

Wild Wild West

(Concurrent races, 10 Mile, Marathon, 50K and 50 mile)

HIGHLIGHTS

As the United State's third oldest trail marathon behind Pikes Peak and Catalina Island, the Wild Wild West features a challenging point to point course starting in the foothill outside of Lone Pine, California (220 miles east of Los Angeles) and traversing the eastern Sierra foothills. A favorite among ultra runners, the route includes several steady climbs and moderate declines at altitudes between 3700 and 8600 feet. Despite the hills, elevation, and typical heat (90° by high noon), the spectacular scenery may be worth the discomfort. Striking vistas, the snow-capped eastern Sierra, and the expansive Owens Valley are just a few of the sights along the way. In fact, the area should look familiar to you. This is the site for many Western movies from Roy Rogers in the 1930s to James Garner and Mel Gibson (*Maverick*) in the 1990s. Iron Man, Lone Ranger and DJango Unchained in the 2000s The race enjoys a cult-like following as most of the nearing 400 (whether looking good, bad, or ugly at the finish), return the following year.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course starts at the Tuttle Creek Campground (about 5000 feet) and includes about 7600+/- feet of up and down and a few creek crossings. The first third of the course runs mostly uphill on fairly steep jeep roads and trails contouring and climbing to the highest point at 8600 feet at the Whitney Portal (11.5 miles). A long, winding 9-mile descent on a wide graded dirt road leads to the north end of the famed Alabama Hills. Winding and rolling Movie Flat road takes runners southbound through this unique geological formation of huge rounded oblong rocks. Around mile 20 the marathon and ultras split course. The final miles for the marathon and the ultra have a moderate elevation gain on a single track trail followed by a 5 mile descent. Many wildflowers, including Indian Paintbrush, Lupine and Mojave Asters, and Desert Dandelions, bloom along the course. Also, don't be surprised if you see bear, Tule elk, deer, badger, raccoons, coyotes, skunks, and numerous native birds or rattlesnakes.

CROWD/RUNNER SUPPORT

Other than the finish line, there is no spectator involvement in the race. You will, however, receive course support in the form of 14 aid stations along the way. The stations stock water, sport drinks, fruit, pretzels, and other snacks. Many runners carry water bottles and/or fanny packs with personal supplies. The course is controlled as much as possible and there is some radio communication. A sweep is conducted in the final hour of the race.

RACE LOGISTICS

STARTING 2017 SIGN UP WITH BE THROUGH ULTRASIGNUP.COM ONLY

There will be NO mail in entries. If you need help with this call the Chamber 760-876-4444

There will be a bus to take the runners from the sports complex across 395 from the Lone Pine Park, to the start line. The first bus will leave exactly at 4:10am on Saturday for the 50 milers. Next bus will leave at 4:50am for the 50Kers and the marathoners.

10 MILERS AND THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CAMPING SPACES AT THE CAMPGROUND WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARK AT THE CAMPGROUND IN DESIGNATED SPOTS.

Shuttle service will be available from the finish point at Lone Pine Park to Tuttle Creek Campground for those who need to get back to their vehicle. The race start is about 5 miles from Lone Pine. The parking is a bit limited in Tuttle Creek Campground. In an effort to lessen the congestion it is suggested that runners connect with other runners to get to the starting point. or better yet, use the bus shuttle

ACTIVITIES

PASTA DINNER AND PACKET PICKUP WILL BE AT LO INYO SCHOOL FRIDAY FROM 5PM UNTIL 7PM. THIS IS A FUND RAISER FOR THE SCHOOLS AND IS NOT INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION. \$9.00.

THERE WILL BE A PRERACE MEETING AT 6PM AT LO INYO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY AT THE DINNER

The Lone Pine Chamber of Commerce, 120 S. Main St. will serve as the packet pickup site on Friday between 7:00pm and 10:00pm. Late registration is possible but expensive.

AWARD CEREMONIES –For Marathon and 50K at the park at 2:30pm
For 10 mile race awards will be handed out at the 10 mile finish line.
The 50 mile awards will be 6pm at the park.

AWARDS

Award Ceremonies - 10 mile awards will be at the finish line for the 10 mile race as the runners come in. Marathon and 50K awards will be at Lone Pine Park finish line 2PM
50 Mile will be at 6pm at the park
Every runner receives a T-shirt, and finishers earn ceramic medallions. The top three age-group finishers receive awards.

RELATED EVENTS/RACES

The 50 Mile ultra and the 50K start at 5:00am. The 10 mile starts with the marathon and at 6:00am, with the 3-mile Fun Run starts at 6:10am. You can start early or late and keep your own time if you wish, just let us know at the finish line.

Sign up will be at www.ultrasignup.com. No mail in entries will be available.

Race	Start Point	Split Point	End Point	Course
50 Mile	Tuttle Creek	6 miles	Lone Pine Park	Point to Point
10 Mile	Tuttle Creek	3.8 miles	Tuttle Creek	Loop
26.2 Mile	Tuttle Creek	None	Lone Pine Park	Point to point
50 K	Tuttle Creek	20 miles	Lone Pine Park	Point to point

All Military personnel fees are waived

Wild Wild West Marathon and Ultras

Overall: 84.7

Course difficulty: 9+

Race Organization: 9

Quickness Ranking: 103

Course Beauty: 10 +

Appropriateness for First Timers: 1

Crowds: 1

* Statistics according to the 1999 "The Ultimate Guide to Marathons"

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Date: First Saturday every May

Start Time: 5:00 am for 50 Mile 6:00am for 10 Mile, Marathon and 50K

Time Course Closes: 7:00pm

Certification: None

Elite Athlete Programs: No

Cost:

50 Mile \$100 til' 11/30/2017. \$135 til' 5/1/2018

50K: \$70 til' 11/30/2017. \$85 til' 5/1/2018

Marathon: \$\$60. Til' 11/30/2017. \$75 til' 5/1/2018

10 Mile: \$60. Til' 11/30/2017. \$70 til' 5/1/2018

3 Mile Fun-Run: \$0

Age group/Divisions: Runners must be 17 years or older to sign up.

Divisions are 17 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 plus.

Walkers: Yes

Requirements: None

Temperature: 30° F - 100° F

Aid/Splits: 14 /4 - 5 miles