



Slightly Fine Pie

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**PI DAY RIVER
ROTATION
LAWRENCE, KS //
MARCH 12**

**2.2* // 42.42 MILES,
29.35 MILES**

Minimal Elevation

Smooth, fast course with a few hills. The Pi Slam is the original combo race for the Pi Day Races for those wanting to add a little more distance. The Ultra Pi Slam combines the Pi Miler and the Pi Day River Rotation Marathon (29.35 miles). The Answer to Everything (42.42 miles) combines all the race distances. For all distances, there is a single aid station located at the trailhead and an aid station at the finish line.

A buffet of homemade pies is the cornerstone of the Pi Day River Rotation tradition.

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LEFT: Ultra Pi Slam finisher Ed Maye smiles as he runs/tackles another loop of the Pi Day River Rotation.

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BELOW: Author Todd Chandler flashes his marathon finisher's awards after completing the Ultra Pi Slam.

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Like a local diner filled with homemade pies, the Pi Day River Rotation has something for everyone. The race takes place on the Saturday closest to Pi Day (March 14 or 3.14) and offers three core distances—the 3.14-mile Pi Miler, half marathon and marathon—that can be mixed and matched into three more distances:

- The Pi Slam 16.24 miler = Pi miler + half marathon
- The Pi Ultra Slam 29.35 miler = Pi miler + marathon
- The Answer to Everything 42.42 miler = Pi miler + marathon + half marathon

With the spring timing, weather is a wild variable for this race. At the start of the Pi Miler, it was a frigid 5 degrees and as the day went on, the sun thawed the trails, making conditions a little muddy. The wind also picked up and was a

strong hit to the face coming off the Kansas River.

The cold breeze and sloppy trails didn't bother Antonia Nuzzolo who ran in Vibram FiveFingers shoes. Others were concerned her feet were too cold, but she was thrilled to complete her first marathon. At the other end of the spectrum, it was the 398th marathon finish for young-at-heart Carol Goslin. More accustomed to road races, she found the afternoon mud quite challenging but pushed on for another amazing finish on her quest to 400.

There were five finishers in the Pi Ultra Slam. Ed Maye is a seasoned endurance beast and was the last pie out of the oven with a time of 8:33. The heart of the course is a five-mile loop which participants run washing-machine style, so

you get to see other runners throughout the race. Ed was a beacon of positivity during the race, cheering and encouraging runners on all day long.

In the Answer to Everything, which comes from *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, three runners rose to the occasion and completed all three core distances. What makes this specific race so challenging is starting the half marathon by yourself. The 42ers start at 7:30 a.m. with the Pi Milers and again at 8:30 a.m. with the marathoners, then check in with the RD for a personalized start time to begin the half marathon. It's special to be the only one at the starting line, but tough to get going with 29.35 miles on your legs.

Omaha running legend Cory Logsdon crushed the

Pi Day River Rotation

Lawrence, KS // March 12

 2,2' // 42.42 MI, 29.35 MI

42.42 MILES

1	Cory Logsdon, 34, NE	5:31:55
2	Jonathan Piland, 35, CO	8:54:27
3	Jason Silvers, 51, KS	10:03:11

29.35 MILES

1	Zach Boleyn, 46, MO	4:28:54
2	Iram Alexis Salas Roldan, 27	5:37:45
3	Todd Chandler, 53, MO	5:45:35
4	Lucas Powell, 28, KS	6:44:35
5	Ed Maye, 61, MO	8:33:01

*See page 41 for key

42-mile race with an impressive 5:31. Jason Silvers closed out the Answer to Everything in 10:03. This was a new farthest distance for Jason.

For most runners, a mighty fine slice of pie is what keeps them going. They have their choice from over three dozen pies including apple, peach, cherry, mixed berries, vegan, gluten free, chocolate cream, key lime, banana cream and s'mores. Runners earn an engraved fork as their finisher medal for core races, and an engraved knife for ultra distances. Pi Day gives you flatware. ▀

ABOVE: Cory Logsdon runs alongside the Kansas River during the 5K leg of the Answer to Everything.

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BELOW: Forks etched with the race distance serve as finisher awards.

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