
The Mammoth Trail Run: Participants Trail Guide

Welcome to The Mammoth Trail Run!! We are thrilled to host you for an unforgettable weekend on the trails. Please review this guide closely to prepare for race day.

Event Overview

- **Location:** High Hope Ranch, 3353 Co Rd 2009, Glen Rose, TX 76043.
- **Distances:** 100K, 50K, 25K, 10K, 5K and The Mighty Mammoth 1K
- **Timing:** This is a chip-timed race managed by Event Data Solutions. Make sure your chip is secure before you cross the start line and when you FINISH.

Basecamp: Parking, Camping & Crew

- **Parking:** The field or lot adjacent to the main house next to the solar panels will serve as the main parking area. Follow the parking signs and directions from parking attendants. If the overflow area fills, vehicles will park along the ranch road leading to the Start/Finish area. **PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY ON RANCH ROADS and DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE RANCH HOUSE CIRCLE DRIVE.**
- **Camping:** Camping is \$10.00 per head. Register and Pre-Pay ahead on Run Sign Up thru the 'add ons' options. The camping area is **walk-in only** and less than 100 yards from the parking lot. Recreational vehicles will be directed to an area suitable for their use for boondocking only, with NO PLUG-INS.
- **Runner Crew:** There will be designated access and space for crews/spectators at the Start/Finish line area to set up shade tents. Runner Crew access will be available at the Start/Finish and Mata'Zamo aid stations.
- **Amenities:** There is a swimming pool available for the participant and two guests. Port-O-Johns will be available at the Start/Finish line area, and food vendors will be on-site on Saturday from 700am - 4:00pm.

Course & Aid Stations

- **The Terrain:** Expect a classic hill country trail run featuring a mix of open pasture, cedar forest, limestone trail and ranch roads. The course is approximately 40% shaded and 60% exposed to the Texas sun. Traction shoes are recommended.
- **The Route:** The course features two main loops totaling 10.5 miles. You will run the approximately 7-mile SILVER LOOP first, which is marked with RED flagging tape and RED arrows. This is followed by the 3.5-mile SPUR LOOP, marked with GREEN flagging tape and GREEN arrows.

- **Outposts:** Two aid stations will be available. The Main Ranch House serves as the Start/Finish line and main aid station at miles 7 and 10.5. The Mata'Zamo ranch house will serve as the on-course aid station at mile 3.5. The Spur loop has no aid on that loop.
- **Hydration & Fuel:** This is a cupless event, so you'll need your own water bottles or a hydration pack. Typical aid station options available include water, Gatorade, HYK electrolyte supplement, sodas, chips, fruit, and snacks. Hot food will be served at the Start/Finish station beginning in the evening on Saturday for our 100K runners.
- **Eco Impact:** We adhere to a pack-in, pack-out mentality. Trash receptacles will be located at both aid stations. Please do not litter on the course.

Lightning and Severe Weather Policy

The Mammoth Trail Run may be affected by rapidly changing weather conditions, including thunderstorms and lightning. All participants, crew members, spectators, and volunteers should remain aware of changing conditions and be prepared to respond appropriately.

Rain alone will not necessarily result in a delay, suspension, or cancellation of the event. Race operations will continue unless conditions are determined to present an unacceptable safety risk.

Lightning Within 30 Miles

If lightning is detected within 30 miles of the race course, race officials will issue a severe weather alert through available communication channels, which may include:

- Announcements at the Start/Finish area
- Radio communication with aid stations and race personnel
- Email and social media updates, when practical

During a lightning alert:

- Runners may continue on the course at their own discretion and should make decisions based on current conditions, their location, and their ability to safely continue.
- Anyone in the immediate vicinity of either aid station may take cover under the porch. At **Matazamo Aid Station**, individuals in the immediate area may also seek shelter inside the ranch house.
- Tents are not considered safe shelter during lightning and should not be relied upon for protection.
- Participants, crew, spectators, and volunteers should keep essential items such as keys, headlamps, jackets, footwear, and weather gear readily accessible.
- Participants should not seek shelter directly beneath trees. Lightning strikes, falling limbs, fire, and other storm-related hazards may create additional risks in wooded areas.
- Timing equipment may remain active and continue recording race data during a lightning event. Timing personnel may suspend operations and relocate to a safer area until conditions improve.

Participant Responsibility

Weather conditions may vary significantly across the course. Participants are responsible for monitoring their immediate surroundings and exercising appropriate judgment during severe weather.

All participants must follow instructions issued by race officials, aid-station personnel, and other authorized race staff.

Race management reserves the right to modify, delay, suspend, reroute, or discontinue any portion of the event when conditions warrant.

Please note that no refunds will be issued in the event of a weather-related cancellation.

Runner Safety and Medical

- **Medical Support & EMS:** Runner safety is our highest priority. We will have ACLS/BLS and First Aid certified medical providers ON-SITE 24/7 throughout the entirety of the event to manage most first aid needs. Triage, communication, and transport protocols with ranch staff and local EMS have been established for any situation that may require a higher level of care.
- **On-Site Recovery Services:** Exalt Recovery and Wellness will be on-site offering their services, including IV Fluid Therapy, to help you bounce back. **Important:** IV Fluid Therapy is for RECOVERY ONLY. Any IV Fluid therapy received *during* your race will result in an automatic DNF. Please wait until you officially cross the finish line to utilize these services.
- **Trail Hazards & Hydration:** Trail Running/Endurance events have inherent risks. Cuts, scrapes, and sprains are common, and you should be aware of critters of all types—including snakes. DEHYDRATION poses the greatest risk, so please prepare accordingly.
- **Communication:** For your peace of mind and coordination with your crew, there is adequate cellular coverage across the ranch and trail system.
- **Night Running:** A headlamp or waist light is mandatory if you are tackling the 100K as you will be out after dark.

Swag & Awards

- **Race Swag:** All participants will receive a T-shirt with registration.
- **Finisher Items:** We will award finisher belt buckles for 100K finishers. Finisher medals will be provided for 50K, 25K, 10K, and 5K finishers.
- **Awards:** There are no place awards, offering bragging rights only.

Post-Race Festivities

- Keep the energy high after you cross the finish line! Enjoy great music and celebrate your achievement with Great Food from one of the awesome food trucks.

- **HIGH HOPE AFTER DARK:** If you are running or camping with us on Saturday, you are in for a treat! Stick around for a special appearance by DJ PATA to cap off an incredible day on the trails.
- **Cool Down:** You and two guests have access to the swimming pool—the ultimate way to cool down those legs.

Rules, Pacers & Cut-offs

- **Dropping:** If a participant chooses to drop out of a race, they must notify the race director at the Start/Finish line and turn their chip in for a DNF. Mid-race distance drop-downs are available for 200K runners ONLY, who may drop to the 100K distance for a recognized finish.
- **Pacers:** For participants over the age of 65, pacers are allowed for the entire 100K distance. The 100K event will allow pacers after the fourth loop (mile 42) or after dark. No pacers are allowed for the 50K, 25K, 10K, or 5K. All pacers must register through RunSignup, sign a waiver, wear a PACER bib where it is always visible, and may never mule or carry anything for their runner.
- **Generous Cut-Offs:**
 - **100K (Saturday Start):** 24 hours.
 - **NO CUT OFF TIMES for 50K, 25K, 10K, or 5K**

Note for ultra-runners: 100K participants must begin their final loop by 2:00 AM on Sunday. The course closes Sunday at 7:00 AM.

Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct 9

- **3:00 PM:** Gates open to ranch.
- **3:00 PM – 6:00 PM:** Packet pick up.
- **5:00 PM:** Course and race briefing at Ranch House.

Saturday, Oct 10

****Packet Pick Up:** 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM

- **Start Times :**
 - **100K:** 7:00 AM
 - **50K:** 7:30 AM
 - **25K:** 8:30 AM
 - **10K:** 9:30 AM
 - **5K:** 10:00 AM
 - **The Mighty Mammoth 1K:** 11:00

A pre-race briefing will occur at the start line 5 minutes prior to the start of each event.

Sunday, May 24th

- **7:00 AM:** Course Closes. Course sweep begins immediately after closure
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We are incredibly excited to share the beauty of High Hope Ranch with you for what promises to be an epic weekend. Whether you are pushing through your first 5K or grinding out the 100K under the Texas stars, remember to run with heart, look out for your fellow runners, and take a moment to enjoy the journey. Safe travels to Glen Rose, and we will see you at the starting line!

See You on the Trails!

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