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### Press Release

Crans-Montana, 7th August 2023

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Wildstrubel by UTMB promises to be epic

#### Reminder:

- More than 3,000 runners registered to date
- The longest distance is sold out
- **New 70km format** starting from Kandersteg
- Volunteer registration is open

With less than two months to go to the Wildstrubel by UTMB<sup>®</sup>, all signs point to this second edition being exceptional! **Offering an epic journey from 14-17 September through the Valais and Bernese regions of Switzerland on some of the country's wildest trails**, this event offers runners five iconic tourist destinations: **Crans-Montana** – the heart of the event, start of the 100M and finish location for all races; **Kandersteg** and **Adelboden** on the Bernese side – the start venue for the 200K and 50K respectively; and **Leukerbad**, which will host the start of the 20K.

Over **3,000 runners have already registered** to take part (a significant increase on 2022 entries), reflecting the appeal of the discipline and the unique nature of the Wildstrubel event. **The routes will take runners on some of the wildest passes in the region, including the Bunderschrinde, the Gemmi Pass and the Rawil Pass, which links the cantons of Valais and Bern.** Runners will also discover the Wildstrubel mountain cabin and the famous Alpine Skiing World Cup slope that starts in Adelboden.

Wildstrubel by UTMB promises a unique experience for runners through mountain pastures, rocky outcrops and along the shores of mountain lakes. Enough to dazzle all trail running fans!

Info & registrations [HERE](#).





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## Elite athletes will also be on the start line

In the 100M, Switzerland's **Kathrin Goetz**, **Sara Escobar** and **Clara Gasser** will be battling it out for a podium finish, while the men's event will feature a strong French contingent with **Vincent Viet**, **Maxime Grenot** and **Arnaud Lejeune** all looking to challenge Great Britain's **Andy Symonds**.

Also among the favourites, **Aurélien Dunand-Pallaz** will be lining up in the 100K, while Switzerland's **Nina Broccard** will run the 25K.

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## The volunteer adventure at your fingertips

The event needs around 300 volunteers for tasks that include managing refreshments, welcoming runners, marking out and ensuring safety on the course, plus setting up and installing the various key sites.

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## MEDIA INFO

Press bibs are still available to take part in one of the 4 races during the weekend. Send your request to [presse@utmb.world](mailto:presse@utmb.world).

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