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Spectacular views, mild winter temps attract participants from throughout the region to Virgin River Half Marathon, Jan. 13

ST. GEORGE — Set upon a river's edge, complete with views of soul-stirring landscapes, affable participants and winter temperatures that are the envy of the Wasatch Front, the [Virgin River Half Marathon](#) is set for its 42nd edition. A celebration of nature and fitness — and the longest running 13.1-mile race in Southern Utah — will take place January 13 at 9 a.m.

The race begins and ends in front of the Dixie Convention Center.

“Whether you're a seasoned runner seeking a new challenge or a nature enthusiast eager to see our outdoor beauty, the Virgin River Half Marathon promises an unforgettable experience,” said Aaron Metler, Recreation Manager for Races and Events at the City of St. George. “There are not many places in our region where you can run a half marathon in the middle of January.”

In most years, approximately 2/3 of Virgin River Half participants are from outside Southern Utah — including a large number from the Wasatch Front. This year, the event features runners from 16 different states.

The course is known for being challenging and yet rewarding in nature, with elevation changes, winding trails and the occasional river crossing.

There will also be races of smaller lengths, including:

- 5 kilometers (9:15 a.m.)
- 10 kilometers (9:20 a.m.)

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- Fun Run Walk n' Roll (11 a.m.)

To sign up for the race, and to view course maps, go [here](#).

Festivities begin Jan. 12 with the race expo from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dixie Center. There will be food, vendors and members of the health and fitness industry on site. Race participants will pick up their race packets and there will be an opportunity for late registration.

More information

www.sgcity.org/sportsandrecreation/races

About St. George Races

St. George Races (SGR), a division within the Leisure Services Department of the City of St. George, hosts a variety of half marathons, 10K, 5K, kids runs, triathlons, bike events, relays and other special events throughout the City of St. George and Washington County. SGR offers a variety of sponsorship opportunities for area businesses and utilizes the efforts of hundreds of volunteers.

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