

GEORGIA THRILL IN THE HILLS 50K/21K/5Mi TRAIL RUNNING RACE TURN BY TURN DIRECTIONS: Please note the race will Start / Finish at Entrance "A" Picnic Shelter Number 5 (Down by the Lake)... You can pick up the trail and turn by turn directions to your left as you are standing in the Picnic Shelter and facing the Street (Lake is behind the Picnic Shelter). This is the "Outer Loop" of the mountain bike trails at Fort Yargo. The race will be run in a "Clockwise" direction. There are "blue" mile markers out there for the mountain bike trails – these do not correspond with the mileage for the Georgia Thrill In The Hills 50K/21K/5Mi Trail Running Race. The 21K will be a 1 loop course, the 50K will be a 2 loop course (same route) and then finish with the 5Mi loop.

Mile 0.0 Enter Course from Picnic Shelter No. 5 (clockwise direction on outer loop)

Mile 0.25 Cemetery Hill – stay on outer loop (just over hill stay left on outer loop)

Mile 0.35 Bypass Horseshoe Drop – stay on outer loop

Mile 0.70 Cross over asphalt road

Mile 1.90 Cross over gravel road just past gravel road (50 yards stay left (bypass "Rock Garden" on right) outer loop

Mile 2.25 Asphalt road – turn right – cross over bridge

Mile 2.50 Turn Hard Right (Off Asphalt) and Hard Left onto Outer Loop (Just Past Nature Center)

Mile 3.43 Cross over wooden bridge

Mile 3.79 Asphalt road – Wil-A-Way- 1st Water Station

Mile 4.0 Short uphill after water station cross over fire road staying straight (outer loop)

Mile 4.42 Cross over gravel road stay straight (outer loop)

Mile 4.50 Stay right up towards "three step hill"

Mile 5.50 Cross over wooden bridge (stay right)

Mile 5.65 Asphalt Road – cross over

Mile 6.75 Turn hard left

Mile 7.25 Cross over fire road Near Cabins and Campground Host – 2nd Water Station

Mile 7.45 Cross over fire road – continue down hill

Mile 7.60 Cross over fire road – continue down hill

Mile 7.85 Bottom of dam – culvert and creek on left – dam on right – turn left back into woods (following the outer loop) then right up hill

Mile 7.90 Turn right up hill (do not go to monster mile)

Mile 8.0 Stay "soft right" (green and white sign says bikers yield to hikers) staying along the lake

Mile 8.65 Stay hard right headed back down hill towards the lake

Mile 9.10 Turn hard left onto gas pipeline uphill

Mile 9.33 Turn hard right back onto the "Outer Loop" (stay right – you will see other end of "monster mile" on left) route is gradually downhill until mile 9.55 (then it's a steep downhill to a wooden bridge)

Mile 9.60 Steep short downhill cross wooden bridge then steep short uphill – turn hard left at top of short steep hill - (stay on outer loop)

Mile 10.10 Trail will merge onto "Gas Pipeline" stay straight – 3rd Water Station (continue straight and trail will merge with gas pipeline and gradually move to the right – keeping lake on your right – back into woods)

Mile 10.62 Cross over "Steel Bridge"

Mile 10.90 Continue straight up powerlines and slightly up terraced hill

Mile 11.70 Stay left bypass "Root Garden" (stay on outer loop)

Mile 11.85 Primitive Camping Area will be on your right (stay left back into woods – outer loop)

Mile 12.40 Asphalt road (Entrance "B" Road) – cross over – continue straight over "powerlines" on outer loop

Mile 13.1 Finish at Picnic Shelter Number 5... 21K Runners or begin 2nd loop 50K Runners (50K Runners 2nd loop same as 1st)... then as 50K Runners Finish 2nd Loop they will Head Out on 5Mi loop!