



## 52M RACE PACKET

### Essential Race Notes

**WE HAVE RECENTLY UPDATED THE SCHEDULE AND THERE ARE SOME SIGNIFICANT CHANGES! YOUR RACE START IS AT 5:00AM.** Be sure to review the schedule so that you will be prepared. Pay close attention to all specific times listed on the schedule, including race start times as some of those have been changed this year. Cut off and bus departure times have also been changed to reflect the start times. The printable race packets will be available by the end of this weekend on our website and include the event schedule. The event schedule is also on the It's Your Race mobile app.

Download the free It's Your Race app to your mobile phone. This mobile app will provide a detailed schedule with maps and directions to the race venues. In addition, the app has great features including places to visit, dining in Sheridan, lodging information, interactive course maps, athlete tracking and results! No need to visit the results tent, just check your results on your phone. Visit your mobile app store and download the "It's Your Race" app. Once downloaded, launch the app and type "Bighorn" in the event search bar.

For your safety and the safety of our volunteers, all cutoff times are strictly enforced. You must wear your race number so that it is clearly visible at all times to our race personnel. It should be worn on your chest for accurate split times, live tracking and finish times (Splits and live tracking provided for the 100M and 52M only).

Should you need to drop from the race at one of the aid stations, please notify the personnel available, and give them your race number for confirmation. All race officials, Search and Rescue, Medical Staff, as well as all aid station captains have authority to make decisions regarding your continuation in the race, and their advice must be strictly followed.

Drop bags are due at scheduled. No drop bags are allowed on the buses. Parking at Dry Fork Aid Station is in a designated parking area, and vehicles are not allowed down in the aid station. This is also true for those crewing a 52 mile runner. It is a short walk down, and there will also be a shuttle available if needed.

The course is marked with orange wire, orange flags, green arrow signs, glow sticks, and reflective tape. As a participant, you are responsible at all times to follow the provided markings. The Bighorn Trail Run is in remote mountains, and cell service is not available. WYO Timing does a great job providing tracking, however, due to the challenges presented by the remoteness of this course, tracking is not a guaranteed method for family/crew to find their runner. Sheridan Area Search and Rescue volunteers track runners in and out of every aid station.

Should your crew drive into the Footbridge Aid Station, be aware that there are 2 creek fords to drive through. The second is quite deep. Do not attempt to drive to Footbridge without a high clearance vehicle. There is a designated area to park and a short walk to the station. Please help us by following these rules and allowing our volunteers the space to help all our runners.

Parking at the Jaws Aid Station is limited, please be sure to pull off on the right side in a manner so vehicles as large as a bus may pass. Please follow all parking signs.

We are not able to make any changes to your distance, and you are responsible to run the event for which you registered. No changes will be made at packet pick-up. Entries are NON-TRANSFERABLE. ID is required to receive your packet and race number. Friends, family, etc. are not allowed to pick up your packet. You are responsible to run the distance for which you chose to register. If you disregard this rule and participate in a distance that you did not register for, you will be disqualified.

Course etiquette is expected and you should yield to any runner that is catching you from behind, let them pass by stepping to the upside of the trail so that they may continue at their pace. The faster runner does have the right of way, and would be appreciative of your yielding to them. This is true for horses as well, and others that may be on the trails. Course etiquette also applies to your trash. Please carry it out with you.

Check the web-site or the It's Your Race mobile app for the most current information, any possible changes and for activities, restaurants and destinations to visit in the Sheridan Area. Please familiarize yourself and your crew with all the rules of Bighorn which are also posted at our web-site [www.bighorntrailrun.com](http://www.bighorntrailrun.com), as well as below in this race packet.

The course should be in great condition, which at Bighorn includes, rocks, roots, stumps, fallen trees, shoe-sucking mud, snow, swamps, single track, steep hills, fantastic aid stations, moose, deer, elk, mountain lions, bears, grouse, rattlesnakes, thunder and lightning, great volunteers, cold nights, sunny warm afternoons, and many other conditions, obstacles, and wild life. It will be an adventure for you and we hope it gives you many memories to cherish and carry with you always. Services available at the finish line include, Medical, Race Information, Results, Picnic Massage, Beer Garden, Music and more.

Thanks for choosing Bighorn for your adventure, and we are looking forward to your arrival and participation in our race.

Welcome, and safe travels to our wild and scenic Bighorn Mountains! We do hope you have a great time while visiting our area!

## **DIRECTIONS TO THE START**

The 52M begins at Jaws Trailhead. Take Hwy 14 from Dayton and proceed up the mountain to Burgess Junction. Take Hwy 14A from Burgess Junction towards Lovell for approximately 20.7 miles to turn right on Forest Service Road #13 which is just prior to the road going to the Medicine Wheel and is just prior to Hwy 14A starting to descend off the mountain. Go on Forest Service Road #13 in a northerly direction proceeding past Porcupine Campground on your left at approximately 1.9 miles. Cross over Porcupine Creek and continue driving past the entrance to the Porcupine Ranger Station (do not drive into the entrance of Porcupine Ranger Station). Proceed left up the hill past the entrance to Porcupine Ranger Station for about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile where you will turn left into the parking lot for Jaws Trailhead at approximately 2.5 miles. Park in the designated areas for crew in Jaws Trailhead or as otherwise directed maintaining the entrance to Jaws Trailhead clear for traffic and runners.

## **52MILE COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Course Elevation at the start: 8800 feet

The directions and distances are estimated.

The 52 Mile course begins at Jaws Trailhead and proceeds easterly approximately 1.5 miles where the trail crosses Forest Service Road #14 (Devils Canyon Road). At this point, the trail joins trail #50 (Little Horn Trail) and starts to descend into the Little Horn drainage. Here is where you start your adventure on the original Little Horn Trail #50. The trail crosses several small creeks as you drop into Willow Creek then Duncum Creek drainages. Panoramic views and splendid seas of wildflowers greet you as the trail descends into the Wagon Box drainage.

After dropping about 1000 feet in 8 miles SPRING MARSH Aid Station #1 awaits your arrival. The supplies are limited there as it is accessible only by foot, so all supplies have been packed in. As the trail descends the Little Bighorn Canyon to Leaky Mountain Creek you might notice a sign about 150 yards after crossing Leaky Creek. At this sign turn and look to your left and you'll see why it was appropriately named Leaky Mountain. As you descend deeper into the canyon excellent views are afforded of the lower parts of the Little Bighorn Canyon and the confluence of the Dry Fork Canyon coming in from the south. Another limited aid station called THE NARROWS Aid Station #2 at 5080 feet and 15 miles into the course is awaiting your arrival.

Continuing down to the FOOT BRIDGE Aid Station #3 at 18 miles and 4590 feet you'll find your drop bag at the fully equipped aid station. It is advisable to have dry socks and shoes in your drop bag here. After crossing the Foot Bridge, you begin a major climb up the Dry Fork reaching BEAR HUNTING CAMP Aid Station #4, a limited aid station at mile 21 1/2 and approximately 6800 feet. The course then levels off slightly to the KERNS COW CAMP Aid Station #5 at 28 miles and approx. 6600 feet. This is the course junction where you join the 50 Km course. You'll continue on together climbing up to the HEAD OF THE DRY FORK Aid Station #6 at mile 34 and approx. 7480 feet. This is your second and final drop bag cache.

After leaving the aid station the course proceeds up the Freeze Out road, following trails and a gravel road cresting on Camp Creek Ridge at 7854 feet. It then descends down Sheep Creek drainage to 7225 feet on a four-wheel drive road. After running about 5.5 miles from the Dry Fork station you will reach the fully supplied UPPER SHEEP CREEK aid station (39 Mile Checkpoint). Next is the summit of Horse Creek Ridge at 7450 feet, following trails and primitive four-wheel drive roads, which will then drop you into Tongue River Canyon. Take a moment to view the canyon and the distant plains before you descend the trail through seas of wildflowers.

LOWER SHEEP CREEK aid station at mile 44 1/2 and 5025 feet, is a good place to fill one bottle before entering the sometimes hot canyon below. Continuing on to the TONGUE RIVER aid station at mile 46 1/2 and approximately 4240 feet you will leave the trail and run on a relatively flat gravel road for the remainder of the distance. At about mile 49 is the final aid station, HOMESTRETCH aid station. Continue on and just as you are entering Dayton you will cross the Tongue River on a rustic footbridge. Runners then cross Highway 14 and proceed into town making a left onto 3rd street. Go one block and make a left onto Broadway and into Scott Park where the FINISH and picnic gala await you.

## Aid stations

# 52M Aid Stations

## Elevation at the start is 8800'

(All elevations are estimated)

Aid Station	Distance	Cutoff Time	Elevation	Drop Bag?
1. Jaws	Start	5:00AM	8800'	No
2. Elk Camp	5 miles	none	7430'	No
3. Spring Marsh	8 Miles	None	6920'	No
4. Cathedral Rock	14.5 Miles	None	5080'	No
5. Foot Bridge	18 Miles	10:00AM	4590'	Yes
6. Bear Camp	21.5 Miles	None	6800'	No
7. Kern's Cow Camp	28.5 Miles	None	6600'	No
8. Dry Fork Ridge	34.5 Miles	3:00PM	7480'	Yes
9. Upper Sheep Creek	39.5 Miles	4:30PM	7450'	No
10. Lower Sheep Creek	44.5 Miles	None	5025'	No
11. Tongue River Trail Head	46.5 Miles	6:30PM	4240'	No
12 .Home Stretch	49 Miles	None	4040'	No
13. Scott Park Finish	52 Miles	8:00PM	3970'	Yes

## 52M COURSE RULES

1. There will be no unofficial runners.
2. Each runner's official race number must be worn prominently on the front of the runner throughout the entire race.
3. Runners must follow the marked trail at all times. Any runner departing from the trail must return to the point of departure on foot before continuing to proceed on the course.
4. Each runner must complete the entire course on foot under his/her own power.
5. Runners may not store supplies of any kind along the trail.
6. Runners are responsible for the actions of their crews. Everyone associated with the race must comply with all Race rules, regulations issued by the Race Director in pre-race memos and at the pre-race briefing Friday afternoon, and all parking and access instructions, or risk disqualification of the runner.
7. Each runner must be checked IN and OUT of all manned checkpoints.
8. All cut-off times will be strictly enforced.
9. Monitoring of individual runners may be required at the discretion of the Aid Station captain, medical personnel, Search and Rescue, or race officials. Refusal of the runner to cooperate may result in immediate disqualification. The Aid Station

captain, medical personnel, Search and Rescue or race officials have the complete authority to evaluate the condition of any runner at any time, and to determine whether the runner may continue.

10. Injection of fluids or drugs (intravenous, intramuscular, or subcutaneous) during the race will result in immediate disqualification.
11. Littering of any kind is prohibited. Please respect the natural beauty of our countryside and forest to allow our continued use of this course.
12. Runners must use approved Forest Service techniques for human waste disposal if they are required to relieve themselves in the "wild".
13. Runners must refrain from any act of bad sportsmanship.
14. Smoking is not permitted at any of the checkpoints or along the trail.
15. Any runner who is unable to finish the race must personally inform the Aid Station captain, or Search and Rescue at the nearest checkpoint of his/her decision to withdraw, and give them your race number for confirmation.
16. The runner is responsible for any "search" costs incurred by their participation in this event if an emergency search procedure is activated. This includes searching for runners classified as "lost" caused by noncompliance with withdrawal procedures from the race listed in #15 above.
17. The entrant is responsible for any costs incurred by them, their pacers, or their crew for medical treatment or medical evacuation during their participation in this event.
18. No pacers are allowed in the 52 mile. A pacer (pace runner or safety runner) is any individual who accompanies an entrant for any distance greater than 100 yards at one time.
19. Vehicles are not allowed on the Tongue River Canyon Road from the Trailhead to the finish at Dayton Park. **IF YOUR CREW DRIVES ON TONGUE RIVER ROAD TO THE TRAILHEAD, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED, ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!** We encourage you to meet your runner by either walking, running, or biking on the road. A crew runner may accompany the competitor on the final course section into the park, but must only do so on foot, and may not do so on a bike.
20. Runners are to carry their own supplies. No mechanical or physical assistance may be given to the runner at any time.
21. No pacers allowed except on Tongue River road.
22. All parking at Dry Fork Aid Station is in a designated parking area.

## **DROP BAGS**

Run management will provide transportation for separate packages of supplies ("Drop Bags") to the locations specified on the [Race Checkpoints chart](#). Packages must be secured tightly, labeled clearly with the runners name and entry number, and brought to the pre-race briefing no later than 6PM on Friday. Drop bags will be collected after the aid station closes for the final time and taken to the finish at Scott Park on Saturday. Drop bags not collected by the runners on Saturday at the finish will be taken to the awards ceremony at the parking lot behind the Sport Stop on Sunday.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

The Bighorn Wild and Scenic Trail Run cannot be responsible for the personal effects of any participant. Items left at aid stations will be collected by the aid station personnel assigned to that location and placed with the drop bags at the finish line on Saturday and at the awards breakfast on Sunday. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity. However, if you are missing an item, and leave your name and address on the form provided, with the appropriate postage, we will return the item to you if it is found.

## **AWARDS**

The overall male and female winners will each receive a distinctive award. First, second and third place winners will also receive an award in each age group. All participants who finish the event will be presented with a special finishing award.

## **MEDICAL**

It is important for the participant to recognize the potential physical and mental stresses which may evolve from participation in this race. The runners may be subject to extreme temperatures of heat and cold, hypothermia, heat stroke, kidney failure, seizures, low blood sugar, disorientation, injury, falling rock or trees, wild animal or reptile attack, or even death from their participation in this event.

# Energy and Hydration Product

GU hydration, and gel will be provided at every aid station, including water. Endurolytes will also be provided at all aid stations. GU chews will be provided at limited aid stations.

## COMMUNICATION/EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

All participants will be checked in by race number at the start of the race by race management and will be checked in/out of all manned aid station checkpoints along the course. Sheridan Search and Rescue will provide communications support at all the manned aid stations. The communications personnel will be provided an accurate list of all starters and their race number. Each participant will have a check in/check out time recorded at each manned aid station with the information radioed to the next aid station to aid in accounting for each runner during the event. A trail sweep will be conducted at the appropriate time along each section of the trail. If the sweep fails to account for any runners, race officials will notify standby groups for an emergency search. If an emergency search is activated, any emergency search costs will be the responsibility of the entrant including any emergency search costs generated by the entrant failing to properly withdraw from the event by turning in their number to the Aid Station captain at the closest aid station.

Thursday June 15, 2017		
<b>PACKET PICKUP</b> ALL DIVISIONS <b>100M DROP BAGS DUE</b> <b>by 6:00PM</b>	Packet Pickup: Black Tooth Brewery Drop Bags: Old CO-OP Building, 1 block South of packet pickup	12:00-6:00 PM ALL DIVISIONS
100M Pasta Social (vegetarian friendly)	Ole's Pizza	4:00-8:00 PM
Black Tooth Brewery Welcome Bash	Black Tooth Brewery	5:00-8:00 PM
Friday June 16, 2017		
Final briefing (100M only)	Scott Park, Dayton	8:00 AM
Bighorn Trail 100 Start	Amsden Fishing Access, Tongue River Road	10:00AM
<b>PACKET PICKUP</b> (52M, 32M, 18M)	Black Tooth Brewery	12:00-6:00PM
<b>DROP BAGS DUE (52M, 32M) BY 6:00 PM</b>	Old CO-OP Building, 1 block South of packet pickup	12:00:06:00 PM
Spaghetti Dinner (vegetarian friendly)	Ole's Pizza Sheridan, WY	4:00-8:00 PM
Black Tooth Brewery Welcome Bash	Black Tooth Brewery	5:00-8:00 PM

**Saturday June 17, 2017**

52 Mile K-Mart & Holiday Inn Buses leave	K-Mart and Holiday Inn, Sheridan	2:40 AM
52 Mile Bus leaves	Tongue River High School in Dayton	3:15 AM
52 Mile Race starts	Jaws Trailhead	5:00 AM.
32M Bus leaves	Tongue River High School in Dayton	6:00 AM
32M Race starts	Dry Fork	8:00 AM
18M Bus leaves	Tongue River High School in Dayton	8:00 AM
18M Race starts	Dry Fork	10:00 AM
Post-Race Picnic	Scott Park in Dayton	12:00 to 8:00 PM
18M Awards	Scott Park in Dayton	4:00 PM
32M Awards	Scott Park in Dayton	5:00 PM
100M Awards	Scott Park in Dayton	6:00 PM
52M Awards	Scott Park in Dayton	7:00 PM
Finish Cutoff Time	Scott Park in Dayton	8:00 PM