



April 27-29, 2019

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Athlete Guide

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Weekend Schedule



Friday April, 26

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: **Trail Runs ONLY Packet Pick Up – Friday**

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- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Buffalo Point Campground Pavilion #3.

Saturday April, 27

- 6:00 am - 6:30 am: **Trail Runs ONLY** Packet Pick Up at Dillard's Ferry (Hwy 14 Bridge / race start and finish location).
- 6:45 am: Safety talk & Announcements
- 7:00 am Marathon/Half start
- 3:00 pm - Trail Run finish / cut-off time
- 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm: **Biathlon Packet Pick Up** and Drop Off at Buffalo Point Campground Pavilion #3. Athletes can pick up packets and drop off personal craft at this time.
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- 5:00 – 7:00 pm: Dinner is served at Buffalo Point Pavilion #3
- 7:00 pm - ???: Mellow Mountain Band Plays

Cut-off times for Trail Runs

- 11:00 am: Half marathon cut-off at Spring Creek Rd (inbound)
- 11:15 am: Marathon cut-off at South Maumee Rd (inbound)
- 1:00 pm: Marathon cut-off at Spring Creek Rd (inbound)

Sunday April, 28

- 7:00 am - 8:30 am: Biathlon Packet Pick Up at Dillard's Ferry (Hwy 14 Bridge / race start and finish location).
- 8:45 am: Safety talk & announcements
- 9:00 am: Race starts
- 9:05 am: Relay Team Shuttle departs Dillard's Ferry to Spring Creek
- 11:00 am: Run portion cut-off time
- 2:00 pm: Biathlon finish / cut-off time



Biathlon Schedule & Notes



Access to Spring Creek Area during the event Weekend:

The Spring Creek Road will be closed to the public, participants and spectators on Sunday, April 29 until the last boats have left the transition area. This is for the safety and security of athletes and their equipment. Additionally, the Spring Creek Campground will be closed to public camping for the duration of the weekend.

Finish line will include Tailwind, water, and some post-race refueling options! Dillard's Ferry will have a little bit of something for everyone as we wait for the racers to make their way to the finish line!

The best area for spectators will be at Dillard's Ferry (the Start and Finish Area).

Saturday Evening Activities and Program:

After you Pick up your Race packet there will be plenty to do at Buffalo Point.

Packet Pick up: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Pavilion #3 in the Buffalo Point Campground. Participants will pick up packets and drop off their private boats at this time, the outfitters will transport their gear to Spring Creek that evening in preparation of the race.

Saturday Dinner: Pavilion #3 in the Buffalo Point Campground from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Each race participant will receive a meal ticket upon packet-pick up. Others can purchase a meal the night of the dinner for \$9.00. The meal will include roasted chicken and au gratin potatoes, bread, salad, and a drink.
Free Concert: The Mellow Mountain Band will play in the Buffalo Point Amphitheater at 7:00 pm.



Biathlon Schedule

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- 7:00 pm - ???: Mellow Mountain Band Plays

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Biathlon Transition

The transition area at Spring Creek is closed to the public for the duration of the weekend. All private boats will be shuttled to the transition area via the hired outfitter services. Athletes are prohibited from taking their boats to Spring Creek. Those who attempt to transport their own boats will be DQ'd from the event.

Overnight, the boats will stay at Spring Creek where they are closed off and guarded by both Park Rangers and volunteers. Your items will be safe!

Relay Teams

Shuttle for the paddler team members will be clearly marked, pointed to at announcements and will leave Dillard's Ferry promptly after the runners leave. The shuttle will return with the runners once all relay runners have made it to Spring Creek. There will only be one return trip for the shuttle.





Trail Marathon & Half Schedule & Notes

Friday April, 26

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Trail Runs ONLY Packet Pick Up - Friday, April 27 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Buffalo Point Campground Pavilion #3.

Saturday April, 27

- 6:00 am – 6: 45 am: Trail Runs ONLY Packet Pick Up (Hwy 14 Bridge / race start and finish location).
- 6:45 am: Safety talk & Announcements
- 7:00 am Marathon/Half start
- 3:00 pm - Trail Run finish / cut-off time
- 3:00 ish – Awards (if not sooner, dependent upon runners' finishing times)

Cut-off Times

- 11:00 am: Half marathon cut-off at Spring Creek Rd (inbound)
- 11:15 am: Marathon cut-off at South Maumee Rd (inbound)
- 1:00 pm: Marathon cut-off at Spring Creek Rd (inbound)

Turn-arounds

- The Half will turn around about a half mile past Spring Creek Rd.
- Marathon will turn around approximately 1 mile past the Maumee Rd. access.



General Questions / FAQ

Packet Pickup

BYOB – Bring Your Own Bag!

We will not be providing bags at pick up. Help reduce the overall carbon footprint and recycle any given bag you may have already!

Where do I park?

Race day parking for all events at Dillard's Ferry Access (Hwy 14 Bridge) Look for a giant checkered flag at the entrance on Hwy 14.

Can I park at the finish line?

Pretty much, yes.

Can I take my items to transition?

No. Transition is closed to everyone except event staff and volunteers. Athletes are welcome to put items inside of private boats to be taken to transition and watched over by event staff and volunteers.

When is the start?

Trail Runs on Saturday begin at 7:00 am for all races

Biathlon on Sunday begins at 9:00 am for all races

Are there "drop bags?"

No.

Spectators

The best place for spectators will be at Dillard's Ferry as all other course access is closed, open only to athletes and staff.

What sort of weather for this time of year?

The weather for this time of the year is very unpredictable. Typically the start is in the 40's and 50's, warming up to the low 70's

Is this the same course as last year?

Yes. These are the same courses as 2018.



Is there a time limit?

Biathlon

- Spring Creek Transition by 11:00 am
- Overall 2:00 pm

Half Marathon / 13.1

- Inbound at Spring Creek by 1:00 pm

Marathon / 26.2

- Inbound at South Maumee by 11:15 am
- Inbound at Spring Creek by 1:00 pm

Are earphones / music permitted?

We will not physically remove your earphones, but we ask that athletes do not wear earphones as we want all of athletes to be conscious of the course and other athletes. Plus, this is a beautiful trail with fantastic sights and sounds to be taken in!

Aid stations be spaced?

See the course maps at www.buffaloriverbi.com

What will aid stations provide?

They will be stocked with Tailwind, water, Rice Krispie Treats, Oreos, fruit snacks & granola bars

How often will there be Port-a-johns?

One port-a-john at the Spring Creek Rd.

What is the course like?

It's mostly single track, and it's a serious trail with great elevation changes. The North Central Arkansas Master Naturalists have done an amazing job maintaining the trail, but there are rocks and roots!

Finisher Medals?

Yes. All athletes will receive finisher medals

What's at the finish line?

- Finish line will include Tailwind, water, and some post-race refueling options.
- Results
- Fun

Awards and Divisions?

- Awards will be presented to overall winners and age division winners.

