

Hello all,

I hope you are familiar with our local Richmond Trail Running Club, which has been steadily growing since 2019. We are a meet-up of runners who explore the trails and dirt roads of Richmond and surrounding towns. In 2023 we successfully hosted our third annual "RUTFest" (Richmond Ultra Trail Festival) with about 130 participants at the Catamount Outdoor Family Center, where we raised about \$3500 for the COFC and the Catamount Trail Association. We also hosted the second "Aliza LaPierre Fan Club 50k and 26k," which covers many of the mountain bike networks near Richmond. This was a great success, with about 70 runners running the course. We were able to donate \$2000 from this event to the Abenaki Helping Abenaki fund.

We are pleased to announce that we intend to offer the ALFC 50k/26k once again this year, on Saturday July 6th. The proposed event will take place from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM, and follows the course map in the provided race handbook. The rain date in case of muddy trails is July 13th.

Like last year, we are seeking permission and support from town administrators to place flagging at vital race junctions and to have about 80 runners pass through the relevant areas. I have listed locations for "aid stations" below. All participants agree to a zero-tolerance littering policy and volunteers sweep the course for trash when the flagging is pulled on Sunday, July 7th. No paper cups or plates will be distributed to runners on course. Participants will not be permitted aid from spectator vehicles. Participants are responsible for their own safety, although we will have CPR/Wilderness First Aid certified volunteers active all day. The event will be covered by a single-day event insurance policy from the American Trail Running Association.

Notes for Richmond Select Board:

Like last year we are reaching out to Pete Gosselin regarding protocols for safe use of Richmond roadways, and will also secure approval for the event from the Richmond Trails Committee. We do not anticipate any road closures, as runner traffic will amount to 10-20 runners per hour at this later stage of the race. We have also connected with local landowners and trail managers including Ed Mcauley on Dugway Road, Berne Broudy, the Cochran family, and Richmond Mountain Trails.

Our route covers the following roads and trails in Richmond:

- **0.5 miles of Huntington Road from Sherman Hollow Road to Dugway Road**
- **0.2 miles of Dugway to the Mcauley property**
- **0.1 miles of Cochran road from Rivershore Preserve to Cochran's Ski Area**
- **Trails:** Answer, Connector, Jimmy Cliff, Climb to Skully's, A-Day (Richmond Mountain Trails), Lung Ta, Ravine Connector, Ravine (Richmond Trails Committee)

We are confident in our ability to satisfy all other protocols in the Richmond charitable events policy.

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

Thank you!

Ben Feinson, RTRC Co-Director

Aid Stations:

1. **Junction of Big Hollow and Hollow Rd** (Town of Starksboro)
2. **Lincoln Hill Rd Entrance to Carse Hills** (Peter Carse)
3. **Hayden Hill East Entrance to HTF** (Hinesburg Town Forest)
4. **Enman Household, Sleepy Hollow** (Enman Family)
5. **Moultroup Sugar House, Main Rd** (Moultroup Family)
6. **Cochran's Ski Area** (Cochran Family)