

## GRASSLANDS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### 50 MILE

The Start will be located near the watering hole in the TADRA camp facility. Runners will begin a short out and back segment of 4.8 miles by running east on the camp road to the trailhead about 200 yards away. They will follow the blue loop in this direction past the dam until they come to the Douglas Gates at CR 2560 and make a u-turn. They will follow the same trail back to the start/finish area completing the 4.8 mile out and back segment.

After arriving back at the start area, runners will continue running the 13.5 mile Blue Loop in a clock-wise manner. The start of the blue loop veers right of the tree-line on the north side of Full Moon pond. It will split to the left at Royal Gorge Gate within the first two miles. It will re-intersect the Yellow Loop at the Outback aid station and continuing heading due north through the gates and across CR 2560. Near the end of the loop you will intersect the Red Loop just past the Blue Gate, continue forward without turning left or right. This should seem familiar as you will have run it on the return of the initial out and back. You will cross FS 900 and are now within a mile of the finish. You will exit the trail onto the camp road inside TADRA. Continue running slightly downhill to the start area.

Upon completing the Blue Loop and arriving at the start area, runners will begin the White Loop 12.8 miles (colored grey on the map). The White Loop begins on the left of the tree line on the north side of Full Moon Pond. This loop will be run in a counter-clockwise direction. It splits from the Yellow Loop and heads due south at the Drover Aid station. At Texas Gate the White Trail will join the Red Trail as you make a right turn off the White Trail onto Red. In a short-while the trail will split at Feed Sack Gate, veer left onto the White Trail. The White Trail naturally rejoins the Red Trail again just prior to FS 904 and the Windmill Aid station. Continue running forward and within 100 feet you will arrive at the Windmill Aid Station. The White Trail continues on with the Red Trail for a few miles until just after crossing Spring Creek. Shortly after this crossing the White Loop carries forward via the left split and the Red Loop veers a hard right. Stay on the White Loop, you are within a mile of the start/finish area. After crossing FS 900 you arrive at the start area heading west.

The Yellow Loop of 10.4 miles begins again on the left of the tree line on the north side of Full Moon Pond. This loop is run clockwise. It will split from the White loop to the right and head west at the Drover Aid Station. It turns northerly shortly. In a few miles the trail heads easterly and you arrive at the Outback Gate aid station and the intersection of the Blue Loop, continue due east and running forward. The trail will begin heading in a southerly direction. Soon you will arrive at Royal Gorge Gate and rejoin the Blue Loop, continue running south toward and through the gate. You will continue along this trail until arriving back at the start area coming from the north. The start will be ahead of you to the left as you arrive and come into the open area on the north side of the tree line that borders Full Moon Pond. Be sure to cross the mat before beginning the red loop. This is the only loop which presents an opportunity to start the next loop without crossing the timing mat.

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The Red Loop 8.9 miles begins as the Yellow and White Loop did veering left of the tree line on the north side of Full Moon Pond. This loop is run counter-clock-wise. It splits from the Yellow and White Loops shortly and veers left crossing FS 900 heading due south. It joins the White Trail at Texas Gate; the White Trail will join from the right, continue running forward as they join. The two trails split again shortly at Feed Sack Gate, veer right at the split staying on the Red Trail. Again, the two trails rejoin in a brief distance with the White Trail joining from the left, turn right as the trails meet; you will be less than 100 feet from FS 904 and the Windmill Aid Station. Continue on until just after the Spring Creek crossing when the Red Trail veers hard right as the two trails split again. The trail will cross a park road with Little Cottonwood Lake on your right. As you run up you cross the Blue Loop, continue running along the center trail choice and then across FS 900. In a brief while you join the Blue and Yellow Loops as the trail turns south. You will run on the combined trail until coming into the opening on the north side of Full Moon Pond and arriving at the finish Line. Arrive at the finish line and cross the mat near the windmill and watering hole.

Congratulations! You have completed the Grasslands 50 Mile Trail Run.

### **MARATHON**

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After arriving back at the start area, runners will continue running the 13.5 mile Blue Loop in a clock-wise manner. The start of the blue loop veers right of the tree-line on the north side of Full Moon pond. It will split to the left at Royal Gorge Gate within the first two miles. It will re-intersect the Yellow Loop at the Outback aid station and continuing heading due north through the gates and across CR 2560. Near the end of the loop you will intersect the Red Loop just past the Blue Gate, continue forward on the center trail choice without turning left or right. You will cross FS 900 and are now within a mile of the finish. You will exit the trail onto the camp road

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inside TADRA. Continue running slightly downhill to the finish. Arrive at the finish line and cross the mat near the windmill and watering hole.

Congratulations! You have completed the Grasslands Marathon.

### **HALF MARATHON**

The Start will be located near the watering hole in the TADRA camp facility. Runners will begin on the 13.5 mile Blue Loop running in a clock-wise direction. The start of the blue loop veers right of the tree-line on the north side of Full Moon pond. It will split to the left at Royal Gorge Gate within the first two miles. It will re-intersect the Yellow Loop at the Outback aid station and continuing heading due north through the gates and across CR 2560. Near the end of the loop you will intersect the Red Loop just past the Blue Gate, continue forward on the center trail choice without turning left or right. You will cross FS 900 and are now within a mile of the finish. You will exit the trail onto the camp road inside TADRA. Continue running slightly downhill to the finish. Arrive at the finish line and cross the mat near the windmill and watering hole.

Congratulations! You have completed the Grasslands Half Marathon.