Paul and Monument Street – BONUS LOCATION – 2 highlights for the price of one! A. To the right is Johns Hopkins Peabody Institute founded in 1857. It is the second oldest continuously operating music conservatory in the United States. Oberlin College’s Conservatory of Music is the oldest. B. If you look to the right as you pass Monument Street you will see the Washington Monument (not the one in DC but the one in Baltimore). Construction was completed in 1829 and has 228 steps to the top. The Washington Monument in DC was completed in 1884 (55 years AFTER the one in Baltimore!!!)
8. Mile 9 and 13 -Baltimore’s Inner Harbor – as you pass the Harbor you will be running on the same street that was used for the Baltimore Grand Prix.
9. Mile 10 – American Visionary Arts Museum (mirrors/mosaics on the building...will see it also coming back at mile 12). Founded in 1995. Displays self-taught, intuitive contributions of all kinds that are recognized, championed and explored in a clear, strong voice.
10. Mile 11 - You will see a huge Under Armour logo. This is UA’s headquarters. It is called Tide Point because P&G used to have production manufacturing facilities there and Tide is now the name of one of the buildings. Other buildings on the campus are called Cheer, Joy, Ivory, Cascade, and Dawn.
11. Mile 11 - Domino Sugar plant. You will probably be able to smell the sugar cane being processed. The large neon Domino Sugars (yes it has a final “s”) sign is as big as a basketball court. The dot over the “i” (in Domino) is actually a star and is about 6 feet tall. The capital D (in Domino) is about 32 feet tall, the lowercase G (in Sugars) is about 18 feet tall and the final S (in Sugars) is about 10 feet tall. It costs about \$70,000 / year to power and maintain.

12. Mile 11.5 – Baltimore Museum of Industry - the 100,000 objects the BMI holds document the often-overlooked people in history-the workers, small business people, and citizens who built America.
13. Mile 12.7 – Maryland Science Center (relay exchange point and just before the start of the half marathon) opened in 1976 and includes a planetarium and observatory, as well as an IMAX movie theater.
14. Mile 13 - Back at the Harbor you will see the USS Constellation (tall sailing ship). It was launched in 1854
15. Mile 13.5 - The National Aquarium which opened in 1981 is located in Baltimore (and not DC.) It contains 16,500 specimens representing 660 species. In 2003, separate aquariums in Baltimore, MD, and Washington, DC, joined as one “National Aquarium.”
16. Mile 13.5 - The guitar over the Hard Rock Café is 68 feet. When it was built, it was the world’s largest guitar. The largest is allegedly in Bristol, TN and is 70 foot. The world’s largest playable guitar is in the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh. It is 43.5 foot long and 16 foot wide Gibson (Thanks to Wikipedia)
17. Mile 13.5 - Then you will see the US Coast Guard Cutter Taney. The last surviving warship from Pearl Harbor
18. Mile 14 - We run over cobblestone for about 25 yards. Anyone know how many cobblestones there are? (I don’t know either, but I am sure people will have good guesses!)
19. Mile 16 - Patterson Park – in the War of 1812 the Battle of Baltimore took place there (TRIVIA ITEM: actually took place in 1814)
20. Mile 17.5 – Johns Hopkins Hospital – typically rated the number 1 hospital in the country (In 2013 it was rated number 1 again after falling to number 2 in 2012).
21. Mile 19 (relay exchange point) Clifton Park – Once owned by Johns Hopkins (the person). The octagonal building you see as you get to the top is actually a water transporter. There were 8 valves which supplied water for the entire village.
22. Miles 20 and 21 - Lake Montebelo is a reservoir that provides water to Baltimore City and the loop around the lake is 1.3 miles. Great place to run or bike.
23. Mile 23 - Guilford and 28th Street – There is usually someone dressed as a Tiger and is dancing to “Eye of the Tiger” from the Rocky movie. Good motivation spot!
24. Mile 23.5 - 29th and Howard – left in front of Johns Hopkins Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. All Sig Eps in the country have a red door. It is supposed to be welcoming. Their slogan is Virtue, Diligence, and Brotherly Love. The fraternity volunteers to operate the water stop (mile 24) not too far from that left turn on Howard Street. Say hi and thank the JHU Sig Ep Fraternity brothers!
25. Mile 25 - Bromo Seltzer Tower (can be seen at this point) – Built in 1911 and the tallest building in Baltimore at that time. Bromo Seltzer is a headache remedy (might work for aching muscles and feet too?). The dial on the clock face on the upper levels of the tower are 24 feet in diameter and the hour and minute hands are 12 feet and 10 feet tall! Building is actually at 25.75 miles.

Once you cross the street into Camden Yards the spectators line the plaza to cheer you on for the last .5 mile to the finish line!

Congratulate yourselves on a job well done!