

# CALENDAR

## APRIL

### 1 Half-Marathon of the Harbors & Harbors 5-K

Ventura, California  
1,300 RUNNERS

#### WHY RUN IT?

For a *real* wave start.



This flat, PR-friendly course (above) winds through breezy beachfront neighborhoods along the Pacific Ocean. At various points on the course enjoy stunning views of the Channel Islands.

[competegreen.com/hoh](http://competegreen.com/hoh)

### 7 Jamestown Bridge 10-K

North Kingstown, Rhode Island  
1,500 RUNNERS

#### WHY RUN IT?

To run over water.

Sweeping views of the

Narragansett Bay surround you as you climb to the peak of the Jamestown Bridge (twice), the highlight of this challenging course. Nearly five miles of this race are run atop the bridge. You can take a breather as you wind through Jamestown before heading back over the bridge and toward the finish (which also comes after a steep climb).

[trimomprod.com](http://trimomprod.com)

### 14 Cupcake Classic Backwards Mile

Olympia, Washington  
500 RUNNERS

#### WHY RUN IT?

To run in reverse.

In this race let your behind lead the way—and toward a cupcake feast at the finish line. Try your best to stay upright in front of the cheering crowds lining the course alongside Capitol Lake in downtown Olympia. Proceeds from the Classic benefit breast- and childhood-cancer research.

[guerillarunning.com](http://guerillarunning.com)

### 14 Martian Invasion of Races

Dearborn, Michigan  
6,000 RUNNERS

#### WHY RUN IT?

To dominate the solar system.

Park your “space-ship” and prepare to kick some Martian butt at this “interplanetary” running festival that features a 5-K, 10-K, half-marathon, and marathon. Runners speed past the

hundreds of fluorescent aliens that line each of the courses. At the finish be sure to pick up the Martian head-inspired medal.

[martianmarathon.com](http://martianmarathon.com)

### 28 Seneca7 Relay Race

Geneva, New York  
1,200 RUNNERS

#### WHY RUN IT?

To be a team player.

Seven-member relay teams traverse a 77.77-mile single loop around the Northeast’s deepest lake, Seneca Lake (below, left). With the start and finish lines at Geneva’s Lakefront Park, each runner completes three separate legs throughout the course of the day, averaging a total of 11 miles per runner. Along the rural, mostly paved route, runners negotiate rolling hills and encounter gorgeous waterfalls, including one tucked away around mile 29 that’s 90 feet tall. Among the postrace festivities are a mini-relay for children, a bonfire on Seneca Lake’s beach, and a smorgasbord of locally sourced organic chili and corn bread.

[seneca7.com](http://seneca7.com)

