



USA 2026 Marathon Trials and National Championships Bulletin 1 – Contacts, Venue, Lodging and Groceries

The following information is provided to assist athletes, coaches, officials and support staff in making arrangements to attend the USA Marathon Trials and National Championships. Attendees are encouraged to do their own research to find the best fit on lodging, restaurants and groceries.

Event Contacts

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Venue – [link](#)

2650 Russell State Park Drive
Elberton, GA 30635
Elbert County

GPS Coordinates
N 34.1672220 | W -82.7503970

Hours

Park 7 a.m.–10 p.m.

Office 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Pro Shop 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Arrowhead Pointe Café 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.



Note: There is a daily Park Pass fee of \$10 per vehicle. The fee is included in event registrations, but you must check in at the park office just beyond the park entrance to obtain the park pass. Attendees with a valid Georgia State annual park pass may use that pass during the event.

Campsites, RV Sites and RV Rentals – [link](#)

Richard B. Russell State Park - limited sites available starting at \$38 per night.

Sunset Ridge Campground – RV sites, [link](#)

RVs can be rented at JenEric Adventures, [link](#)

Hotels

The following hotels are located in Elberton, Georgia, the closest town to the venue. Additional hotels can be found in Athens, Hartwell and Washington, Georgia, but the drive to the venue is longer.

The Samuel Elbert Hotel – [link](#) – \$139/night and up
4 South Public Square
Elberton, GA 30635
762-533- 0049

Quality Inn Elberton – [link](#) – \$87/night and up
925 Elbert Street
Elberton, GA 30635
706-408-5007

Econo Lodge Elberton – [link](#) – \$66/night and up
970 Elbert Street
Elberton, GA 30635
706-283-8811

Days Inn by Wyndham Elberton – [link](#) – \$92/night and up
302 Elbert Street
Elberton, GA 30635
706-408-4167

Groceries

Engles Markets
901 Lower Heard Street
Elberton, GA 30635
706-283-8445

Walmart
955 Elbert Street
Elberton, GA 30635
406-283-8660

