



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### REGISTRATION

#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Absolutely everyone can take part in this family-friendly event.

#### HOW MUCH DO I NEED TO RAISE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE?

There is no minimum; however, this is a fundraiser to support our Turn the Map Green campaign. We encourage our participants to set goals, and your first \$10 raised earns you a chance to win prizes (so does your first \$50 and every \$50 after that)!

#### IS THIS A SANCTIONED 5K RACE?

This is a fun-run and as such is NOT sanctioned by Athletics Canada.

It is important to remember that the race isn't about the time you finish in - it is about having fun in nature, everyone participating and raising money towards a common goal: Turning the Map Green. A little competition doesn't hurt though! Invite a friend or your local running club.

#### WHO SHOULD REGISTER AND WHEN?

Everyone who is attending, including children, must register in advance through our online registration system, or register on the day of at one of the sign in desks. **Registration is FREE.** Registering provides you with an easy platform to manage your donations; it also gives your friends and family the opportunity to easily sponsor you. Registering also ensures that you are eligible for prizes and refreshments.

#### SHOULD I START A TEAM OR JOIN AS AN INDIVIDUAL?

This year we are doing things a little differently – we have five pre-determined teams that we are asking you join. All are welcome, they are not by invitation only, and you don't have to be approved. The team you decide to join is based on your personal preference. Join a team on your own or bring your friends and family!

#### IS THERE A MAX NUMBER OF WALKERS/RUNNERS WHO CAN JOIN A TEAM?

No. A team can be any size - the more the merrier and the more members participating, the greater the impact...and fun!

## DONATIONS

### HOW CAN DONORS SPONSOR ME OR MY TEAM?

There are a number of ways!

Donate online: every walker/runner/team creates a personal online fundraising page at the time of registration. Fundraising online is simple, secure and safe, and donations from your donors will appear immediately on your personal/team page so you can track your success. You can also customize this page with a photo and special message. Donations made online will receive a tax receipt via email.

Offline: You may also receive donations from family and friends in the form of cash or cheque. Please be sure to record these donations and the donor's complete address on your [pledge form](#). These donations are to be turned in on event day at the sign-in area along with a hard copy of your pledge form.

Please note that in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency, tax receipts can only be issued if a full address is provided. If you are collecting donations offline, don't forget to jot down the donors full mailing address.

### WHERE DO I GET DONATION PLEDGE FORMS?

Donation pledge forms can be [downloaded by clicking on this link](#). They are also on our website at raresites.org under Things to Do, **Walk & Run for rare**. Alternatively, you can stop by our administrative building at Lamb's Inn to pick one up at the front desk. All offline donations must be filled out, regardless of the amount. This is the best way to ensure that each donation is applied correctly to your fundraising total and so donors who give \$10 or more can be issued their official tax receipt.

### CAN I CONTINUE TO COLLECT DONATIONS AFTER THE EVENT?

Absolutely! The event site will remain open until the end of October, so your online fundraising can continue long after the event is over. Fundraising after the event is a great way to continue to build your team spirit and continue to raise awareness about **rare** and Turn the Map Green.

### ARE DONATIONS TAX DEDUCTIBLE?

Yes. Donations of \$10 or more will be issued a charitable tax receipt, and donors should allow for 6-10 weeks after the event to receive it. Donations made online will receive an automatic email receipt immediately following the credit card transaction.

## EVENT DAY

### WHAT HAPPENS IN CASE OF RAIN?

The **Walk & Run for rare** will take place rain or shine – unless Environment Canada advises not to go outdoors - so don't forget to prepare for the weather!

### HOW LONG IS THE WALK & RUN?

The route is 5k long – it takes the average walker an hour, stopping at interpretive stops along the way. It will take the average runner 30 minutes, keeping in mind that they will not be stopping for the interpretive stops (unless they choose too)!

### WHAT SHOULD I BRING ON EVENT DAY?

The most important thing to bring is a positive attitude. We want you to enjoy yourself and celebrate the fact that we all came together to help create awareness for a common goal. In addition to that, you should also bring your [pledge forms](#) with any cash and cheque donations, comfy shoes for walking or running, and appropriate clothing for the weather – if it's sunny, a hat and sunscreen are a must! We also encourage you to bring a refillable water bottle.

### IS THERE A BAGGAGE CHECK?

There is no official baggage check, however, for those that are not able to leave items in their locked vehicles, they will be able to leave them in a container in a locked facility at Riverbluffs Park which will then be transferred to the **rare** ECO Centre (the location of the **Walk & Run for rare** closing celebration), at participants own risk. For this reason, we ask that everyone pack light and bring only what you need.

### WILL THERE BE REFRESHMENTS AT THE EVENT?

Light refreshments will be available before the **Walk & Run for rare** begins, and a complimentary BBQ will be provided afterwards. There will also be a water station, so we encourage you to bring a refillable water bottle.

### HOW DO I GET BACK TO RIVERBLUFFS PARK?

There will a shuttle service leaving periodically from our **rare** ECO Centre to Riverbluffs Park, starting at 11:00 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. Please note that if you are bringing your pet, they will not be allowed on the shuttle bus. Many of our walkers do choose to walk back to Riverbluffs Park along the Grand Trunk Trail.

### ARE PETS ALLOWED?

We love our four-legged family members as much as you love yours, however, because of the fragile eco-system we work so hard to preserve **rare** prohibits dogs on certain trails and requires they remain on leash on others. If you are going to bring your pet please note that they must stay on the main Grand Trunk trail path (they will not be allowed to take the side trails with the interpretive stops); they must stay on a leash at all times; you must clean up after them; they are not allowed inside the **rare** ECO centre buildings; and they will not be permitted to take the shuttle bus back to the starting point. We will have water bowls available at the end point for our furry friends to rehydrate!

### ARE STROLLERS AND WHEELCHAIRS ALLOWED?

Of course they are! However, the side trails with the interpretive stops are not suited for strollers or wheelchairs and for safety reasons they will need to stick to the main Grand Trunk trail.

### ARE BIKES, ROLLERBLADES, OR SKATEBOARDS ALLOWED?

With apologies, but for everyone's safety, we cannot allow any of these on the **Walk & Run for rare**.

### ARE THERE WASHROOMS AVAILABLE?

Washrooms will be provided at the start and finish of the race.

### WHERE DO I PARK?

There is parking available at Riverbluffs Park, however, it fills up quickly, and in the instance that this parking lot is full please refer to the [Public Parking in Galt City Center link](#).

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### DOES EVERYONE RECEIVE A WALK & RUN FOR **rare** T-SHIRT?

Our commemorative **2016 Walk & Run for rare** t-shirt is offered as an incentive prize for raising funds. Participants who raise \$100 or more will be eligible to receive the incentive t-shirt at the walk/run. In order to help us accommodate proper sizing we are asking that you ensure your online donations reflect \$100 or more no later than September 1. If you raise \$100 after September 1, t-shirts will be on a first come first serve basis on the day of the walk/run, although we will do our best to accommodate all sizes. If you raise \$100 in offline donations before September 1, get in contact with Erika at 519-650-9336 x. 122 or [erika.kastner@raresites.org](mailto:erika.kastner@raresites.org) to work out the details.

### IF I DON'T PICK UP MY T-SHIRT AT THE EVENT, WILL IT BE MAILED TO ME?

To reduce costs and ensure that more dollars are directed to Turn the Map Green, t-shirts will only be available on walk/run day. We will do our best to ensure that eligible participants receive a shirt in the size of their choice, however, when this is not possible another size may have to be substituted.

## FUNDING REWARDS

### ARE THERE REWARDS FOR FUNDRAISING?

There will be fundraising door prizes! All registered participants will earn a chance to win with their first \$10 raised, a second chance with their first \$50 raised, and another chance for every \$50 after that. So, if you raise \$100 you will get three chances to win a fundraising door prize, \$150 is four chances, \$200 is five and so on.

Every registered participant who raises \$100 or more will receive a commemorative t-shirt.

Didn't answer your question? Still need more information? Get in touch with Erika at 519-650-9336 x 122, or [erika.kastner@raresites.org](mailto:erika.kastner@raresites.org) and she'll be happy to help.