

Hello all,

I hope you are familiar with our local Richmond Trail Running Club, which has been growing since summer of 2019. We are a meet-up of runners who explore the trails and dirt roads of Richmond and surrounding towns. In 2022 we successfully hosted our second annual "RUTFest," Richmond Ultra Trail Festival, with over 100 participants and well over 3,000 miles run and hiked at Catamount, and about \$2000 raised for Camp Exclamation Point, Sky's The Limit wilderness therapy fund, and Catamount Outdoor Center. We also hosted the first "Aliza LaPierre Fan Club 50k and 25k," which covers many of the mountain bike networks near Richmond. This was a great success, and over 60 runners ran the course and helped raise \$1000 for the Richmond Mountain Trails driving range project, and \$750 for the Abenaki Helping Abenaki fund.

We are pleased to announce that we intend to offer the ALFC 50k/25k once again this year, on Saturday July 8th. The proposed event will take place from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM, and follows the course attached as a pdf. The rain date in case of muddy trails is July 15th.

Like last year, we are seeking landowner 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 the 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 9th. No paper cups or plates will be distributed to runners. Participants will not be permitted aid from spectator vehicles. 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.

Notes for Richmond Select Board:

We have reached Pete Gosselin and Benjamin Herrick regarding protocols for safe use of Richmond roadways, and have approval for the event from Willie Lee and the Richmond Trails Committee.. We do not anticipate any road closures, as runner traffic will be around 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, the Cochran family, and Richmond Mountain Trails. **Our route only covers the following roads and trails in Richmond:**

- **0.5 miles of Huntington Road from Sherman Hollow to Dugway**
- **0.2 miles of Dugway to the Mcauley property**
- **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 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 Parking** (Cochran Family)