

# **Sierra Prieta 50k Race Manual**

## **Quick Info**

**What:** 50k in the Sierra Prieta Mountains west of Prescott, Az

**When:** 6:00am August 15, 2026

**Where:** White Rock Trailhead 34.54618, -112.54590

## **Schedule**

**Friday:** 2:00pm-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>

Also Dera has offered a free running belt to all the runners! We will be handing these out at bib pick up with your bib and before the race. <https://rundera.com/>

I will probably rope Norda into something as well but they don't know it yet.  
<https://nordarun.com/?country=US>

## **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 their 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 in the afternoon. If you are a mid or back of the packer it would be highly recommended to have a rain fly. This is monsoon season in the desert.

## **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**

2.56 mph, 23.37min/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 Please Read Extremely Important**

There is extremely limited parking at the start finish line We should be able to get about 50 cars up there. With that said, you are allowed one vehicle per runner for yourself and all of your crew. ZERO EXCEPTIONS. If you are local and can carpool/get dropped off that would be ideal.

Once White Rock Trailhead fills up there are many pull outs/shoulders farther up the road. If you can find a pulloff where you are completely off the road you can park there. **If any part of your vehicle is in the road you will be ticketed and DQed. DONT DO IT.** There is a larger pull out at the frisbee golf course a couple minutes (about a 5 minute walk) further up the road that can fit about a dozen more cars.

We will continue to monitor this as registrations increase. If we reach a point where there are too many runners we will set up a shuttle system from the Thumb Butte Recreation Area (\$5 per vehicle, about a 5 minute shuttle)

## **Crew**

Crews are allowed at all three aid stations but only on foot or bike. **No crew vehicles will be allowed access to the aid stations.** There is no parking available at any aid station.

In order to access the aid stations you will need to either be familiar with the roads/trails and how to get there, or use the course map to navigate on trails

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### Access

**Big Juniper(mile 6.1) 34.52786, -112.54497  
and Cattle Guard Aid(mile 23.4) 34.51066, -112.55721**

From the start finish, continue west and south on Thumb Butte road for 1.75 miles until you arrive at the Big Juniper. From here continue another 1.65 miles uphill to arrive at the Cattle Guard Aid station. Use course map above for recommended route to and from the aids.

To go to both aid stations it is a 3.4 mile hike/ride one way, and 6.8 miles to get back to the start finish.

**Quartz Mnt Aid Access 34.50337, -112.49666**

Park at the Bean Peak Trailhead near White Spar Campground 34.50528, -112.47672. Follow the recommended access route on the course map uphill for two miles to access the aid station.

As a crew member you are an extension of your runner so follow the same rules and be considerate of other users (not limited to race participants). You absolutely can get your runner disqualified with inappropriate behavior.

## 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 every aid station. We also will stock the aid stations with the most elaborate single serving aid station you will have ever seen. 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.

Sierra Prieta Aid Station Info						
Name	Location	Mile Total	Miles to Next Aid	Crew Access?	Cutoff Time 12 hrs	Drop Bags
Start (White Rock)	34.54618, -112.54590	0	6.1	Yes	<b>6:00 AM</b>	No
Big Juniper	34.52786, -112.54497	6.1	8.2	Walk/Bike In	<b>8:23 AM</b>	Yes
Quartz Mountain	34.50337, -112.49666	14.3	9.1	Walk/Bike In	<b>11:34 AM</b>	Yes
Cattle Gaurd	34.51066, -112.55721	23.4	7.4	Walk/Bike In	<b>3:07 PM</b>	Yes
Finish (White Rock)	34.54618, -112.54590	30.8	0	Yes	<b>6:00 PM</b>	No
				See note on crew access in manual	2.56 mph 23.37min/ mile STRICT!	Same drop bag, will be moved

## Drop Bags

As noted in the Aid Station section, we are allowing drop bags at all three aid stations. **You will have one drop bag for both Big Juniper (mi 6.1) and Cattle Guard(mi 23.4).** Once you pass through Big Juniper we will move your drop bag to Cattle Guard. Your second drop bag will be for Quartz Mountain(mi 14.3).

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.

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

August in Arizona is hot! It is also monsoon season. It is very likely we could experience afternoon showers and lightning. Bring a rain fly! **We will monitor the weather as the race approaches and may make it mandatory to carry a rain fly come race day.**

## 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

## Quicklinks to GPS and Online Maps

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Distance: 30.77 mi

Elevation Range: 5697' to 7094'

Elevation Gain: +5298'

## Caltopo Links:

Full GPX Route for Downloading to watch and Phone

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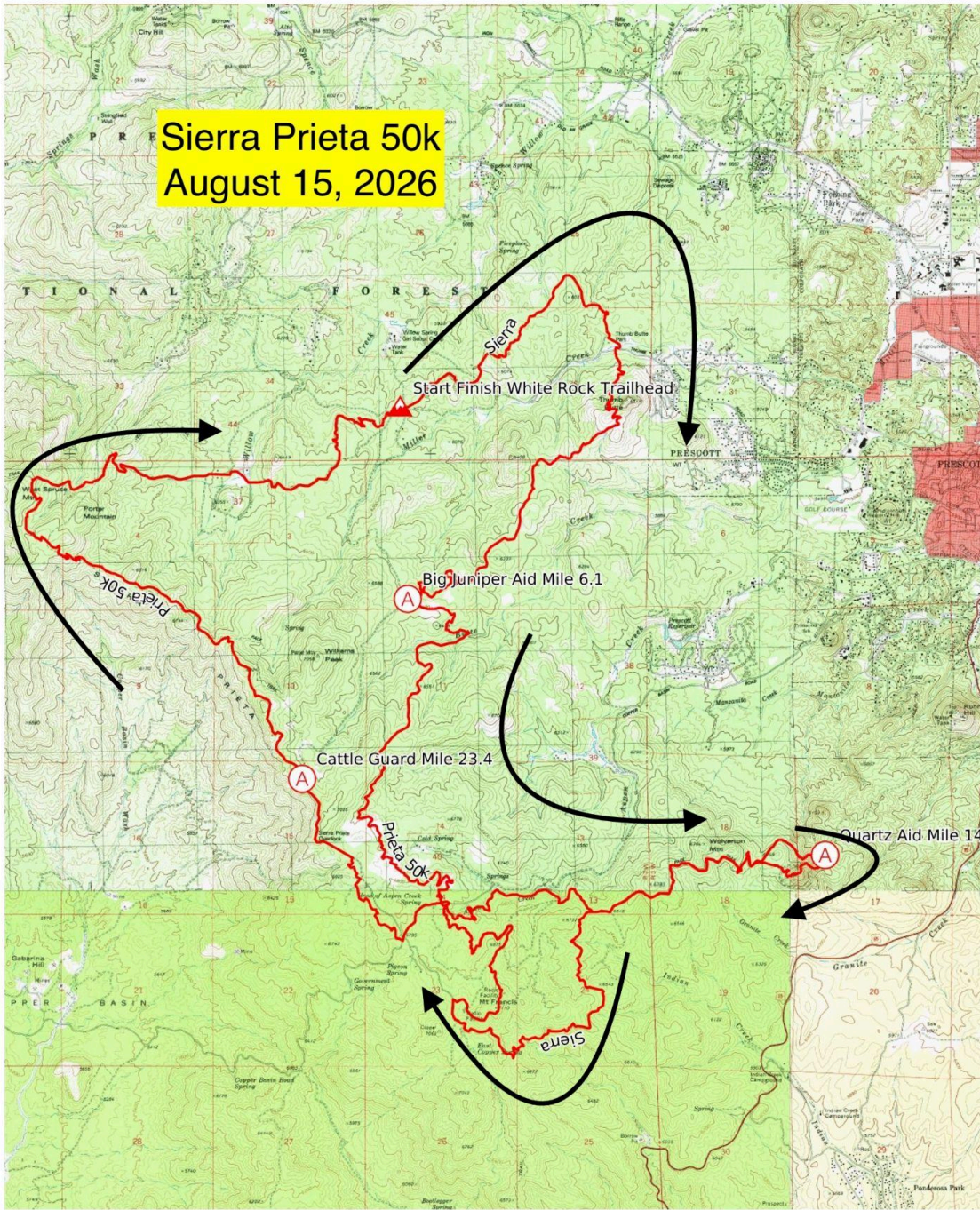
## Download Directions (Desktop)

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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Mercator Projection  
WGS84  
UTM Zone 12S  
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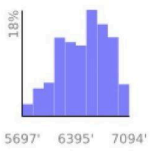
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range 5696' to 7093' gain 5295' loss 5295' exaggeration 46.5x

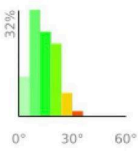


Slope Angle (top), Land Cover (middle), Tree Cover (bottom)

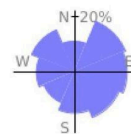
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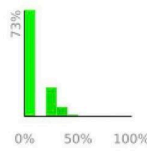
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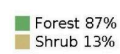
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## Tree Cover



## Land Cover



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