



# Marys Peak Trail Run

50K & 25K Race Guide — June 12, 2027

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## Welcome!

Thank you for joining us at the Marys Peak Trail Run. Beyond race day, we invite you to get involved with the trails and community that make this event possible.

### Get Involved with Trail Work

Help us keep Marys Peak trails clear and safe. Contact:

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### Pre-Event Community Runs

Join us for special preview runs leading into race weekend. Details available by email.

### Access Outside Event Weekend

Remember: parts of the course cross Starker Forests land. You must obtain a Starker Forests permit for the Tum Tum unit if visiting outside event weekend.

Please thank the land managers and local partners who make recreation in this area possible!

## A Note from the Race Directors

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Welcome to the Marys Peak Trail Run!

We are thrilled to share the trails, mountains, and community that make this event so special. Whether this is your first ultra or one of many, we know the challenge of Marys Peak will inspire and push you to new limits.

Our goal is to provide a safe, supportive, and unforgettable experience. Please take care of yourself, look out for your fellow runners, and thank the volunteers who make this event possible.

We can't wait to see you out there and celebrate with you at the finish line for the 25K or 50K.

With gratitude,

**Mike Ripley & Andrew Miller**

Co-Race Directors

## Aid Stations

### 50K

The 50K is a single loop — 32.5 miles with about 5,776 feet of climbing — sharing the early miles with the 25K out to Albertson (Bravo), then continuing on through Woods Creek and up to the Marys Peak summit before looping back to Blodgett School.

50K course map: [ridewithgps.com/routes/51301507](https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51301507)

| Aid Station                      | Total Miles | Next (mi) | Cutoff   | 9 hr Pace | Drop Bag | Crew | Toilet |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|------|--------|
| Skyline Drive (Alpha)            | 4.9         | 4.9       | 9:00 AM  | 1:30      | no       | no   | no     |
| Albertson (Bravo)                | 11.2        | 6.3       | 10:45 AM | 3:15      | yes      | no   | no     |
| Woods Creek (Charlie)            | 14.7        | 3.5       | 11:45 AM | 4:15      | yes      | yes  | yes    |
| Summit (Delta)                   | 18.4        | 3.7       | 12:45 PM | 5:15      | no       | yes  | yes    |
| Woods Creek (Charlie) — 2nd pass | 25.2        | 6.8       | 2:30 PM  | 7:00      | yes      | yes  | yes    |
| Albertson (Bravo) — 2nd pass     | 29.5        | 4.3       | 3:45 PM  | 8:15      | yes      | no   | no     |
| Finish (School)                  | 32.5        | 3.0       | 4:30 PM  | 9:00      | yes      | yes  | yes    |

### 25K

The 25K is its own loop — 14.2 miles with about 2,163 feet of climbing — sharing the early miles of the 50K course out to Albertson (Bravo) before splitting off via Tum Tum Road to the finish. No cutoffs on the 25K.

25K course map: [ridewithgps.com/routes/51955708](https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51955708)

Reminder: parts of this course cross Starker Forests land. If you'd like to run these trails outside of race weekend, a free Starker Forests permit is required for the area.

| Aid Station           | Total Miles | Next (mi) | Drop Bag | Crew | Toilet |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|------|--------|
| Skyline Drive (Alpha) | 4.9         | 4.9       | no       | no   | no     |
| Albertson (Bravo)     | 11.2        | 6.3       | yes      | no   | no     |
| Finish (School)       | 14.2        | 3.0       | yes      | yes  | yes    |

### A Note on GPS Watches and Course Distance

Please don't rely on your GPS watch as your primary pacing tool out there. Tree cover, switchbacks, and tight singletrack cause GPS drift, and most wearables will read short or long

compared to the actual course — sometimes by half a mile or more over 32 miles. Trust the aid station mileage in this guide and the course markings on the ground over your watch.

The 50K loop is 32.5 miles for 2027. The aid station mileage in this guide reflects the current cuesheet and may shift slightly as final course details are confirmed.

## Cutoffs

We do not want to stop runners. However, for the sake of the runners and to respect the time of our volunteers, we have cutoffs at the Marys Peak Trail Run. The 50K starts at 7:30 AM with a 9-hour maximum completion time (4:30 PM finish cutoff). The 25K has no cutoffs.

| Checkpoint                       | Mile | Cutoff Time | Elapsed |
|----------------------------------|------|-------------|---------|
| Woods Creek (Charlie)            | 14.7 | 11:45 AM    | 4:15    |
| Summit (Delta)                   | 18.4 | 12:45 PM    | 5:15    |
| Woods Creek (Charlie) — 2nd pass | 25.2 | 2:30 PM     | 7:00    |
| Finish (School)                  | 32.5 | 4:30 PM     | 9:00    |

Please do not use the cutoffs as a pacing guide. If you are barely making the cutoffs, you will not make the 9-hour finish line cutoff. We do give you a little extra time at our aid station cutoffs in case you have a rough patch and rally.

### Optional Early Start — 6:30 AM

For 50K runners who'd like more time on course, plan to hike more of the route, or simply want some breathing room, we offer an optional 6:30 AM early start.

This early start is intended for non-competitive runners focused on finishing, not racing. Early starters are not eligible for podium awards or overall placing. Aid station cutoff times remain the same as posted above, so please plan your pacing accordingly.

## How the Course Is Marked

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Please familiarize yourself with our marking system before race day. You'll see a mix of the following on course:

- White spray paint or chalk marks on the ground (Starker Forests sections only)
- Multi-colored ribbons tied along the route, typically on the side of turns
- X "No" markers and yellow signs indicating the wrong way
- Arrows in different colors marking turns and direction of travel

Important: paint and chalk are NOT allowed in the Forest Service section of Marys Peak. In that section, rely on ribbons, signage, and arrows only — you will not see paint or chalk markings on the ground there.

### The #1 Way Runners Go Off Course

Following someone else off course without looking at the markings yourself. Pay attention at every intersection, even if the runner ahead of you looks confident. Trust the markings, not the crowd.

## What's at the Aid Stations

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50K course map and elevation profile: [ridewithgps.com/routes/51301507](https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51301507)

25K course map and elevation profile: [ridewithgps.com/routes/51955708](https://ridewithgps.com/routes/51955708)

The 50K is a single loop. Skyline Drive (Alpha) and Summit (Delta) are each visited once; Woods Creek (Charlie) and Albertson (Bravo) are each visited twice, on the way out and again on the way back. Stock and offerings are the same on both passes.

### **Skyline Drive (Alpha) — All routes — Mile 4.9 — No Porta**

Water and Hammer Heed electrolyte drink, plus a light snack stop:

- Water and Ice
- Hammer Heed
- Pretzels and trail mix
- Gluten-free tortilla chips

### **Albertson (Bravo) — All routes — Mile 11.2 (50K also returns at Mile 29.5) — No Porta**

*Drop bag Bravo covers two passes for the 50K*

Water, Hammer Heed, and a fuller snack spread. Same offerings on both passes:

- Water and Ice
- Hammer Heed
- Cookies
- Chips
- Gluten-free tortilla chips
- PB and J

Have a favorite gel, chew, or specific nutrition need? Pack it in your drop bag for Bravo — see Drop Bags and Packet Pickup for details.

### **Woods Creek (Charlie) — 50K only — Mile 14.7 & Mile 25.2 — Full Aid Station — Porta Available**

*Drop Bag Charlie covers your 3rd and 5th aid station opportunity*

Our biggest stop on course, with crew access and full resupply. Same offerings on both passes:

- Water and Ice
- Hammer Heed
- Cookies
- Chips
- Gluten-free tortilla chips
- PB and J
- Assorted snacks

Have a favorite gel, chew, or specific nutrition need? Pack it in your drop bag for aid (Charlie) — see Drop Bags and Packet Pickup for details.

**Summit (Delta) — 50K only — Mile 18.4 — Pit Toilet Available — Marys Peak Parking Lot**

Water, Hammer Heed, and snacks to fuel you for the descent:

- Water
- Hammer Heed
- Lite Snacks

## How the Course Is Marked

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Know your markings before race morning — it's the best way to stay on course:

- White spray paint or chalk on the ground or trees (Starker Forests sections only)
- Multi-colored ribbons hung along the route, including on the side of turns
- X — means no, wrong way (yellow signs)
- Arrows in different colors marking turns and direction

Important: spray paint and chalk are NOT allowed in the Forest Service section of Marys Peak. In that section, rely on ribbons, signs, and arrows only — do not look for paint or chalk markings.

The number one way runners get off course is by following someone else off course without looking at the intersection themselves. Markings are there for a reason — check each intersection on your own, even if other runners are ahead of you.

## Drop Bags and Packet Pickup

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Please drop off all drop bags for aid stations at the Blodgett School Gym on Friday between 5 and 7pm or on Saturday 30 minutes prior to your start.

Please limit the size of your drop bag to that of a small backpack or cooler, labeled with your last name and Bib Number. We have labels for your use.

When done with your drop bag at an aid station, place it on the designated tarp or tub for return to the school.

Custom Marys Peak Tri-Blend for all in Men's and Women's specific.

## Crew Instructions

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### Woods Creek Aid Station

Off of HWY 20 back towards Philomath. Do NOT drive up Tumtum Road to access Woods Creek AS. Please be cautious driving from HWY 34 up Woods Creek, as runners will be on Woods Creek Road for approximately 1.5 miles before the aid station. This road dead ends where the aid station is, with a small parking area. Do not double park or make the road impassable.

### Start to Summit Aid Station, Marys Peak

Another option is the top of Marys Peak off of HWY 34, a 10-mile paved drive to the summit with a small parking fee. Please do one or the other, as the time it takes to get to both is not possible to beat your runner.

### Start at Albertson Gate off of Tum Tum Rd

Walk or have someone drop you off at the Albertson Gate to pace or spectate early in the day.

## Lodging

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This is OSU graduation weekend. Please book your hotel rooms early or plan a stay on the Oregon Coast after, which is 30 minutes away in Newport, Yachats, Waldport, Lincoln City, etc!

### Hotels Local

- Best Western Corvallis — 10% off standard rate when booking online
- Courtyard by Marriott, Corvallis — 15% off standard rate when booking online
- Holiday Inn Express on the River, Corvallis — 10% off standard rate (call 541-752-0800 and mention “Good Neighbor Rate” or book online)

### Camping

- Blodgett School — Camping available at the start/finish. No alcohol on school grounds. Camping allowed after 4:30 pm Friday.
- Benton County Fairgrounds — 20 minutes away

## Gear and Awards

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No mandatory gear required other than sturdy trail running shoes and a smile. Poles are allowed.

Civil Daylight Hours: 5 am to 9:30pm.

Marys Peak Summit — June historic average: High 61°F, Low 35°F.

Blodgett — June historic average: High 73°F, Low 47°F.

Longest distance between aid stations: 6.8 miles.

### Awards

- 3 deep per age group (free entry to the next year for the top 3 overall in each distance)
- Finisher pint glass for 50K/25K
- Memories to last a lifetime