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LEADVILLE **TRAIL** MARATHON **& HEAVY HALF**

2016 **ATHLETE GUIDE**

Welcome Racers!

The Leadville Race Series proudly presents the 2016 Leadville Trail Marathon and Heavy Half Marathon. For those of you running the full marathon, this is your chance to qualify for the legendary Leadville Trail 100 Run!

This exciting race, in its seventeenth year, is hosted in the Historic Mining District located on the east side of Leadville—an area known for its mining heritage, beautiful scenery and exciting trails. There will be many on-course aid stations providing water, energy drinks and an assortment of fuel foods and volunteer assistance. Spectators and racers can visit the vendor expo and everyone should bring their appetites and lawn chairs for a stop at the beer garden, where we will be serving up some great food and cold brews. Keep in mind that all of those involved in the Leadville Race Series – as well as the surrounding community – have done a lot of work to offer this course and wonderful racing experience. So please be courteous and help keep the town clean.

The course itself is an out-and-back mix of dirt roads and single track, totaling the full 26.2 miles of a trail marathon. Completion of the course in less than 8.5 hours will bring you closer to a possible start in the Leadville Trail 100 on August 20.

Thank you for racing with us and we hope to see you again at one of the many Leadville Race Series events around the country. Please visit leadvillerraceseries.com for a complete listing of all our events.

Best Regards,

The Leadville Race Series

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

Registration and Packet Pickup

11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Racer HQ, 316 Harrison

Photo ID is required. Packets must be picked up in person. They will not be mailed or given to others.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Packet Pickup

6:00 am - 7:15 am

Racer HQ, 316 Harrison

Photo ID is required. Packets must be picked up in person. They will not be mailed or given to others.

Race Start

8:00 am

Sixth Street Gym, 124 E. 6th Street, downtown Leadville

5:00 pm

Awards Ceremony and LT100 Qualifying Spots Awarded

AID STATIONS

There will be five well-supplied aid stations for the Heavy Half and nine aid stations for the Trail Marathon.

COURSE CUT-OFFS FOR THE TRAIL MARATHON

There is an 8 1/2 hour total time limit, and there are two aid station cutoffs:

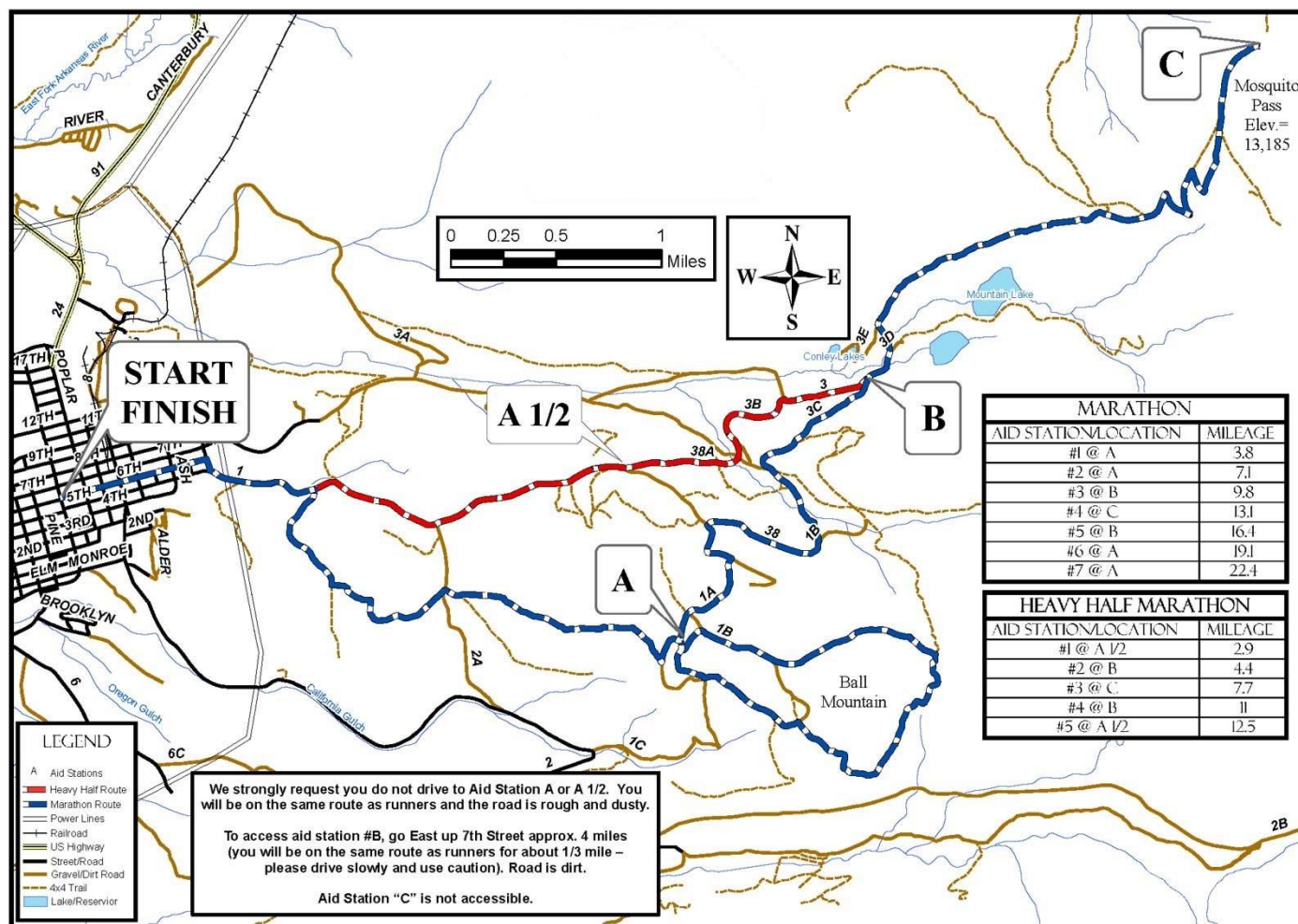
2:00 pm - Resurrection inbound (16.4m)

3:00 pm - Venir #3 (19.1m)

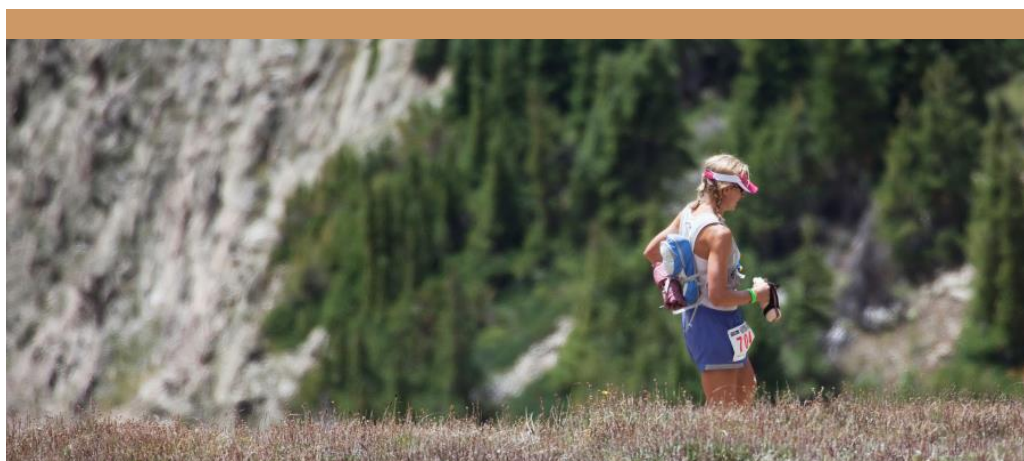
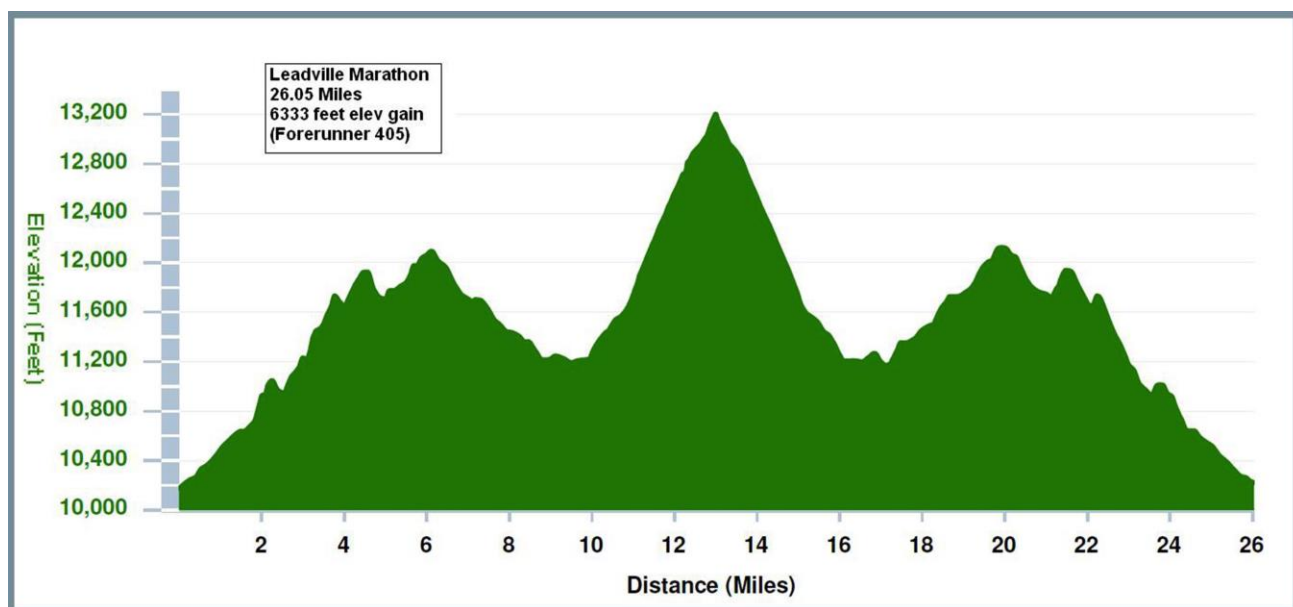
LEADVILLE TRAIL MARATHON & HEAVY HALF COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Leadville Trail Marathon is 26.2 miles of out-and-back dirt roads and single track that takes you through the historic mining district on the east side of Leadville. The Heavy Half consists of 15.46 miles along the same path as the marathon minus the Ball Mountain section. Race start will be at 8am in front of the Sixth Street Gym. The course is primarily on old mining roads and trails, topping out at 13,185 feet at Mosquito Pass... This is the **HIGHEST** continuous pass in the country! There is a chance you'll see snow on the course. The courses will be well marked with fluorescent pink-and-black striped ribbon and flour arrows on the ground.

COURSE MAP



LEADVILLE TRAIL MARATHON ELEVATION PROFILE



DIRECTIONS TO LEADVILLE FROM:

Metro Denver & Denver Intl Airport (121 miles)

- Take I-70 West
- Go through the Eisenhower Tunnel
- Continue past Dillon
- Continue past Frisco
- Take Hwy 91, Copper Mtn Resort (Exit 195)
- Go South on Hwy 91, past Climax to Leadville (24 m)

Grand Junction (163 Miles)

- Take I-70 East
- Turn onto Hwy 24 South at Minturn
- Follow Hwy 24 over Tennessee Pass to Leadville

Pueblo (153 miles)

- Take Hwy 50 West through Canon City and Salida
- Take Hwy 291 North until Hwy 285
- Take Hwy 285 North until Hwy 24
- Take Hwy 24 North until Leadville.

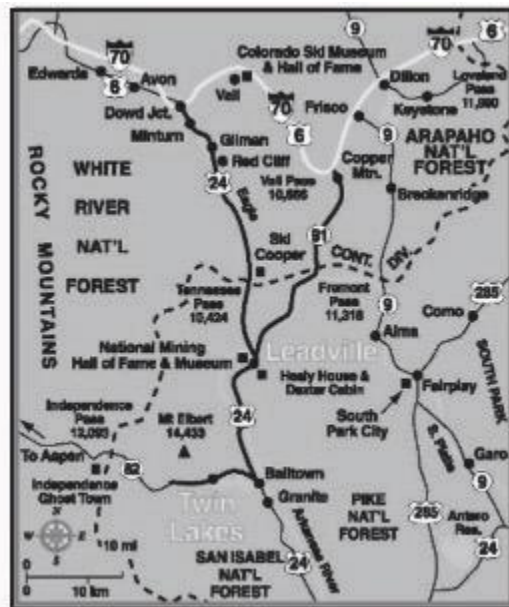
Colorado Springs (130 miles)

- Take Hwy 24 West through Woodland Park
- Continue past Buena Vista
- Continue on Hwy 24 to Leadville

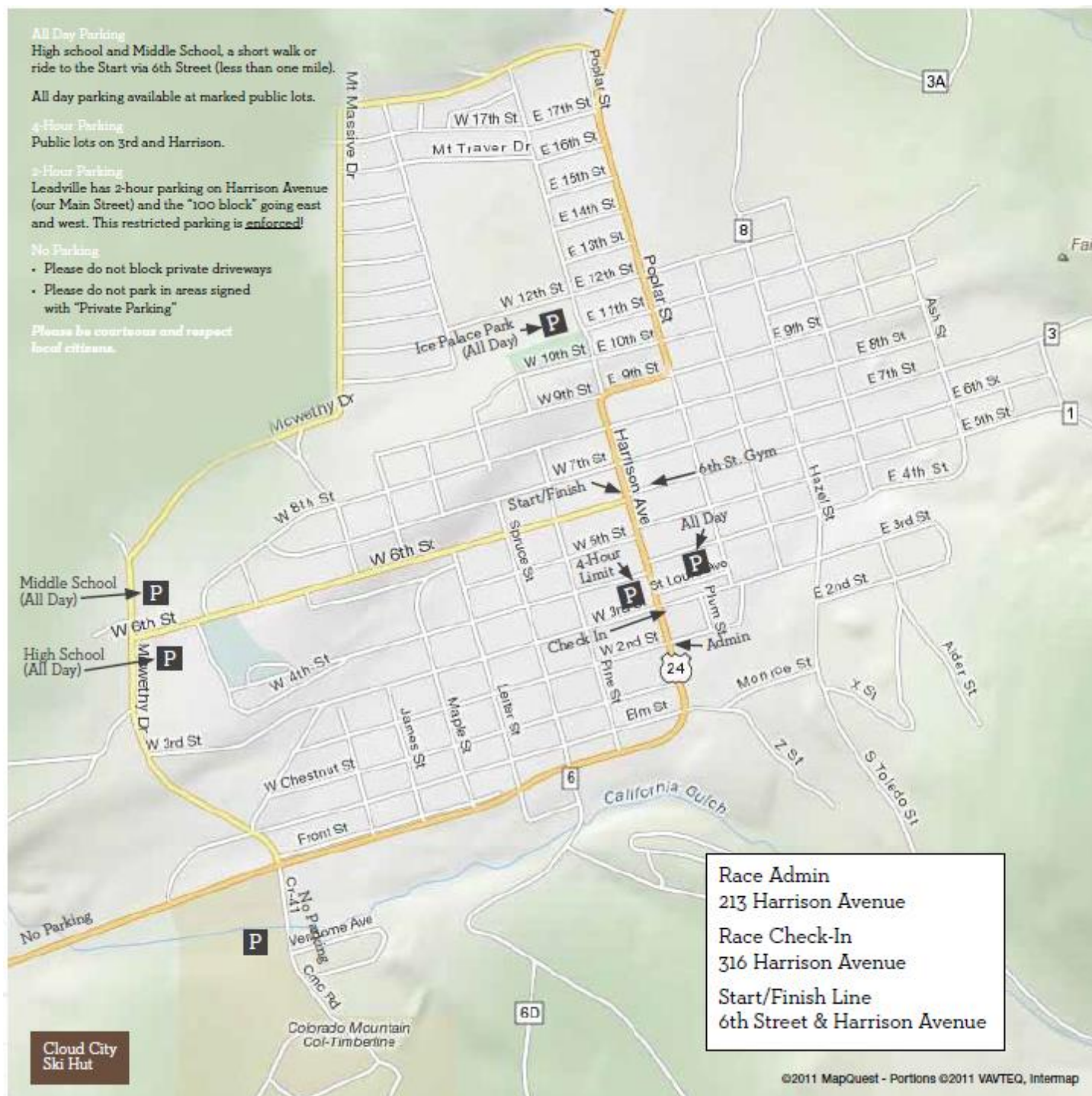
The town of Leadville is located at 10,200' above sea level in Colorado's Rocky Mountains. From every direction, it's a breathtaking and easy drive...and if you happen to get lost, just head uphill!

PARKING

You will find free parking on 6th Street at the Pitts elementary school, Lake County High School and Lake County Middle School. Please be courteous regarding private parking in the residential areas around Leadville.



PARKING MAP



RACE NUMBERS

Numbers must be visible at all times. Please do not cut or fold your race number.

AWARDS

All finishers will receive a medal and coffee mug at the finish line. Plus join us for your free beers and an amazing post-race fajita bar meal served by our local Manuelita's Restaurant! The awards ceremony will take place at the finish line area around 5pm, or once results are finalized after the final course cut-off. Gender and age group awards are also awarded at this time and will go three-deep per category.

LEADVILLE TRAIL 100 QUALIFIER EXPLANATION

There will be 25 Leadville Trail 100 entries offered at the Leadville Trail Marathon. Spots will be allotted based on the total number of registered runners. Twenty of the qualifying spots will be allocated to the top age-group performances, and five will be drawn among runners who have finished the qualifier race within the designated cutoff time. In order to be eligible you must run the full marathon course under the 8.5 cut off time. You must be present to claim your entry!

RETAIL SHOP

We are so excited to welcome you to our retail shop and the Leadville Race series Racer Headquarters at 316 Harrison Avenue here in Leadville! You'll find us closer to the pulse of the avenue with a fresh look, and amazing race gear for the whole family that you can only find here at 10,152 feet above sea level. We look forward to seeing you soon!

EXPO

Be sure to walk through the vendor expo located across from the Sixth Street Gym. The Leadville Race Series will staff our retail store, located at 316 Harrison Avenue, throughout the event.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Please take time along the way to thank the numerous volunteers. We couldn't put this race on without them!

To volunteer for any of our events, please visit the Volunteer page on our website:

www.leadvilleraceseries.com.

RACE RULES FOR RUNNERS

1. You **MUST HAVE** your ID to pick up your packet. You **CANNOT** pick up a packet for your friends.
2. Timing chips must be worn at all times during the race.
3. You **MUST HAVE** your number plate on your body through the race.
4. The race starts at 8am, Saturday June 18th, at the Sixth Street Gym.
5. To qualify and be eligible for the lottery, racers must complete the marathon in **LESS THAN 8 1/2 HOURS**.
6. Awards start at approximately 5:00 p.m.!
7. Awards are three deep per category/division.
8. Unsportsmanlike conduct is grounds for disqualification.
9. Abandonment – no garbage, clothing, etc., shall be thrown on the course.
10. DNFs must be reported to timing, preferably at the start/finish line or nearest aid station.
11. No pets on course or start/finish area.
12. No earphones.
13. Please pick up your trash!

Course Marking

The trail will be marked with pink/black pin flags and flagging tape. There will be white flour/chalk used on some sections.

Trash and Recycling

There will be trash bins and recycling/compost containers at all full aid stations and at the start/finish line. Please discard of any trash in the appropriate container or within 100 yards of an aid station. We will be recycling all plastic and aluminum during each of our events.

Intentional littering on the course will be grounds for disqualification. The course – on trails both public and private – travels past many historic sites and through areas of exceptional beauty. Help us keep them pristine.



2016 LEADVILLE RACE SERIES EVENT SCHEDULE

Visit leadvilleraceseries.com for more information

Austin Rattler April 9-10

Wilmington Whiteface June 5

Leadville Trail Marathon & Heavy Half June 18

Leadville Run Training Camp June 24-27

Leadville MTB Camp of Champions June 29-July 2 or July 3-6

Silver Rush 50 MTB July 9

Silver Rush 50 Run July 10

Tahoe Trail July 16

Leadville Trail 100 MTB August 13

Leadville 10K Run August 14

Leadville Trail 100 Run August 20-21

Barn Burner September 10

RACE SPONSORS

We thank the following sponsors for making the Leadville Trail Marathon and Heavy Half possible. Whether local or national, we ask our participants and fans to look to these sponsors first for the services or products they provide. We truly could not host these amazing events without all of you. Our most sincere thanks to you all.

