

# Directions to Marietta Boat Launch for Kayak Drop Off

Personal kayaks should be dropped off at the Marietta Boat Launch area. Our volunteers will be ready to help you beginning at 6:30 am. Our volunteers will label your kayak and paddles for you. Remember that you are required to wear a life vest at all times during the kayaking leg and to be equipped with a whistle. You may leave personal water items with your kayak. It is suggested that you mark your bagged item(s) with your bib number so that it can be placed with a matching numbered kayak or kayak berth.

***To our team entrants:*** Although our registration form instructed kayakers to remain at the Marietta boat launch, we've re-thought the process. Once the kayak is dropped off, both team members should report to Columbia River Park. This will ensure that the vehicle that transported the kayak will be at the endpoint of the competition. Both members of the team should board **Bus #1**. This bus will stop at the Vesta Furnace Building outside the Marietta Boat Launch to drop off the team kayaker. The runner should note this stop location; this same bus will pick up the runners from the team and bring them back to Columbia River Park once all team runners have finished their running leg and are aboard the bus.

If you rented a kayak, our volunteers will label it for you when it is dropped off from Shank's Mare or Chiques Rock Outfitters. You may wish to drop off personal water items to be placed with your kayak. It is suggested that you mark your bagged item(s) with your bib number so that it can be placed with a matching numbered kayak or kayak berth.

*Personal kayaks must meet any/all requirements of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission which state, in part, that watercraft must have Personal Flotation Device on board and be equipped with a sound-emitting device (such as a whistle.) **Please note that the Marietta Boat Ramp is regulated by the PA Fish & Boat Commission. Unpowered boats are required to have a launch permit or to be registered. Visit [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com) for more details or to purchase the necessary permitting for your kayak.***

ALL kayaks, rented or personal, will be marked with your Bib number for ease of finding later. We use duct tape and a sharpie marker. We will also be marking your left arm with your Bib number using a sharpie marker. It is easier for the timer to spot your arm than your bib when you are on the water. In the case of teams, only the team kayaker needs to have their left arm labeled.

## **GPS Users:**

Enter this physical address for Marietta River Park: Robert Mowrer Dr, Marietta PA 17547. **(Please note: Google Maps incorrectly names this Robert Mowder Dr.)**

## **From the WEST (York area)**

Rt 30 to the Columbia/Marietta Rt 441 Exit. (You will see our Visitors Center at the end of the Exit.)

Turn RIGHT onto Linden St then proceed to the traffic light.

Turn RIGHT at traffic light at the Turkey Hill Experience.

Proceed North on Rt 441 toward Marietta to traffic light at Rt 23/Rt 441 intersection.

Turn LEFT at the light at Market St.

Turn LEFT onto Clay St.

Turn LEFT onto Hazel St and then RIGHT onto Furnace Rd.

Furnace Road becomes Robert Mowrer Rd and leads you into the boat launch area.

## **From the EAST (Lancaster area)**

Rt 30 to the Columbia/Marietta Rt 441 Exit.

Turn RIGHT onto Rt 441 North.

Proceed North on Rt 441 toward Marietta to traffic light at Rt 23/Rt 441 intersection.

Turn LEFT at the light at Market St.

Turn LEFT onto Clay St.

Turn LEFT onto Hazel St and then RIGHT onto Furnace Rd.

Furnace Road becomes Robert Mowrer Rd and leads you into the boat launch area.

## Directions to Columbia River Park (located off Front & Walnut Streets)

### **GPS Users:**

Enter this physical address for Columbia River Park: 10 Walnut St, Columbia PA 17512.

### **From the WEST (York area)**

Rt 30 to the Columbia/Marietta R. 441 Exit. (You will see our Visitors Center at the end of the Exit.)  
Turn RIGHT onto Linden St then proceed to the traffic light.  
Turn LEFT at traffic light at the Turkey Hill Experience.  
Go straight through next traffic light (Chestnut St).  
Continue one more block to Walnut Street - turn RIGHT onto Walnut St.  
Continue on Walnut St passing 2nd St and then across Front St and over the Rail Road tracks.  
The Columbia River Park will be ahead of you on the right.

### **From the EAST (Lancaster area)**

Rt 30 to the Columbia/Marietta R. 441 Exit.  
Turn LEFT onto Rt 441 South (which becomes Third St).  
Go straight through next two traffic lights (at Linden St and at Chestnut Streets).  
Go one block to Walnut St, turn RIGHT onto Walnut St.  
Continue on Walnut passing 2nd St. and then across Front St. and over the Rail Road tracks.  
The Columbia River Park will be ahead of you on the right.

### **From the Marietta Boat Launch**

Exit the Marietta Boat Launch area using Robert Mowrer Dr.  
Bear left onto Furnace Rd in front of the Vesta Furnace Building.  
Turn right onto Hazel Ave.  
Turn right onto Rt 441 South (which becomes Third St).  
Go straight through next two traffic lights (at Linden St and at Chestnut Streets).  
Go one block to Walnut St, turn RIGHT onto Walnut St.  
Continue on Walnut passing 2nd St. and then across Front St. and over the Rail Road tracks.  
The Columbia River Park will be ahead of you on the right.

## Directions to Columbia Municipal Parking Lot (located off Front & Locust Streets)

### **GPS Users:**

Enter this physical address for Columbia Municipal Parking Lot: 100 Locust St, Columbia PA 17512.

### **From the WEST (York area)**

Rt 30 to the Columbia/Marietta R. 441 Exit. (You will see our Visitors Center at the end of the Exit.)  
Turn RIGHT onto Linden St then proceed to the traffic light.  
Turn LEFT at traffic light at the Turkey Hill Experience.  
Go straight through next traffic light (Chestnut St).  
Continue two more blocks to light at Locust Street - turn RIGHT onto Locust St.  
Continue two blocks on Locust St.  
The Columbia Municipal Parking Lot will be on the left.

### **From the EAST (Lancaster area)**

Rt 30 to the Columbia/Marietta R. 441 Exit.  
Turn LEFT onto Rt 441 South (which becomes Third St).  
Go straight through next two traffic lights (at Linden St and at Chestnut Streets).

Continue two more blocks to light at Locust Street - turn RIGHT onto Locust St.  
Continue two blocks on Locust St.  
The Columbia Municipal Parking Lot will be on the left.

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Bear left onto Furnace Rd in front of the Vesta Furnace Building.  
Turn right onto Hazel Ave.  
Turn right onto Rt 441 South (which becomes Third St).  
Go straight through next two traffic lights (at Linden St and at Chestnut Streets).  
Continue two more blocks to light at Locust Street - turn RIGHT onto Locust St.  
Continue two blocks on Locust St.  
The Columbia Municipal Parking Lot will be on the left.

## Other Chiques Challenge Notes

After dropping off your kayak, proceed to the Columbia River Park. T-shirts and bibs will be given to you upon signing in. Your left arm will be labeled at this time. Use local restroom facilities, and then board the bus. It will leave promptly at 8:00 am.

**Water Station and Restroom Facility:** This year the water stop will be located at the Marietta transition area. A portable toilet will also be located in this area before the stone archway. There will not be a water station on the running route.

### **For those who want to know The Course:**

The course begins North of Marietta in East Donegal Township River Park. Shuttle buses transport you to this location. The first portion of the course uses the North West Trail (hard surface) which ends near Decatur Street in Marietta. Exit the Northwest River Trail, running under the railroad tunnel onto Decatur Street. Turn right onto West Market Street. Turn right onto Perry Street. Turn left onto West Front Street. Continue on this street as it becomes East Front Street. Do not run the wrong direction onto the one way section of this street. Turn left onto South Bank Street. Turn right onto Hazel Avenue. Turn right onto Furnace Road. Veer right onto Robert Mowrer Drive, heading for the railroad tunnel and Marietta Boat Access just beyond. A water station, portable toilet, and kayaks are located here. ***See the map linked to our website.***

Throughout the course you will find arrows chalked onto the course to indicate the path to be followed as well as marks indicating the 1, 2, and 3 mile marks if you wish to check your time. There will also be flags along the course and a volunteer or two at some turning points.

### **There will be medals and cash awards...**

Medal and \$75 to Overall Male and Overall Female using combined times (40 and over)  
Medal and \$75 to Overall Male and Overall Female using combined times (under 40)  
Medal and \$50 to Runner Up Male and Runner Up Female using combined times (40 and over)  
Medal and \$50 to Runner Up Male and Runner Up Female using combined times (under 40)  
Medals and \$100 for the Top Team (average age 40 and over)  
Medals and \$100 for the Top Team (average age under 40)  
Medal to Fastest Male and Fastest Female Runner – fastest runner  
Medal to Fastest Male and Fastest Female Kayaker – fastest kayaker

### **And three random cash drawings using Bib numbers.**

Light refreshments provided to you at the end of the kayak portion at Columbia River Park (drinks, granola bars)