Roxbury Road Runners Club Enters 50th Year

ROXBURY – The Roxbury Road Runners Club series – which sponsors more races per year than any series in Connecticut – will start its 50th season in February and will continue until early December.

The series began in July 1977 at the Booth Free School and since April 1990 has been anchored at the Everett B. Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

The 2026 campaign will start on Saturday, February 28, at 8:30 a.m. with a Fun Run and the first formal race will be on Saturday, March 7, at 8:30 a.m.

Except for July 25 – the day of the annual New Milford Parks & Recreation 8-mile and 3.1-mile races – there will be a race held each Saturday until December 5.

The runners will again hold a race at the Roxbury Land Trust's River Road preserve. That event is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, over a 3.0-mile route. It will honor Bill Burley, a former Roxbury resident who started the series in 1977. The late Larry Kershnar, who succeeded Burley as race director, will be honored after the 6.3-mile race on Saturday, May 2.

Due to road construction along Wellers Bridge Road, a number of the courses have been slightly altered for the 2026 season.

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2026 ROXBURY ROAP RUNNERS CLUB SCHEDULE

ALL RACES BEGIN AT 8:30 AM AT HURLBURT PARK. (Exception: July 11 begins at River Road Preserve)

Races in **BOLD** and marked with an asterisk are new courses added this year. Because of the increase in traffic on Rt. 67 due to the closure of the bridge at the

intersection of Wellers Bridge Rd. and Rt 67, we are not scheduling races that utilize longer portions of Rt. 67

Note: if a race is canceled due to inclement weather, it will not be rescheduled.

FEBRUARY

~~2/28: Pre-season fun run. Purchase season memberships before/after the run~~

MARCH

3/7: 2.4 miles. Up Chalybes.

(from park, left on South St. Straight to Rt. 67. Left on Chalybes. Left on Hemlock/Rocky Mountain Rd. Left on Apple Lane.)

3/14: ROXBURY 5K. 3.1 miles. Down and Up Hemlock.

(from park, right on Rocky Mountain Rd/Hemlock Rd, straight down to turnaround at Rt. 67. Reverse.)

3/21: ****3.1 Miles. South St, Wellers, Rocky Mountain.**

(from park, Left on South St., Left on Wellers, Left of Rocky Mountain, turnaround at top of Jeep Trail, retum on Rocky Mountain, Right on Apple Lane.)

3/28: ****3.5 miles: Up Chalybes, Hemlock, Wellers, South St**

(from park, left on South St, up Chalybes, left on Hemlock, left on Wellers Bridge, right on South St, right on Apple Lane.)

APRIL

4/4: 4.3 miles. High Bridge Clockwise.

(from park, right on South St. Right on River Rd. Right on High Bridge Rd. Left on South St. Left on Apple Lane.)

4/11: 5.0 miles. Squire. Counterclockwise - DAFFODIL RUN.

(from park, right on South St. Left on Squire Rd. Left on Apple Lane. Right on South St. Turnaround at cones. Right on Apple Lane.)

4/18: ****3.5 miles. South St, Up Wellers, Down Chalybes.**

(from park, left on South St, left on Wellers Bridge, right on Hemlock, down Chalybes, right on Rt. 67, continue onto South St., right on Apple Lane.)

4/25: ****4.7 miles. Down Squire, High Bridge, Up Jeep Trail**

(from park, up Apple Lane to Squire, Right on Squire, Left on South St, Right on High Bridge, Right on River Road, Right on Jeep Trail to Rocky Mountain Rd, Right on Apple.)

5/2: ****6.3 miles. South St., All-the-way Down Wellers, River Rd., Up South St.**
(from park, Left on South Street, Left on Wellers Bridge Rd, All-the-way down Wellers, Left on River Road, Left on South St, Left on Apple Lane.)

5/9: 4 3 miles. High Bridge Counterclockwise.

(from park, right on South St. Right on High Bridge. Left on River Rd. Left on South St. Left on Apple Lane.)

5/16: 8.5 miles. Painter with Booth/Goldmine Loop.

(from park, left on South St. Right onto Rt. 317. Left on Painter Hill Rd. Right on Dorothy Diebold Rd. Left on Booth. Left on Goldmine. Left on Painter Hill. Right on 317. Left on South St. Right on Apple Lane.)

5/23: ROXBURY MILE. 1.0 mile.

(race will start at the park and end at Booth School: from park, left on South St.)

5/30: 3.9 miles. Jeep Trail.

(from park, right on South St. Right on River Rd. Right on

Jeep trail. Continue straight onto Rocky Mountain Rd. Right on Apple Lane.)

JUNE

6/6: 9.9 miles Moosehorn.

(from park, left on South St. Right on Rt. 317. Left on

Dorothy Diebold Lane. Right on Booth Road. Left on Gold Mine Rd. Straight to Painter Ridge Rd. Left on Davenport Rd. Left to stay on Davenport Rd. Left on

Moosehom. Right on Painter Hill Rd. Right on Rt. 317. Left on South St. Right on Apple Lane.)

6/13: ****6.2 Miles. Falls Road 10K**

(from park, Right on South st, Right on Falls Road to tumaround. Reverse.)

6/20: ****4.2 miles. Wellers – Jeep Trail Loop**

(from park, left on South St, Left on Wellers Bridge Rd, All-the-way down Wellers, Left on River Road, Left on Jeep Trail to Rocky Mountain Road, Right on Apple Lane.)

6/27: 5.7 miles. River Rd to Turnaround.

(from park, right on South St. Right on High Bridge Rd. Right on River Road. Turnaround at end, at bottom of Wellers Bridge Rd. Left on Jeep Trail. Continue straight onto Rocky Mountain Rd. Right on Apple Lane.)

7/4: No race - Washington/Steep Rock 5K

7/11: 3.0 miles. Roxbury Land Trust Race. BILL BURLEY FOUNDERS CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

Awards ceremony after race for overall winners, first and second places.

(Start at entrance to Land Trust on River Road. Turnaround at cones. Reverse. Left into Land Trust. End by pond.)

7/18: ROXBURY-PAINTER HILL 10K. 6.2 miles. Painter Hill.

(from park, left on South St. Right onto Rt. 317. Left on Painter Hill Rd. Right on Dorothy Diebold Rd. Right on Rt. 317. Left on South St. Right on Apple Lane.)

7/25: NO RACE, because of New Milford Fair Days 8 mile race

AUGUST

8/1: 4.7 miles. Tierney's Falls.

(from park, Apple Lane all the way to end. Left on Squire. Right at entrance to Brian Tiemey Preserve. Follow marked trail. Reverse. (Note that the trail portion is the shorter version)

8/8: 6.4 miles. Minor Bridge to Falls Rd Lollipop

(from park, right on South St Right on Minor Bridge Rd. Right on Falls Rd. Left on South St. Left on Apple Lane.)

8/15: ****4.2 miles. South St. Wellers Bridge, Down/Up Hemlock.**

(from the park, Left on South, Left on Wellers Bridge, Right on Hemlock, Turn around at end of Hemlock, continue on Rocky Mountain, Left on Apple Lane.)

8/22: 7.2 miles. The Boot.

(from park, right on South St. Left on Mallory Lane. Left on Flag Swamp Road. Right on South St. Left on Apple Lane.)

8/29: GUESS YOUR PACE RACE!!. Exact course TBD and will be brand new. All runners will guess their time before the start. Points will be awarded two ways - based on time and based on proximity to each racer's guess.

SEPTEMBER

9/5: ROXBURY MILE. 1.0 mile.

(race will start at the park and end at Booth School: from park, left on South St.)

9/12: ****6.4 miles. South St., Falls Rd. to Minor Bridge Lollipop**

Reverse of 8/8 (from park, Right on South St., Right on Falls Bridge Road, Left on Minor Bridge Road, Left on South St, Left on Apple Lane.)

9/19: 4.3 miles. High Bridge Clockwise.

(from park, right on South St. Right on River Rd. Right on High Bridge Rd. Left on South St. Left on Apple Lane.)

9/26: ****3.2 miles. South St., Wellers, Rocky Mountain**

(from park, Left on South st., Left on Wellers, Left on Rocky Mountain, turnaround at top of Jeep Trail, return on Rocky Mountain, Right on Apple Lane.)

OCTOBER

10/3: 2.4 miles. Down Chalybes. ED SANDIFER STAGGERED START RACE._

(from park, right on Rocky Mountain/Hemlock Rd. Right on Chalybes. Right on Rt. 67. Bear right then straight to South St. Right on Apple Lane.)

10/10: ****8.2 miles. Falls Rd, Mallory, Flag Swamp.**

(from park, right on South St. Right on Falls Rd, Left on Minor Bridge Rd, Left on South St, Right on Mallory, Left on Flagswamp, Right on South St, Left on Apple Lane.) This race is to substitute for Botsford Hill

10/17: ****4.2 miles. South St., Wellers Bridge, Down/Up Hemlock.**

(from park, Left on South St, Left on Wellers Bridge, Right on Hemlock Rd, Turn around at end of Hemlock, continue on Rocky Mountain, Left on Apple Lane.

10/24: ****7.9 miles. Painter Hill. Dorothy Diebold. and Reverse.**

(from park, Left on South St, Right on Rt 317, Left on Painter Hill, Right on Dorothy Diebold to parking area. Reverse.)

10/31: 5 miles. Squire. clockwise.

(from park, left on South St. Turnaround at cones. Left on Apple Lane. Right on Squire Rd. Right on South St. Left on Apple Lane.)

NOVEMBER

11/7: 4.5 miles. Loop-Free Squire. Counterclockwise.

(from park, right on South St. Left on Squire Rd. Left on Apple Lane to park.)

11/14: ROXBURY MARATHON HALF MARATHON and 50K. Details forthcoming.

11/21: ****4.2 miles. Wellers – Jeep Trail Loop**

(from park, left on South st, Left on Wellers Bridge Rd, All-the-way down Wellers, Left on River Road, Left on Jeep Trail to Rocky Mountain Road, Right on Apple Lane.

11/26: 3.1 miles. Down and Up Hemlock. THANKSGIVING DAY CHARITY RACE.

(from park, right on Rocky Mountain/Hemlock Rd. Turnaround at cones, before Rt. 67. Reverse.) Entry fee for all participants. All proceeds go to charity. Non-points race.

11/28: ****6.4 miles. South St.. Falls Road/Minor Bridge Lollipop.**

(from park, Right on South St., Right on Falls Bridge Road, Left on Minor Bridge Road, Left on South St, Left on Apple Lane.)

DECEMBER

12/5: 2.4 miles. Up Chalybes.

END OF SEASON FUN RUN. Non-points race.

Season award ceremony will be held before the run. (from park, left on South St.

Continue straight onto Rt. 67. Left on Chalybes. Left on Hemlock/Rocky Mountain Rd. Left on Apple Lane.)