

Security doubled for 2014 marathon

More than 3,500 police will line the route of the Boston Marathon, double the number deployed last year when two bomb blasts near the finish line killed three people and injured over 260

START: Hopkinton
East Main Street

Eight cities and towns involved in security operation



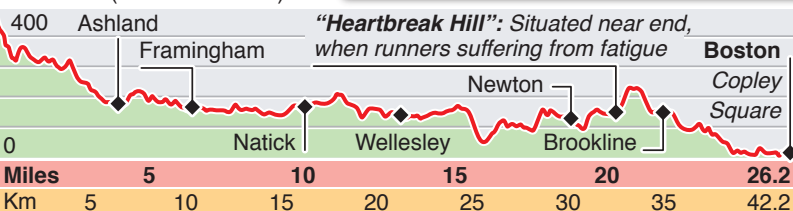
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April 21, 9.00am ET

Runners: 36,000 expected – 9,000 more than last year

Spectators: 1 million – double usual number

PROFILE (Elevation in feet)



SECURITY MEASURES

3,500 police officers, from at least 10 agencies, will patrol marathon

National Guard to deploy 400 military personnel

Several checkpoints with metal detectors set up. Bomb-sniffing dogs and more than 100 additional security cameras deployed

Unregistered runners, known as "bandits", who jump into race to run alongside family or friends, banned

Spectators strongly discouraged from carrying backpacks or coolers, bringing baby strollers or bulky items more than 30cm wide and 30cm long. **Advised to carry personal items in clear plastic bags to avoid searches**

Runners allowed only small belt bag for food and water. Backpacks banned



Wreaths will be laid at sites of explosions on April 15 – date of last year's marathon

