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Monte Rosa Walser Waeg by UTMB joins UTMB World Series circuit in Aosta Valley, Italy

- Italian event provides access to unexplored trails.
- 2025 edition will be part of the UTMB World Series circuit.
- Four distances from 100 miles to 20K are now available.

UTMB® World Series is proud to welcome a prestigious event into the circuit: **the Monte Rosa Walser Waeg by UTMB®, which will take place in the Aosta Valley, in the Italian Alps, from July 18 to 20, 2025.**

The event offers two new distances with the addition of 100M and 100K challenges, which will take runners on an alpine adventure to remember through the **majestic peaks** of the Italian Alps, following in the **footsteps of mountaineers and alpine guides**. Throughout this epic journey, runners will encounter vibrant **local communities and ancient villages** all rich in tradition and legend. The routes have been designed to provide runners with **access to unexplored trails**, on which they will experience breathtaking views of the Lyskamm glacier and the imposing Monte Rosa massif.



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The **100M starts in Aosta** and the **100K race in Pont Saint Martin** before passing through 20 communes in the eastern corner of the Aosta Valley, including Cervina and Val d'Ayas, and the villages of Gressoney-Saint-Jean and Gressoney-La-Trinité - the start and finish lines for the 50K and 20K routes. Along the way runners will discover famous landmarks such as the Saint Barthelemy Astronomical Observatory, and the very special villages of Chamois and La Magdeleine.

This event was **created 3 years ago, born of two local children's love for the Aosta Valley, trail running and their mountains. Giuditta Turini and Franco Colle are both elite athletes with an impressive track record.** This year alone Giuditta placed 2nd in the 100M at La Sportiva® Lavaredo Ultra Trail® by UTMB® 2024, and 1st in the Nestrù Ultramarathon 2024 Babai Trail (20K). Franco, meanwhile, finished 3rd in the 2016 TDS, recently took 1st place in the Nestrù Ultramarathon 2024 (50K) and has 4 Tor des Géants® victories to his name.

Giuditta and Franco, now the event's technical directors, say: "Every Monte Rosa Walser Waeg by UTMB race will give runners an opportunity to experience the wonder and enchantment that once captivated the pioneers of these legendary routes. We're delighted to be joining the UTMB World Series circuit, and to be able to offer runners a new perspective of the Aosta Valley, from the Matterhorn to the majestic Monte Rosa."



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The event's name, Monte Rosa Walser Waeg by UTMB, is a blend of Italian and German deriving from its geographical location. In this part of the Valle d'Aosta - a crossroads of peoples and cultures - the population mainly speaks Italian, but also the Walser language, a variant of a south German dialect that closely resembles Swiss German in its most archaic form.

The following races will be offered to runners:

- "Les sentiers des Valdôtains" 100M: 122km/ 8500 d+ - New for 2025
- "Monte Rosa Trail" 100K: 92km/ 7100 d+ - New for 2025
- "Walserwaeg Trail" 50K: 45km/ 3200 d+
- "Regina Margherita Trail" 20K: 15km/ 600 d+

Gathering the world's most iconic trail running races, UTMB World Series offers a unique platform for runners to explore extraordinary landscapes and enjoy unforgettable experiences, as close to home as possible. Italian runners will now have a **fourth event on the circuit in Italy**, and a second in Valle d'Aosta, alongside the HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc.

With 45 events across 5 continents, the UTMB World Series continues its measured development, with the aim of offering all runners - both regular and elite - events that are organized in the safest and most environmentally friendly conditions, **as close to home as possible**, and which showcase the territories in which they are located.

To find out more about the Monte Rosa Walser Waeg by UTMB, [click here](#).



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UTMB® World Series 2024-2025 calendar (as of July 17, 2024)

- Tarawera Ultra-Trail™ by UTMB®, New Zealand (17-18 February 2024)
- Chianti Ultra Trail by UTMB®, Italy (22-24 March 2024)
- Istria 100™ by UTMB®, Croatia (4-7 April 2024)
- Desert RATS Trail Running Festival™ by UTMB®, USA (13-14 April 2024)
- Ultra Trail Mount Yun by UTMB®, China (19-21 April 2024)
- HOKA Canyons Endurance Runs™ by UTMB®, UTMB World Series Americas Major, USA (26-27 April 2024)
- Amazeon Jungle Thailand by UTMB®, Thailand (3-5 May 2024)
- Valhäll Argentina by UTMB®, Argentina (9-12 May 2024)
- Ultra-Trail Snowdonia by UTMB®, UK (10-12 May 2024)
- Trail Alsace Grand Est by UTMB®, France (17-20 May 2024)
- Ultra-Trail Australia™ by UTMB®, Australia (16-19 May 2024)
- Mountain Ultra Trail™ by UTMB®, South Africa (24-26 May 2024)
- Mozart 100™ by UTMB®, Austria (1 June 2024)
- Tenerife Bluetrail by UTMB®, Spain (6-8 June 2024)
- Trail du Saint-Jacques by UTMB®, France (14-16 June 2024)
- Trail 100 Andorra™ by UTMB®, Andorra (14-16 June 2024)
- Mauritius by UTMB®, Mauritius (22-23 June 2024)
- La Sportiva® Lavaredo Ultra Trail™ by UTMB®, Italy (26-30 June 2024)
- Western States™ 100 Endurance Run, USA (29 June 2024)
- HOKA Val d'Aran by UTMB®, UTMB World Series European Major, Spain (3-7 July 2024)
- Restonica Trail by UTMB®, France (4-6 July 2024)
- Trail Verbier St-Bernard by UTMB®, Switzerland (5-7 July 2024)
- Eiger Ultra-Trail™ by UTMB®, Switzerland (17-21 July 2024)
- Speedgoat™ Mountain Races by UTMB®, USA (19-20 July 2024)
- KAT100™ by UTMB®, Austria (1-3 August 2024)
- Quito Trail by UTMB®, Ecuador (2-4 August 2024)
- HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc, France, Italy, Switzerland (26 August-1 September 2024), UTMB World Series Finals
- Wildstrubel by UTMB®, Switzerland (12-15 September 2024)
- Paraty Brazil by UTMB®, Brazil (19-22 September 2024)
- Grindstone Trail Running Festival™ by UTMB®, USA (20-22 September 2024)
- Julian Alps Trail Run by UTMB®, Slovenia (20-22 September 2024)
- Ultra Trail Whistler™ by UTMB®, Canada (28-29 September 2024)
- Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB®, France (3-6 October 2024)
- Kodiac Ultra Marathons™ by UTMB®, USA (11-12 October 2024)
- TransJeju by UTMB®, South Korea (12-13 October 2024)
- Ultra-Trail Ninghai by UTMB®, China (17-20 October 2024)
- Kullamannen™ by UTMB®, Sweden (1-2 November 2024)
- Mallorca by UTMB®, Spain (1-3 November 2024)
- Puerto Vallarta México by UTMB®, Mexico (7-9 November 2024)
- Translantau by UTMB®, Hong Kong (8-10 November 2024)
- Malaysia Ultra-Trail™ by UTMB®, Malaysia (15-17 November)
- Ultra-Trail Kosciuszko™ by UTMB®, Australia (28-30 November)
- HOKA Chiang Mai Thailand by UTMB®, UTMB World Series Asia-Pacific Major, Thailand (5-8 December 2024)
- Arc of Attrition by UTMB®, United Kingdom (24-26 January 2025)
- Monte Rosa Walser Waeg by UTMB, Italy (18-20 July 2025)

Runners can view the full calendar of events and choose their adventures [here](#).

Note to editors

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 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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