

Hello all,

Our local Richmond Trail Running Club has been slowly growing since summer of 2019. We are a local meet-up of runners who explore the local trails and dirt roads of Richmond and the surrounding towns.

We are pleased to announce that we intend to offer our second charity race as a club, for 2022. Our first, in November 2021, was a huge success - "RUTFest" was held at Catamount Outdoor Center, raising about \$2500 for Enough is Enough VT, The Josh Palotta Fund, and the Catamount Center. Proceeds from this event will go to the Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe, whose land we are using, as well as local VMBA chapters who maintain our trail systems.

The proposed event is Saturday, July 9th, from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. The rain date in case of muddy trails is July 16th. This footrace is a single 42-mile loop, beginning and ending at Brewster-Pierce School, and will include Carse Hills trail network, Hinesburg Town Forest, Sleepy Hollow, Cochran's/Preston Networks, the Rivershore Preserve, and the Catamount Trail.

We are seeking local landowner permission, and support from town administrators, to place flagging at vital race junctions and to have about 50-60 runners pass through the relevant areas. In Richmond, this includes the following areas. We expect runner density to be about 10-15 runners per hour at these locations, and the time frame to be about 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

- Main/Huntington Rd from Audubon center to Dugway. 0.25 miles only of Dugway Road.
- Cochran's and Preston network (this is being managed by Rob Galloway with RMT).
- Full length of Rivershore trail preserve. Landowners are being reached individually.
- Passing through Jonesville to Duxbury/River Road.

The event will include several "aid stations." These volunteer-run locations may include Rivershore Trail parking. All participants agree to a zero-tolerance littering policy and volunteers will sweep the course for trash when the flagging is pulled on Sunday, July 10th. Paper or plastic cups and plates will not be distributed at these points.

Participants will not be permitted aid from vehicles, and any spectator traffic will be directed away from small local trailheads. Participants are responsible for their own safety, although we will have CPR/First Aid certified volunteers on call. The event will be covered by a single-day event insurance policy from the American Trail Running Association.

Please feel free to email richmondtrailrunners@gmail.com with any questions, and I look forward to discussing this event with you.

Thank you!

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