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## Adrian MacDonald (USA) and Konoka Azumi (JPN) victorious at Tarawera Ultra-Trail by UTMB

- Adrian MacDonald scores gold in Tarawera Ultra-Trail by UTMB debut, alongside four-time finisher, Konoka Azumi, who finally finds glory in the queen TMiler distance.
- Daniel Jones (NZL) defends title at Tarawera Ultra-Trail by UTMB T102, while Ruth Croft (NZL) reclaims her T102 title from 2021 and Caitlin Fielder (NZL) takes her third T50 victory.
- Ten-time Tarawera finisher, Mark O'Sullivan (NZL), goes down in history as the only runner to complete all six TMiler races.

Over 4,400 runners took to the start of Tarawera Ultra Trail by UTMB in Rotorua, New Zealand on 17-18 February, with [Adrian MacDonald](#) and [Konoka Azumi](#) first across the line in the TMiler (100M), stopping the clock at 15:00:57 and 18:24:54 respectively.



Adrian MacDonald

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"Tarawera Ultra-Trail by UTMB is an historic race and it is one that I have always wanted to do so I am really glad to win here", said Adrian MacDonald.

Dan Jones and Ruth Croft were victorious on home soil in the T102 (100K), while Caitlin Fielder took her third Tarawera Ultra-Trail by UTMB title with a win in the T50 (50K) race, alongside Ronnie Sparke (GBR) on debut in the men's race. Michael Sutton (NZL) and Beth Garland (GBR) took the tape in the final of the four race distances on offer - the T21 (21K) - to conclude an unforgettable weekend at the events 15th anniversary edition.



Ruth Croft

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Dan Jones

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As part of the UTMB World Series, the top three male and female athletes in the 50K, 100K and 100M events at Tarawera Ultra-Trail by UTMB qualify for the 2025 UTMB World Series Finals at Dacia UTMB Mont-Blanc.



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Full Tarawera Ultra-Trail by UTMB results are available [here](#).

100M		COUNTRY	RUNNER	UTMB POINTS	DISTANCE & ELEVATION	TOP 3 GAIN DIRECT ENTRY
<b>TMILER</b>						
1	JPN	Konoka AZUMI	695			
2	AUS	Charlisse SMITH	642			
3	GER	Christi FABER	604		165,5 km	
1	USA	Adrian MACDONALD	889		3,832 m+	
2	NZL	Samuel HARVEY	806			
3	AUS	Mark CARROLL	839			
<b>100K</b>						
<b>T102</b>						
1	NZL	Ruth CROFT	708			
2	USA	Beth MCKENZIE	727			
3	NZL	Nikai EVERTON	668		104,6 km	
1	NZL	Dan JONES	905		2,680m+	
2	USA	Justin GRUNEWALD	862			
3	USA	Matthew HEALT	788			
<b>50K</b>						
<b>T50</b>						
1	NZL	Caitlin FIELDER	778			
2	GBR	Kate AVERY	724			
3	USA	Robyn LESH	702		52,7 km	
1	GBR	Ronnie SPARKE	857		1,166m+	
2	AUS	Charlie HAMILTON	844			
3	JPN	Yutaro YOKOUCHI	813			
<b>20K</b>						
<b>T21</b>						
1	GBR	Beth GARLAND	655			
2	AUS	Jessica FORBEN	707			
3	USA	Rach PETERS	602		23,1 km	
1	NZL	Michael SUTTON	748		394 m+	
2	NZL	Liam DOOLEY	749			
3	GBR	Robert SMITH	735			

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Next up on the UTMB World Series calendar is Chianti Ultra Trail by UTMB on 22-24 March 2024. More information can be found at the UTMB World Series [website](#).

## Images

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### About UTMB® World Series

UTMB® World Series is the world's ultimate trail-running circuit that unites the sport's biggest stars and passionate runners through the best, leading international events in the most stunning locations. Built on a passion for the mountains with sustainability at its heart, UTMB® World Series gives all trail runners the chance to experience the UTMB® adventure across the world, with events taking place across Asia, Oceania, Europe, Africa, and the Americas. It is the only place where runners can begin their quest to Dacia UTMB® Mont-Blanc, France, where the prestigious UTMB® World Series Finals will be held. Launched in May 2021 through the collaboration between the UTMB Group and The IRONMAN Group, the UTMB World Series circuit brings together many of the best international trail-running events on the planet. For more information, visit [utmb.world](#).

### About UTMB Group

Since the creation of Dacia UTMB® Mont-Blanc in 2003 by a group of passionate friends, UTMB Group has been the driving force behind the development of trail running. The Dacia UTMB® Mont-Blanc is the sports pinnacle event, and every year, 10,000 runners earn their place on the start line. UTMB Group also pioneered the LiveTrail® technology, an innovative digital service that supports the management of endurance races. Revered by hundreds of thousands of athletes, UTMB® has become a global, premium, and leading brand. In May 2021, UTMB Group partnered with The IRONMAN Group to launch the UTMB® World Series, which brings together many of the best international events on the planet to provide exclusive access to the sport's pinnacle event, Dacia UTMB® Mont-Blanc. The UTMB® World Series is built on the founding principles of Dacia UTMB® Mont-Blanc: surpassing oneself; fair-play; respect for people and the environment; and solidarity. Find out more at <https://utmb.world/>.

### About The IRONMAN Group

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