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Penn Ultimate Run

That which precedes something big

The RUN concludes / The CAUSE continues

A Pennsylvania man in 2011 completed the PennUltimate Run, a 1,022-mile, 39-day perimeter run around Pa. raising awareness about political redistricting and launching current reform efforts. The Run has earned nationwide praise and media attention.

The overarching goal of the Run/Cause is *transparency* and *independence* in the redistricting process. Redistricting may be the most important act of American government at all levels every ten years. Proper redistricting enables fair elections and better government. A goal in Pa. is to replace the legislature-run redistricting process with an independent commission. See [Blue Paper](#).

The Run itself started April 1, 2011, the deadline for the U.S. Census Bureau to publish data required for this decade's nationwide redistricting. Averaging a marathon per day, the lead runner forged a **Route** weaving people & communities together statewide. Mile upon mile the runner extended a relay baton to those who would help to fulfill the Run's goal. The Run entailed harsh weather, mountainous terrain, live GPS-tracking, after-dark perils, command of a 70lb packed jogging stroller, adverse traffic conditions, unnavigable road surfaces, tutelage by the State Police, and overnight stops often decided by fate. An indispensable support team assisted from locations nationwide.

The Cause today can be supported via the **National Gallery of Redistricting Art™**, **Fair Districts PA**, et al. The Run & Gallery are professional activities of the firm [pjmathison](#).

Run Resources:

Press/News Releases -- PreRun ([PDF](#)) PostRun ([PDF](#))
Frequently Asked Questions ([PDF](#))
Route Map and GPS-tracking ([Here](#))
Media Coverage ([Here](#)) and Photos ([Here](#))