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Metro-North Will Provide Service to Thanksgiving Day Road Race in Southport

Extra Stops Added on Existing Trains

Runners, work up your Thanksgiving appetites! For the first time ever, MTA Metro-North Railroad is offering train service to Pequot Runners' annual Thanksgiving Day 5-Mile Road Race and Fitness Walk in bucolic Southport, Connecticut.

The race begins and ends at the Wakeman Boys & Girls Club, just steps from Metro-North's Southport Station. It starts at 8:15 a.m., and trains will arrive early enough to give you enough time to pick up your race materials and get warmed up and energized for the race.

A train from Grand Central, stopping at nearly all local stops along the New Haven Line, will arrive at Southport at 7:02 a.m. Post-race trains headed back to the city will depart at 9:25, 10:01 and 10:27 a.m.

Race-bound trains from New Haven making all local stops through Fairfield arrive at Southport at 6:21, 7:00 and 7:25 a.m. Trains returning to these stations after the race depart Southport at 9:20 a.m. and 10:18 a.m.

The race, begun in 1978 and now attracting more than 3,000 participants each year, is one of the largest participatory athletic events in the State of Connecticut. Although Metro-North trains have always served this segment of the New Haven Line on Thanksgiving mornings, this is the first year that existing trains will make specific stops timed to let runners take the train to and from the race.

Avoid the hassle of finding parking at the race event and park at Metro-North's stations instead! Parking at most New Haven Line stations is free on the holiday.

Runners should try to avoid riding in the first two or last two cars of trains to Southport. Southport Station has short platforms that can accommodate only four cars of a train. On most trains, not all cars reach the platform. Listen carefully for announcements and follow train crew members' directions when it's time to exit the train.

For details on train schedules, please visit: <http://www.mta.info/mnr/html/pequot.htm>

Train Fares

Those who hold monthly or weekly tickets good for trips to or through any station between Westport and Fairfield ride at no additional charge.

Metro-North encourages you to purchase your one-way or round-trip tickets before boarding.

This table shows one-way and round-trip fares to Southport for tickets purchased at stations. Tickets purchased on board trains are more expensive.

<u>Station</u>	<u>One-way fare</u>	<u>Round-trip fare</u>
Stamford through Greens Farms, Bridgeport or Fairfield	\$2.25	\$4.50
Stratford or Milford	\$2.75	\$5.50
New Haven	\$4.25	\$8.50
Grand Central Terminal or Harlem-125th Street (off peak)	\$10.75	\$21.50