

Saddleback Marathon

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One Month Countdown!



Not familiar with the area?

Aside from camping, you can find accommodations in Orange or Riverside counties. Below are a few of the closest choices:

In Riverside County:

17.5 miles from Blue Jay Campground:

[Best Western Plus Lake Elsinore Inn & Suites](#)

19 miles:

[Holiday Inn Express & Suites](#)

In Orange County:

24 miles from Blue Jay Campground:

[Best Western Capistrano Inn](#)

27 miles:

[Residence Inn by Marriott Dana Point San Juan Capistrano](#)

It is not a quick drive up the mountain. Please drive with caution and allow plenty of time to arrive at the campground Saturday morning safely.



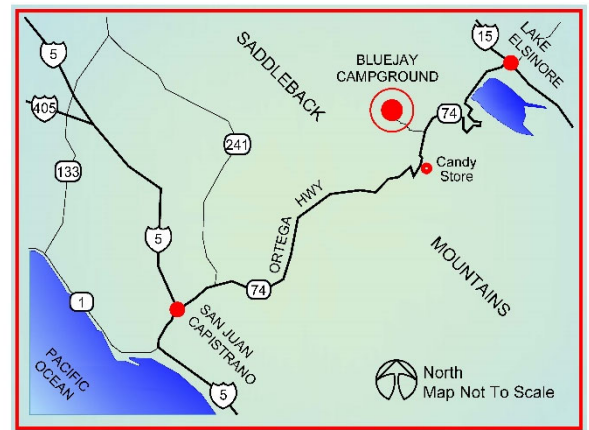
We are super excited. In less than 30 days, runners take off out of lower Blue Jay Campgrounds for a 26-mile adventure in the wilderness. Yes, we had short notice for this one, but we have a great team pulling things together. At the end of the month, we're scouting the course again, looking for downed trees or any other problems that need attention. By November 11, everything will be set!

Did you know that friends and family don't need to drive to the campground to see you during the race?

Spectators can see runners at about mile 15 of the marathon, in the San Juan Loop parking lot on Ortega Highway across the highway from Ortega Oaks Candy Store.

33°36'47.8"N
117°25'38.5"W

As with the campground, National Forest Adventure Passes are required.



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National Forest Adventure Pass

Parking in the Cleveland National Forest requires a National Forest Adventure Pass which can be used in the following four national forests: Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres and San Bernardino. The cost for an annual pass is \$30. The best thing about the annual pass is that you can purchase a pass for a second vehicle for only \$5. You can also purchase daily passes for \$5 at various vendors across the state, especially near the National Forest areas. Find a complete list of National Forest Adventure Pass vendors here:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/r5/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=STELPRDB5181410>

