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## Big reputation, big names and big elevation at UTMB World Series events in the United States of America

### Course record holder headlines 51<sup>st</sup> edition of Western States 100 Endurance Run



The **51<sup>st</sup> edition** of Western States™ 100 Endurance Run, the oldest and most iconic 100-mile trail run in the world, promises another unforgettable edition in Auburn, California on June 29-30.

369 participants will take to the start line at the Olympic Valley, California, near the site of the 1960 Winter Olympics. Amongst the line-up includes ten-time finishers, a **growing number of women**, 30 Golden Ticket winners plus **current course record holder and the 2024 UTMB® winner at HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc, Jim Walmsley (USA, UTMB Index 934)**.

RACE INFORMATION					
RACE	DATE	START	FINISH	START TIME	FINISH TIME
WESTERN STATES 100-MILE ENDURANCE RUN	29-30 JUN	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00

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#### Women Elite

One of the **UTMB Legends, Katie Schide (USA, UTMB Index 825)** will be looking to improve on her second place from 2023 and will join a star-studded Women Elite field including **third-placed Eszter Csillag (HUN, UTMB Index 768)** and **three-time finisher Emily Hawgood (ZWE, UTMB Index 757)**. The first-timers should not be counted out either, especially with names like **Emily Schmitz (USA, UTMB Index 736)**, **Eleanor Davis (GBR, UTMB Index 753)** and **Heather Jackson (USA, UTMB Index 764)** amongst the line-up.

#### Men Elite

In the Men Elite field, **two-time winner Jim Walmsley** will be looking to retain his title and perhaps even make a dent in his own course record which stands from 2019 at 14:09:28. He will face a talent of experienced opposition, including **2023 runner-up and four-time finisher, Tyler Green (USA, UTMB Index 880)** and several other top finishers from 2023, including **Jiasheg Shen (CHN, UTMB Index 906)**, **Dakota Jones (USA, UTMB Index 902)**, **Ji Duo (CHN, UTMB Index 889)** and **Hayden Hawks (USA, UTMB Index 910)** accepted their Golden Ticket offers alongside Walmsley and will also be hoping to battle it out at the front of the race in Northern California.

The event also **celebrates the return of two 15-time finishers**, Dan Barger and Charley Jones, alongside **1,000 mile-buckle holder** - an award that goes to runners who have completed the event ten-times and all under 24 hours - Luanne Park who hopes to add another finish to her name.



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### Altitude and elevation at Speedgoat Mountain Races by UTMB in USA



The stunning Snowbird Ski Resort in the Wasatch Mountains, Utah will welcome 1,500 runners to **one of the toughest endurance races in the United States of America** on July 19-20 at Speedgoat™ Mountain Races by UTMB®, with an increased number of local runners taking to their home trails for this edition of the race.

With the **flagship 50K race covering 11,800ft of climbing** via Snowbird, Baldy and Hidden Peak, it promises to be a tough but rewarding challenge. **Two 20K races, plus a shorter 10km distance opens the event to participants of all levels** as they experience the best of the mountain trails, rocky terrain, breathtaking views and vibrant wildlife.

RACE INFORMATION					
RACE	DATE	START	FINISH	START TIME	FINISH TIME
SPEEDGOAT 50K	19-20 JUL	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00
SPEEDGOAT 20K	19-20 JUL	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00
SPEEDGOAT 10K	19-20 JUL	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00

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Speedgoat Mountain Races by UTMB Race Director, **Karl Meltzer said**, *"The 50K is intimidating and isn't the best option for a first-timer. In the 28km race, they still have the first climb through to the top at 4,500 feet, and still go through the Snowbird tunnel and get the 'intimidation factor' with the last climb. So, they still get a taste of what the 50K is like, although the backside of the moment is equally as hard."*

#### Women Elite

An unforgettable day of racing is predicted in the Women Elite race, with runners such as **Jasmine Lowther (CAN, UTMB Index 767)**, **Martina Valmossi (ITA, UTMB Index 765)** and **EmKay Sullivan (USA, UTMB Index 765)** amongst an impressive list of runners ready to test the limits in the Wasatch Mountains.

#### Men Elite

In the Men's race, it looks set to be equally as exciting! **Adam Peterman (USA, UTMB Index 930)**, **Eli Hemming (USA, UTMB Index 911)** and **Chad Hall (USA, UTMB Index 898)** head into the race as the top-ranked but it will be all to play for as anything can happen over the notoriously challenging course at Speedgoat Mountain Races by UTMB.



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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 HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc, 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 <https://utmb.world>.

##### About UTMB Group

Since the creation of HOKA 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 HOKA 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, HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc. The UTMB® World Series is built on the founding principles of HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc: surpassing oneself; fair-play; respect for people and the environment; and solidarity. Find out more at <https://utmb.world>.

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