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Garmin Kansas City Marathon to Feature a New Course in 2021

KANSAS CITY, MO (April 14, 2021) – The [Garmin Kansas City Marathon](#) will introduce a [new course](#) in 2021 that features a start and finish line at Kansas City’s world-renowned Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The Finish Line Festival Presented by [T-Mobile](#) will take place in Theis Park, located just south of the start/finish.

Scheduled to take place in-person on **Saturday, October 16, 2021**, the Garmin Kansas City Marathon is Kansas City’s largest and most exciting annual race event that takes runners on a tour through the coolest neighborhoods and past the most beautiful landmarks including the World War I Museum and Memorial, the Country Club Plaza, Waldo, Westport, the 18th & Vine Jazz District and more. Additional protocols will be implemented for this year’s race to ensure the safety of participants, volunteers and staff. Distance options for participation include a 5K, 10K, Half Marathon presented by Geico and Full Marathon.

“We look forward to welcoming the Garmin Kansas City Marathon to the beautiful Nelson-Atkins,” said Julián Zugazagoitia, Menefee D. and Mary Louise Blackwell CEO & Director of the Nelson-Atkins. “We have spent the past year apart, and so this event feels like a celebratory occasion. Strolling through our sculpture park would be a perfect way for runners to cap their experience and enjoy the beauty of art.”

“Garmin is thrilled to support Kansas City’s largest marathon as it introduces a new course that allows runners to experience the iconic skyline in a new way,” said Susan Lyman, Garmin Vice President of Global Consumer Marketing. “This year’s course will offer runners of all levels an opportunity to chase down their next PR, celebrate their accomplishments and ‘Beat Yesterday.’ “

The Garmin Kansas City Marathon has been named one of Trip Advisor’s “50 U.S. Road Races to Attempt in your Lifetime.” It was recognized by RaceRaves, the leading online race finder and community review site for runners, as the “**Best Marathon in Missouri**.” Finally, it was rated one of the top 20 Marathons on BibRave.com thus qualifying for “The BibRave 100: A Definitive List of the Best Races in America.”

“We are thrilled to be able to host the race in person this year,” says Dave Borchardt, Race Director of the Garmin Kansas City Marathon. “We’re always looking for ways to keep the event fresh and exciting – and introducing a new course is the perfect way to do that. I think both experienced and novice runners will love the changes we’ve made, and we hope they will join us as we celebrate running in Kansas City on October 16.”

Visit kcmarathon.org for more information and to register.

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