

Race Reports from the Blogosphere

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At Sunday's New York City Marathon, 46,795 folks crossed the finish line, and the bloggers among them hurried (or hobbled) back to their computers to write about their experiences. Here are some race recaps from around the web.*

Have you seen one we should include? Leave it in the comments.

[Abstract Sunday](#) ^[1] – Christoph Niemann

"My attempt at live-illustrating the New York City Marathon."

[AskLaurenFleshman.com](#) ^[2] – Lauren Fleshman (our November cover model)

"I pop out of bed and my legs feel straight as steel beams, feet anchored to the floor with railroad spikes."

[Adults Coping with Type 1 Diabetes](#) ^[3] – Caroline

"I'm a crazy Boss fan (in addition to being a crazy U2 fan who freaks out for tribute bands at mile 18). I had written 'Tramps like us, baby we were born to run!' on the back of my shirt, with 'RIP Clarence' underneath."

[A Healthy, Happier Bear](#) ^[4] – Ashley Diamond

"At some point I passed out and woke up with an IV in me, a PT working on my left leg as I lay in a cot. For the next 30 minutes the doctor explained that I appeared to be severely dehydrated based on my muscles and the vomiting."

[Beyond Defeat](#) ^[5] – Christopher Baker

"Pain, fatigue, upset stomachs and mental anguish are all foreseen factors. The question is, will you stop or will you dig deep and push forward knowing you have trained properly and have the courage to face the task at hand?"

[Carrots 'n' Cake](#) ^[6] – Tina Haupt

"There were a lot of things working against me on marathon day, but I knew I could do it. Hell or high water, I was finishing that marathon."

[CC's Ramblings](#) ^[7] – Celeste Marx

"We all walked very slowly. Any incline was a challenge. The subway steps a brutal experience. But under the earth of New York there were loads of us, with our orange bags. Everywhere you walked people said congratulations."

[Confessions of a Cheap Triathlete](#) ^[8] – Katie Escoto

"It wasn't until I had nearly reached the start line with a fellow lost pace team member that we realized the pace group was WAY behind us."

[Dooce.com](#) ^[9] – Heather B. Armstrong

"*You took a Snuggie to the ING New York City Marathon?* I took a Snuggie, a six-pack of Bud Lite and a McDonald's Happy Meal. How else were the European runners going to know they were in America?"

[DrRunner: Just Another Medical Student Who Runs for Sanity](#) ^[10]

"I can cross 'run in a nationally televised race' and 'get published in the NYTimes' off my bucket list."

[Everyday EMS Tips](#) ^[11] – Greg Friese

"Inexplicably after seemingly running uphill and north on 1st Avenue and we were now running south and uphill on 5th Avenue. The crowds continued to increase and cheer runners wildly. I was doing my best to run as much as I could and counting down the miles to the finish."

[Fast Foodie](#) ^[12] – Devon Crosby-Helms

"I knew I was having a good day. I could feel it. I was swept along on the deafening cheers of the crowds. It is hard to describe the crowds that lined the course. It was amazing."

[52 Weeks to 3:41:26](#) ^[13]

"But, still, ever the optimist, I hoped that the gods of speed, weather, health and legs (you know–Gams, the God of Legs) would be on my side and at my back pushing me forward, keeping me going, and propelling me towards the finish."

[Girl on the Run](#) ^[14] – Rachel Wilk

"At this point my right knee, and well pretty much everything else, was killing me, but I didn't care. I could see the buildings in Columbus Circle in my distance, and I just focused making it there."

[Idiot Runner](#) ^[15]

"Last year my mom came over from Europe to watch me, but as she wasn't able to come this year, I decided to run in Irish shorts in her honor. Very special shorts indeed.... 'short' being the operative word."

[Jeff Dengate's Blog](#) ^[16] – Jeff Dengate

"The hardest part would be helping (my friend) manage his energy, to keep him relaxed and steady. Brian is a very emotional runner: When he's feeling good, he runs hard. But, when he's hurting, he can get, um, moody."

[Lindsay Runs](#) ^[17]

"I feel like I did the right stuff, and it just wasn't my day. Maybe NYC isn't my course, and I'd fare better on a flatter one where I can keep a steady pace and not get crushed by awful hills and bridges."

[Losing Weight in the City](#) ^[18] – Theodora Blanchfield

"Finally, finally, I entered the park again. I knew I had just about 7 blocks to go and kept thinking, 'I can do anything for 5 more minutes.'"

[Love, A Yi](#) ^[19]

"Somewhere around mile 22 I stopped for the first time. Within 5 seconds of walking a group of spectators took me on as their cause and enthusiastically encouraged me to continue running (thank you, whomever you all are!). So, I did."

[LuminosityMama.com](#) ^[20]

"I finally looked down at my watch to stop it and turns out, it was dead! Ha! Good thing I stopped paying attention to it so many miles back or I would have been pissed that it died."

[Meals for Miles](#) ^[21] – Kelly Hogan

"Around mile 18, some blessed volunteer gave me a stick with tons of Vaseline on it. As I covered my bloody legs with the stuff, he looked rather horrified but gave me another stick to take on the road. Running is so glamorous."

[Mile 26 and More](#) ^[22] – Heather Mursch

"I had heard of men peeing over the edge of the bridge and witnessed this first hand on the downhill. It was gross."

[Mollyberries' Hodge Podge](#) ^[23] – Molly Stout

"For once in my life I even enjoyed the marathon expo. This is a SERIOUS declaration as I hate large crowds for any reason whatsoever. *But for some reason I chose to race the largest marathon in the world, hmmm, makes*

perfect sense."

[MsRitz's Blog](#) ^[24] – Elizabeth Maiuolo (one of the Foot Locker Five Borough Challenge runners)

"This being my 4th NYCM in a row, I know the shtick by heart. But this was SO different... To start, getting car service to the start is delicious. I do love taking the ferry, the view, the camaraderie, the shared anxieties, but I love new, and I love different and this was not my every-year-same-marathon-deal."

[nycrunningmama](#) ^[25] – Michele King Gonzalez (another of the Foot Locker Five Borough Challenge runners)

"I had my own bike escort the entire second half—and even had a motorcycle (with an platform and cameraman) in front of me for the last 5 miles or so. It was completely surreal."

[On the Bus...Running](#) ^[26] – Brad Holzwart

"The runners' village looked like what I'd imagine the staging area for the D-Day invasion to be. Packs of runners milled about nervously."

[On Tap for Today](#) ^[27]

"Several people advised me to have plenty left 'in the tank' for the last few miles. Despite the best of planning and intentions, I felt like I was trying to coast in on fumes... uphill."

[PushThroughPhilly.com](#) ^[28]

"Towards the end of the race I was actually annoyed by all the spectators. I wanted them to be quiet, so I could just get in my own head and focus a bit."

[Rope: Musings and Ramblings of a Masters Runner](#) ^[29]

"Being older should mean being wiser, a better plan would have been much more conservative in the beginning, but then again sometimes you have to just put it out there."

[RunBikeSurf](#) ^[30] – Jim Dodis

"'He seems to have the persistent endurance of a zombie.' Appropriate words from a good friend after checking the race time for my 9th marathon in 13 months, the 2011 ING NYC Marathon this past Sunday."

[RunDangerously](#) ^[31]

"We left the bus more than a half mile from the drop-off point—and barely got to the starting corrals before they officially closed."

[Run Gia Run](#) ^[32] – Gia Alvarez

"I had wishes and PR dreams that I really hoped would come true...AND THEY DID! I surpassed my best case scenario for this race, making it hands down the best marathon I have ever run."

[Run Luau Run](#) ^[33]

"I am still processing Sunday's 32.6 mile run, and I promise a race report is coming, but in the meantime, I thought you enjoy my phone's view of the marathon. All pictures, video and editing were done on my phone (thank you Steve Jobs)."

[Scoopsontherun](#)

"I remember reading an article sometime last year that said about less than one percent of the human population has run a marathon. I have now run in two."

[See Mom Run Far](#) ^[34]

"You get your medal, then keep walking. You get your picture taken, then keep walking. You get a bag with food and drink, then keep walking. You get a mylar blanket, and then you keep walking. And walking. And walking."

[The Thinks I Can Think](#) ^[35] – Meggie Smith

"It's definitely one to run for the experience. It's pretty incredible just how many people are cheering for 40,000+ crazy people that decide to go run for a really long time. For me, it was amazing to see people I knew along the course cheering for me. I felt very loved."

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