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Ultra-Trail Snowdonia by UTMB draws participants from 63 nations to wild Wales



3,000 athletes from 63 nations will take to the mountainous wilderness of north Wales in the United Kingdom on 10-12 May for Ultra-Trail Snowdonia by UTMB®.

Upholding its tagline as "Beautiful beyond belief. Savage beyond reason", the event promises an adventure through the Eryri/Snowdonia National Park via technical trails, across ridges and through forests.

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Carine Kagerer (SUI, UTMB Index 666) and Mathieu Clement (SUI, UTMB Index 843) head into the UTS 100M race as the top-ranked athletes, hoping to hold off a strong line-up of British runners looking for home glory. The UTS 100K race also features a who's-who of top names, including Dacia UTMB Mont-Blanc TDS® winner, Christian Meier (CAN, UTMB Index 862) in the Men's race, and fourth-place TDS finisher, Paulina Krawczak (POL, UTMB Index 717) in the Women's race.

Having won the 100K in 2023, Josh Wade (GBR, UTMB Index 868) will be on the hunt for the top spot in the UTS 50K race, alongside local Welsh runner and previous 50K winner, Harry Jones (GBR, UTMB Index 862). In the Women's race, it could be an all-Nordic podium with twins Sanna El Kott Helander (SWE, UTMB Index 715) and Lina El Kott Helander (SWE, UTMB Index 704) heading up the field, alongside Henriette Albon (NOR, UTMB Index 722).

With a 2024 UTMB World Series win already under his belt at Chianti Ultra Trail by UTMB®, Robbie Simpson (GBR, UTMB Index 909) will certainly be the man to beat in the UTS 20K, while Gemma Hillier Moses (GBR, UTMB Index 666) could also be looking to replicate the British success in the Women's race.

Black Trail Runners trustee, Simbarashe (Simba) Mugomba will also be back on the startline in 2024, "The 50K race in 2023 was a formidable challenge and the course was spectacular. Last year my body gave out up Rhyd Ddu Path, and it became more about survival than beating the clock, but at the second checkpoint I waited for my wife who was just fifteen minutes behind, and we finished together which was incredibly special."

"My aim is to inspire others by being visible in my Black Trail Runners (BTR) kit at major races, demonstrating that there is indeed a place for Black runners at every start line. Before joining BTR, I often found myself as the sole Black participant at trail races. The community has been pivotal in reshaping my experience in the UK trail running scene, offering a sense of belonging and support."



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6,000 runners to discover medieval magic and vineyard vistas at Trail Alsace Grand Est by UTMB



The second edition of Trail Alsace Grand Est by UTMB® returns on 17-20 May, as 6,000 runners take a journey through time via the ancient Celtic paths and forest trails of the Alsace and Grand Est region in north-eastern France.

Knights on horseback lead runners out towards the Vosges mountains via more than 20 castles, charming medieval towns, and stunning vineyards before an iconic finish along the ramparts of Obernai.

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Sebastien Spehler (FRA, UTMB Index 896) and Claire Bannwarth (FRA, UTMB Index 708) head up a strong-list of French athletes targeting the race. Racing the 100M distance, both have already secured UTMB World Series podiums in 2024. The 2023 Trail Alsace Grand Est by UTMB 100K champion, Guillaume Berthier (FRA, UTMB Index 790) and the 50K champion, Gregory Basilio (FRA, UTMB Index 829) both return to the event but exchange race distances for this edition.

Athletes looking to upset the French dominance at the top include Benedikt Hoffmann (GER, UTMB Index 885) and Katarzyna Solinska (POL, UTMB Index 750) as they aim for the top spot in the 50K race. From road runner to trail runner, Dominik Tabor (POL, UTMB Index 867) will take on the 20K race and will be in search of his first UTMB World Series victory after finishing second at his debut on the trail running circuit at Ultra-Trail Snowdonia by UTMB® (20K) in 2023.

Trail Alsace Grand Est by UTMB promises to be another unforgettable year, with volunteers such as Loic Bertrand helping make it happen. He said, "The event is special because of the warm welcome from the people of Alsace and the unique landscapes with all the castles. Last year I ran the 50K then volunteered at the aid station and got to experience the same incredible atmosphere twice."

Joining the volunteer team for the first time this year, Célia Rebjock added, "I am an ultra-trail runner too, and volunteering is my way of giving back. Last year I heard great things about the race from volunteers and participants and I plan to create the same lively atmosphere at the aid station. My parents, friends and colleagues are getting involved too and runners can expect music and maybe even costumes with typical Alsatian attire."



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Local runners discover the best of their backyard at South Africa's only UTMB World Series event



The only UTMB® World Series event in South Africa, Mountain Ultra-Trail™ by UTMB® kicks-off on the 24-26 May.

Almost 2,000 runners head to the city of George on the Western Cape ready to uncover the paradise and biodiversity of the Garden Route National Park, the wild Outeniqua Mountain Range, and the passionate George Trails community.

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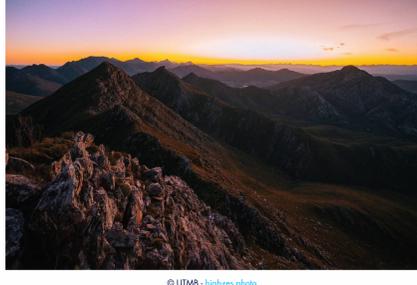
With an impressive 95% of registered participants coming from South Africa, the event offers runners the chance to explore the beauty of their backyard, while vying for a coveted spot in the UTMB World Series Finals on home soil. Having made its debut on the UTMB World Series in 2023, the event also celebrates more women taking to the start line for this edition of the race, with an additional 100 registered to race.

South African elite runners, Christiaan Greyling (RSA, UTMB Index 773) and Sveta Becker (RSA, UTMB Index 601) could clinch the top spots in the MUT Miler (100M) race, alongside Kerry-Ann Marshall (RSA, UTMB Index 683) in the MUT 100 (100K) race who will have to hold off 2023 Restonica Trail by UTMB® 100K winner, Natalia Mastrota (ITA, UTMB Index 666).

21-year-old Rebecca Kohne (RSA, UTMB Index 680) will also be one to watch in the MUT Marathon (50K) with the George-based athlete taking the opportunity to race a major event on her local trails.

Kohne said, "I did the race last year and it was so cool for such a local race to join the UTMB World Series. It attracts more people which brings up the standard of the race and makes local runners train harder to push their running to be better and show their potential on the UTMB World Series stage."

"The trail running community is very special when it comes to supporting each other to push through hard things and to feel really good about themselves. I can't wait for the community to be all together again in George soon!"



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