

MONTANA

Missoula Marathon

Sunday, July 8, 2012 • Missoula, MT

Marathon/Ultra number:	160
State (first in state):	8 (yes)
Finish Time:	3:56:37
Overall Place:	331 of 1113
Gender Place:	241 of 578
Age Group Place:	57th
Age on race day:	32



The Missoula Marathon is by far the largest marathon in Montana. It's the only marathon with more than 200 runners and they draw about 1,000! My sister, my mom and myself drove to Montana on Friday.

It's beautiful country up there. The mountains and the open sky are breathtaking. The night before the marathon there was storm that came through and after dinner we saw a double rainbow over the hills about Missoula.

The Maniacs had a huge presence at the marathon and the expo. Ray Shaw was there selling gear at the Maniac booth and I had a chance to meet some friends from the east coast.

Race morning started early with a bus ride to the start. It was still dark, but we saw the sunrise just before we started the race. I had no speed goal for the race. I just wanted to enjoy the run.

The first half was cool and I managed to be on pace for a sub-4:00 marathon with a first half split of 1:57. In the second half of the marathon, the heat became a struggle. I pushed hard to break 4:00 and finished the second half in 1:59:37 for a marathon time of 3:56:37.

The evening my mom and I walked to the "M" on the hill above Missoula. We drove home on Monday.

