Philmont Trail Race

August 12, 2023

Courses and Registration Requirements

50 Mile – Required to have run a trail marathon race or equivalent 2 years prior of the start of the 50 Mile Philmont Trail Race, it will be asked at registration to share proof of race results or GPS data of similar efforts. All runners must have a headlamp and a rain shell with them on the course.

2022 50 Mile Trail Guide – Click Here – This course for 2023 will have some minor changes a 2023 Trail Guide will be released by the end of March.

Marathon – Required to have run a heavy half trail race or equivalent 2 years prior of the start of the Marathon Trail Race, it will be asked at registration to share proof of race results or GPS data of similar efforts.

2022 Marathon Trail Guide – Click Here – This course will have some changes a 2023 Trail Guide will be released by the end of March.

Heavy Half (18 mile) – Strong recommendation to be comfortable running Half Marathons before running in this race.

2022 Heavy Half Trail Guide – Click Here - This course will have some changes a 2023 Trail Guide will be released by the end of March.

Tooth Ridge Sprint (8 Mile) – Strong recommendation to be comfortable running 10k races before running this race.

2022 Tooth Ridge Sprint Trail Guide – Click Here - This course will have some changes a 2023 Trail Guide will be released by the end of March.

Race Start Times

50 Mile - - 5:00am
Marathon - - 6:00am
Heavy Half (18 Mile) - - 7:00am
Tooth Ridge Sprint (8 Mile) - - 8:00am

Check-in & Packet Pick-up

Packets will be prepackaged with everything that a runner needs for the race, including your race number/timing chip, safety pins, and race swag.

Pack-it pick up times:

Friday August 11, 2023 TBD

Saturday August 12, 2023 5-7:30 AM

Packet pick up will be located at the Philmont Scout Ranch's Welcome Center

Accommodations

All race participants will be provided a tent in Tent City in Philmont Base Camp. The tents are 5'x7' canvas wall tents with 2 cots and no access to electricity. Race participants will have access to the shower houses in Tent City. Tents will be assigned when checking in for the race.

Alcohol is not permitted on Philmont Scout Ranch property.

Crewless Race

Due the remote access of the Philmont Trail Race Aid Stations, there will be no access for runners to meet crew at any of the aid station so this will be a complete crewless race. Crew members will not be allowed on the race course or any of the aid stations.

Pacers

No pacers are allowed for the Philmont Trail Race.

Pre-Race Briefing

A pre-race briefing will happen before the start of each race.

Bus Times –

Buses will transport all the runners from the Philmont Welcome Center to the Start Lines of each race 30 minutes before the start of the race.

Bus Times:

50 Mile – 4:30am

Marathon – 5:30am

Heavy Half (18 Mile) – 6:30am

Tooth Ridge Sprint (8 Mile) – 7:30am

Drop Bags

The 50 Mile race will have drop bag service at 2 of the Aid Stations.

Clear Creek – mile 25

Clark's Fork – mile 40

The Marathon, Heavy Half, and Tooth Ridge Sprint will not have Drop Bags.

Aid Stations

All Aid Stations with their cut off times for all the courses will be released with the 2023 Trail Guides by the end of March.

Food at Aid Stations

A list of aid station items is currently being made by the Race Committee. Generally, they will have a mix between traditional Philmont Trail food and common Trail Race aid station food. Aid Stations list will be published by the end of March.

Cupless Race

This will be a Cupless race. Participants are encouraged to carry a cup with them on the course to use at Aid stations. A Philmont Trail Race reusable cup will be provided with check-in packet.

Course Markings

All courses will be well marked and signed so the attentive runner stays on route. All sections are flagged either the day before or the day of the race.

All course markers are instructed to place 10 markers per mile and add confidence markers at all trail junctions. Intersections are marked with directional signs or before-and-after flagging indicating the correct directions.

Runners should review their respective course maps to be familiar with the route. Although the course will be adequately marked, runners are responsible for understanding the layout of the course. Please familiarize yourself with the course maps prior to race day.

Poles

Use of trekking poles is allowed at all times by all runners. It is recommended to have rubber tip covers on your poles.

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on the race course or on Philmont property including at the Start and Finish areas.

Volunteers

This race would not be possible without an incredible team of volunteers. Come help the dreams and goals of our runners become a reality on race day by volunteering. Volunteer signup to open at a later date.

We will be looking for Volunteers for some of the following roles:
Check-In/ Packet Pick-up
Starting Line
Course Marking
Course Sweepers
Hikers – for Tooth Ridge Aid Station
Aid Station Volunteers
Finish Line Volunteers

Cut-of Times

The finish line will close for all races at 11pm. A race cut off schedule will be published in the 2023 Trail Guides by the end of March.
50 Mile – Finish line cutoff 18 Hours
Marathon – Finish line cutoff 17 Hours
Heavy Half (18 Mile) – Finish line cutoff 16 Hours
Tooth Ridge Sprint (8 mile) – Finish line cutoff 15 Hours