Margonaut Race Manual

Quick Info

What: 50k in the Granite Dells north of Prescott, Az
When: 6:00am November 14, 2026
Where: Hilltop Ramada Willow Lake 34.61161, -112.44059

Schedule

Friday: **4:00pm-6:00pm: Packet Pickup at The Hike Shack**
Address: 104 N Montezuma St, Prescott, AZ 86301
6:00pm: Highly Recommended Course Briefing and Race Meeting

Saturday: **5:00am: Procrastinators Check In at Start/Finish**
6:00am: Race Start
6:00pm: Race Finish

Sponsors

This race along with all the future and present Prescott races is brought to you by The Hike Shack. https://thehikeshack.com/

In addition we have partnered up with Open Fuel for nutrition at all the aid stations. They will be providing drink mix at all aid stations. https://openfuel.co

Rules

In short be an adult. Take care of yourself and don't be a burden on others around you. This is not a road half marathon, where childish behavior is tolerated.

Run the correct course in the allotted amount of time. If you cheat we will know it and you will be banned from ultrarunning.

If you are rude to the staff or volunteers in any way we will pull you from my race zero exceptions. This race is not possible without the volunteers and they are taking days out of there lives to help you wander around in the forest and end up in the same place you started. Don't be a dick.

Outside aid from humans, gas stations, any other source is fine. We actually encourage you to interact with other users of the trail.

Dogs: Follow county and City guidelines.

Don't litter. If you drop gear or clothing on the trail expecting a sweeper to bring it back for you, you will be disappointed.

Gear Requirements

We hate races with mandatory gear. With that said YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO CARRY A CELL PHONE. In this phone you will have two phone numbers.

Michael Versteeg (Race Director) 9285338191
Kilian Lord (Race Director) 9284589194

These phone numbers will also be written on the back of your bib as well as the address for the start/finish line.

You will also be required to carry a device (watch or phone) capable of downloading and following the GPX of your race. (See course description section for GPX files and directions).

This is both a safety measure and a practical necessity. While the course will be marked well, we are predicting and assuming some sections WILL GET TAMPERED WITH. If you get lost the first thing I will ask you is if you have your watch or phone with the course map on it.

Bring it. No excuses.

Its very likely that it could rain. We are experiencing a historically wet fall. If you are a mid or back of the packer it would be highly recommended to have a rain fly.

Depending on the amount of flooding this course may not be achievable. We will obviously be monitoring closer to race weekend. This course could change radically and could end up being a few loops of accessible stuff in the dells. We will only do this if its a safety concern (flooding). If it just a muddy and wet course we will likely keep it the same.

Gear Shops

Everything you could possibly need can be found at The Hike Shack in downtown Prescott. Tell them you are a Prescott Area Trail Runner and they will give you a discount. If we find out you went to REI to buy anything while you are here we will ban you from Ultra Running and disqualify you from not just this race but from all your other races. They aren't cheaper, they eat children, they ruin lives.

Minimum Pace Times and Cutoffs

2.64 mph, 22.43 min/mile. Period. See the aid station chart for exact times. THESE TIMES ARE WHEN YOU NEED TO HAVE LEFT THE AID STATION. Zero exceptions, and extremely strict. If you get to the aid station before the cutoff and haven't left by said time you will be pulled.

Pacers

No!

Parking

There is a $5.00 entry fee to access Willow Lake Recreation Area. Please pay this fee upon entry into the park. It goes a long way with our relationship with the city if our runners are honoring this. With the very low numbers this year parking should not be an issue at all. There should be plenty of parking at the hilltop ramada itself.

Crew

Crews are allowed at aid stations 1&3 (Constellation and Peavine). There is a large parking lot at the Constellation Trailhead. Peavine also has a large parking lot but you will have to hike 1 mile on the Peavine Trail. There is no vehicle access. Your $5 pass you paid at the start line works for this parking lot as well as both are managed by the City of Prescott.

Aid Stations

Due to health department regulations we are not allowed to cook food. Your crew and or volunteers can if they choose to. To offset this we will be allowing drop bags at the second and third aidstations.. We also will stock the aid stations with a variety of snacks and special treats. Expect all your typical stuff here but with extra single serving meals and high-density caloric stuff. We will get creative to make sure every runner has what they need.

We will have a small selection of vegan and gluten free options.

Open Fuel will be providing drink mix at all aid stations. https://openfuel.co

If you have specific dietary needs beyond the scope of a typical aid station, please utilize your drop bags.

Aid Stations					
Name	Mile	Distance to Next	Crew?	Drop Bags	Cutoff Time
Start	0	7.4	Yes	-	6:00 AM
Constellation	7.4	8.9	Yes	No	9:00 AM
Storm Ranch	16.3	5.1	No	Yes	12:30 PM
Peavine	21.4	7.8	Hike in only	Yes	2:30 PM
Finish	29.2	0	Yes	-	6:00 PM

Drop Bags

Drop bags are allowed at aid station 2 & 3 (Storm Ranch and Peavine).

All drop bags must be dropped off in their appropriate pile at the start line before the race starts on Saturday morning. We will not be offering friday drop offs.

Please try and not put liquids in your drop bags. Besides breaking and getting other drop bags wet it becomes very heavy for us to haul around.

We will not be mailing out left dropped bags so if you leave it you will never see it again.

Medical and Emergencies

Non emergency situations please call the numbers you have saved in your phone and on the back of your bibs. Shit happens, I get it. Do not call 911 if you need to drop in between aid stations or aren't feeling good. 99% of the time situations can be resolved without involving the feds.

In the case of a life threatening or dangerous emergency, call 911 and the numbers on your bib and inform the race what is going on.

Weather

This fall has been historically wet. Around Halloween the Dam that makes Watson Lake was breached and flooded over, potentially wiping out parts of our course. If the rain stops, and the floods recede, we may potentially be able to do the route as planned. In short, be prepared for wet rain and mud. It is likely/possible we will have to come up with some alternate courses come race weekend.

Or it could be nice and perfect. We will see.

Course Marking

The entire course will be marked with pink flags. Junctions will also have arrow and wrong way signs when necessary. As stated earlier, we are anticipating some course tampering due to the high use nature of many of these trails. Bring your phone, have the route enabled with a gps device.

Course Maps, GPX, and Descriptions

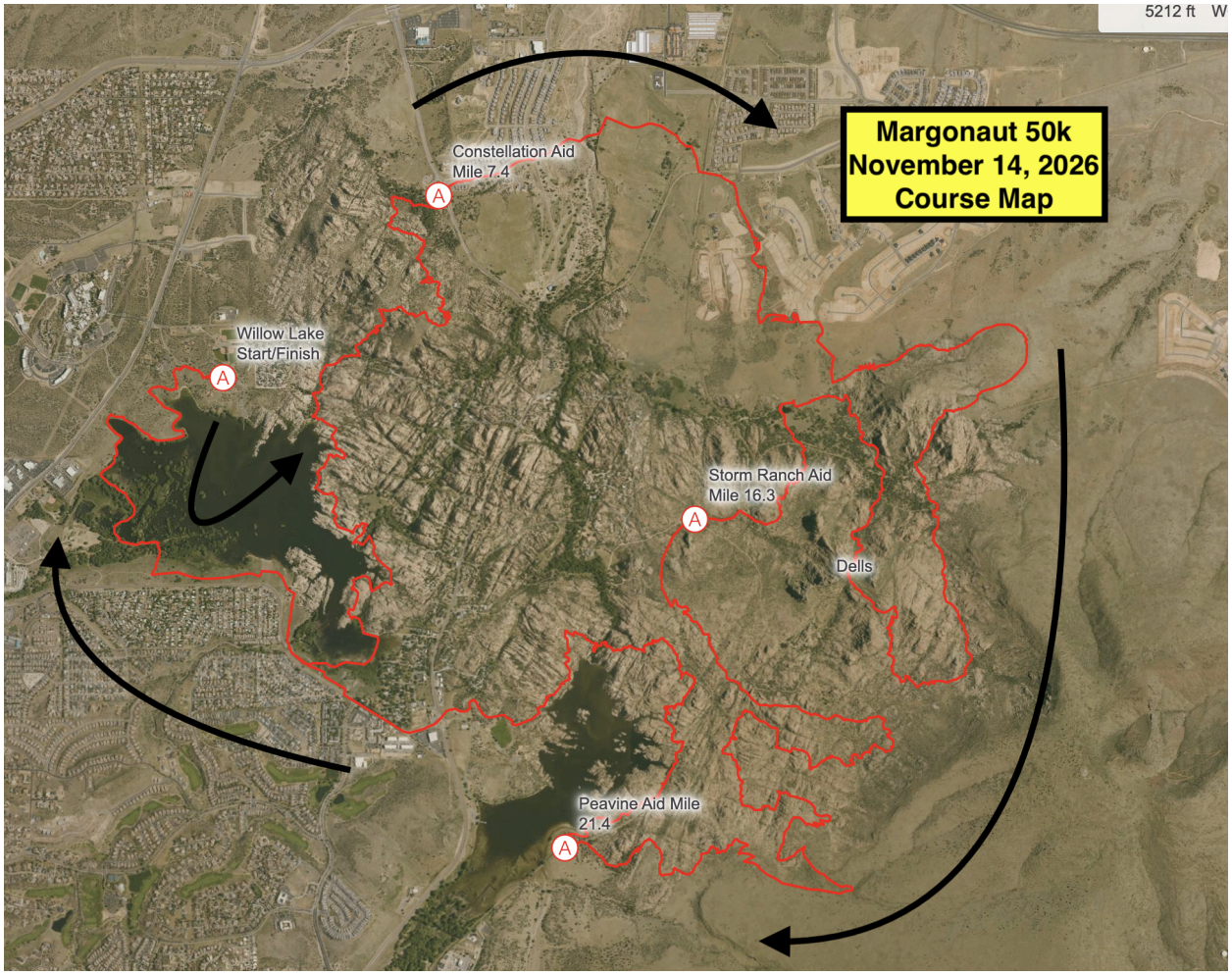
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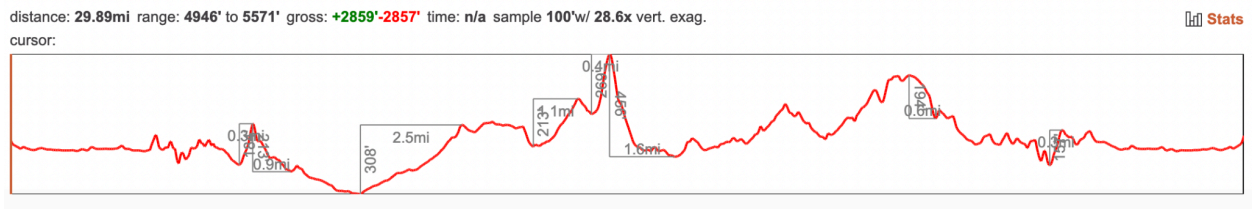
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Distance: 29.9 mi
Elevation Gain: +2859'

Download Directions (Desktop)
1. Click export under map objects
2. Select GPX under format.
3. 4. Download.
5. Open file using your gps app.

Cell Phone

1. **Click folder icon in upper left toolbar (below the ruler)**
2. **Click export**
3. **Select GPX under format**
4. **Deselect the crew aid access routes leaving only 'Sierra Prieta 50k'**
5. **Open file using your gps app**


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Course Map
Constellation Aid
Mile 7.4
Willow Lake
Start/Finish
Storm Ranch Aid
Mile 16.3
Dells
Peavine Aid Mile
21.4


distance: 29.89mi range: 4946' to 5571' gross: +2859'-2857' time: n/a sample 100'w/ 28.6x vert. exag.
Stats
cursor:
0.3mi
0.9mi
2.5mi
308'
1.1mi
213'
0.4mi
269'
1.6mi
0.6mi
0.3mi

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