



Tecumseh Trail Challenge Runners' Guide

It's almost race day for the 20th running of Tecumseh Trail Challenge! The weather forecast looks to be one of the best ever!

Please review our [web page](#) for additional information, but here are some key points:

Check-in ([Yellowwood Lake Youth Camp](#)):

Friday evening, 6-8 pm

Saturday morning, 7-10 am

Race bib number is to be worn on the front of your body, visible at all times during the race.

Race sweatshirt is included for all 50k, marathon, and half-marathon registrations before Oct 12. Entries after Oct 12 may be able to get a sweatshirt, but size and availability is not guaranteed. Quarter-marathon runners may purchase a sweatshirt (if supply available after finishing) for \$10.

Start: 9 am (50k)

9:15 am (quarter marathon)

10 am (marathon)

10:15 am (half)

Cutoff: 6:30 pm (all distances)

You must maintain an average pace that will allow you to finish by 6:30pm, or you will be removed from the race course. *PLEASE NOTE the current courses have been measured by runners' GPS at about 5% longer than "advertised distances". Plan accordingly.*

Parking:

Parking will be available in the grass and the paved area just south of the race site. The "Jackson Creek Trail" parking area will be closed. This parking will fill up. Additional parking is available at the forest office, and in any open campsite. A shuttle bus will transport runners to the start line, with stops at the office mailbox and the main campground loop. The shuttle bus runs from 7 am to 9:30 am.

A passenger van (look for DINO magnet on the door) will be available to shuttle finishers back to the vehicles once the race is over.

Spectator Locations:

Suggested spectator locations are: Start/finish; walk north to Aid 1 (Cemetery / lap split location); Aid 2 (Yellowwood Dam – cars with low ground clearance not advised); Horse camp about 2 miles south of start /finish (course crosses Yellowwood Rd).

Course Markings:

It is your responsibility to understand the course!

Short Loop (pink flags/ribbons)

Long Loops (white/red candystripe flags/ribbons)

Each loop starts and ends at the Cemetery aid station (Aid 1).

50k: One short then two Long loops

Marathon: Two long loops

Half: One long loop

Quarter: One short loop

Ribbons will be placed periodically along the trail, indicating you are following the route.

If you don't see a ribbon for a minute, you have probably gone off course!

Significant turns will have ITR arrows, plus a ribbon blocking the "wrong way".

Where the course splits, there will be large white sign with red letters, "Short Loop" or "Long Loop". The first split is at Aid 2 (Dam). The second split is shortly after the water crossing and road crossing of Yellowwood Road.

Aid Station Information:

Aid Station 1 (cemetery) and 3 (Dubois Ridge) will have Gatorade, water, Mt Dew, Coke and Ginger Ale, cliff bars, fruit leather, nut butter bars, rice crispy treats, grilled cheese, assorted candy, bananas, pickles, and chips. No spectator vehicles are allowed at Aid 1 or 3.

Aid Station 2 (Yellowwood dam) will have the above, plus hot foods such as soup, sandwiches, broth, and coffee.

You may take a drop bag to Aid Station 1 (cemetery). Do not drive there, there is almost no parking. It is 0.6 mile round trip walk (good warm-up), or you can leave it at the start and an ITR aid station crew member will take it up to the aid station.

Post-Race:

If you win an overall or age group award, it will be presented to you as you finish. Food and drinks are included in your fee; stop by the Boy Scout tent to grab it and enjoy.

There will be a campfire or two to sit and savor your soup and your accomplishment!

Finisher medals are a custom-made option, and will be mailed later if you ordered one.

The finisher medal includes your name and finish time. You may order one at registration (\$10) if you did not order with your race entry.

Happy trails, we'll see you soon!

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