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## From the Swiss Alps to the Julian Alps, UTMB World Series head to majestic peaks

### A wild ride awaits at Wildstrubel by UTMB



Straight off the back of what is going to be an unforgettable event at HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc, UTMB® World Series continues on a high as it heads to the **northern Alps of Switzerland** for **Wildstrubel by UTMB®**.

On 12-15 September, **over 5,430 participants** will discover the region's **wild peaks and manicured mountain pastures via famous alpine passes, lakes and quaint towns full of local charm.**

RACE INFORMATION			
NAME	START	FINISH	START DATE
WILD 110	12.09.24	15.09.24	12.09.24
WILD 70	12.09.24	15.09.24	12.09.24
WILD 50	12.09.24	15.09.24	12.09.24
WILD 25	12.09.24	15.09.24	12.09.24
WILD 10	12.09.24	15.09.24	12.09.24

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#### Watch Live

The event will be broadcast LIVE, giving fans the opportunity to get closer to the action than ever before. **Follow the live stream** and get all the race updates and key statistics on [UTMB Live](#). Live broadcasts can also be watched on: L'Équipe, Outside, DAZN, IQIYI.

#### Elite Runners to watch

A complete tour of the Wildstrubel Massif and the Plaine Morte Glacier is on the cards for the **Wild 110 (100M)** competitors, crossing the two cantons of Valais and Bern via mythical passes. In the women's elite field, **Kristyna Cerna** (AUT, [UTMB Index 719](#)) has already secured two UTMB World Series podiums in 2024 and looks good to secure the triple this September. **Bastien Jannetta** (FRA, [UTMB Index 799](#)) will make his UTMB World Series debut in Switzerland. He heads into the race with the highest UTMB World Series, but faces tough opposition in **Arnaud Lejeune** (FRA, [UTMB Index 797](#)) and **Lucien Bourquin** (SUI, [UTMB Index 787](#)).

In the **Wild 70 (100K)**, **Julie Roux** (FRA, [UTMB Index 767](#)) and **Eliot Retuli** (FRA, [UTMB Index 855](#)) look to be the ones to beat in their respective categories. **Victoria Stansfield** (GBR, [UTMB Index 705](#)) is new to the trail running scene but shouldn't be underestimated. Despite making her debut on the trails this summer, she has already secured two impressive wins in the mountains and could be set for a solid result on her first UTMB World Series outing.

Stansfield said, "My family and I have been spending the summer traveling through the Alps. Switzerland in particular is my favourite of the European mountain regions. The Wild 70 really appeals to me because it offers stunning scenery and significant elevation gain, both of which I was looking for in a race. **What I am most looking forward to is reaching the top of the final climb, knowing that my one-year-old will be waiting for me at the bottom.**

I don't have any specific performance goals for this race - I am going in with an open mind. As someone who is very new to the sport, with just two races under my belt, Wild 70 is about establishing a benchmark that my coach, Doug Stewart, and I can build on. My main goal, as with every race, is to be **grateful for the opportunity to compete and look forward to seeing my family at the finish line.**"

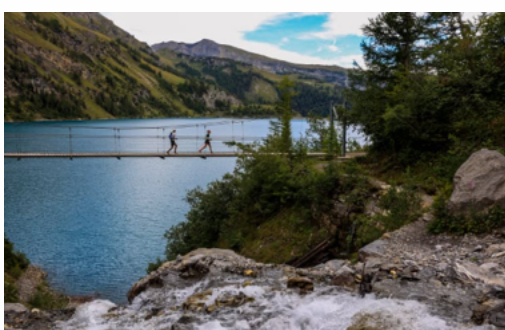
An action-packed race is expected in the **Wild 50 (50K)**. **Sophia Laukli** (USA, [UTMB Index 789](#)), **Candice Fertin** (FRA, [UTMB Index 751](#)) and **Emily Schmitz** (USA, [UTMB Index 736](#)) will be amongst the protagonists at the front of the race in the women's elite field. **Anthony Felber** (FRA, [UTMB Index 885](#)) heads into the race as the top-ranked in the men elite field but **Sammy Chelangat** (KEN, [UTMB Index 864](#)) will be one to watch. Under the guidance of coach Julien Lyon, whose project is to train young Kenyan athletes in mountain running, Chelangat has already turned heads with an impressive win at Trail Alsace Grand Est by UTMB® earlier this year.

A fiery pace is also expected in the **Wild 25 (20K)**, with **Marion Delespierre Mauppin** (FRA, [UTMB Index 759](#)) and **Alessandro Riva** (ITA, [UTMB Index 827](#)) predicted to be leading the charge in their respective categories.

With a 10K fun run - new for this 2024 edition, plus a children's race and an inclusive adaptive athlete race, the event promises a weekend full of celebrations and achievements in the Swiss Alps.



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### Record-numbers at Julian Alps Trail Run by UTMB



The UTMB World Series heads from the Swiss Alps to the **mighty peaks and glacial-formed blue waters of the Julian Alps in Slovenia** on 20-22 September.

**Julian Alps Trail Run by UTMB® heads into a record-breaking year, with over 3,500 athletes registered** and ready to discover highlights such as Lake Bled, Triglav National Park and Slovenia's highest summit - Mount Triglav - at 2,864m.

RACE INFORMATION			
NAME	START	FINISH	START DATE
2024 JULIAN ALPS TRAIL	20.09.24	22.09.24	20.09.24
2024 JAT SKY TRAIL	20.09.24	22.09.24	20.09.24
2024 JAT LAKE BLED	20.09.24	22.09.24	20.09.24
2024 JAT TRAIL	20.09.24	22.09.24	20.09.24
2024 JAT SKY TRAIL	20.09.24	22.09.24	20.09.24
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2024 JAT SKY TRAIL	20.09.24	22.09.24	20.09.24

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Race Director, Luke Hren said, "We couldn't be more excited about our biggest edition yet. Participants are for an incredible adventure, discovering this most authentic part of the Alps through trail running. They'll enjoy breathtaking views of the fairytale and world-famous Lake Bled and the iconic mount Triglav, experience the incredible local hospitality and friendliness of the event, which is one of the many reasons runners keep returning year after year."

#### Elite Runners

Local trail runners are seizing the opportunity to race a UTMB World Series event on home trails. Two athletes looking to take the tape in front of a home crowd in **the 100M race - I FEEL SLOVENIA JAT ULTRA TRAIL 120 km**- include the 2023 170km men's winner, **Ivan Hrastovec** (SLO, [UTMB Index 821](#)) and the 2022 runner-up in the women's 50K race, **Martina Klancnik Potrč** (SLO, [UTMB Index 724](#)).

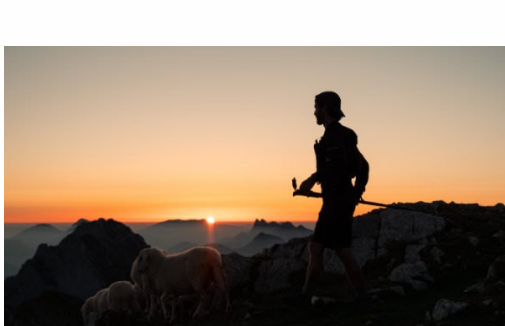
**Azara García de los Salmones** (ESP, [UTMB Index 780](#)) is no stranger to the top-step in trail races, but a UTMB World Series podium currently evades her in 2024. She heads into the **JAT LAKE BLED 80 km (100K)** women's race as the favourite and will be looking to hold off the likes of **Dominique van Mechelen** (BEL, [UTMB Index 706](#)). In the men's race, it could be a close match between the 2023 50K runner-up, **Janez Klancnik** (SLO, [UTMB Index 813](#)) and 2022 50K winner **Jiri Petr** (CZE, [UTMB Index 815](#)) who is back for redemption after suffering a DNF in the 100K race last year.

**Yoel de Paz** (ESP, [UTMB Index 887](#)) is the one to beat in the **JAT SKY TRAIL 50 km (50K)**. He will race in Slovenia for the first time, alongside **Luca Pescollenderung** (ITA, [UTMB Index 856](#)). Meanwhile, **Sophia Laukli** looks set to be lining herself up for a very exciting September, with her name on the start list for both UTMB World Series events that month and a strong contender in both. **Anna Tarasova** (ESP, [UTMB Index 734](#)) also heads into the race as a favourite, especially after her **dominating win at Trail 100 Andorra™ by UTMB® 50K** last month.

After the inspiration from the recent HOKA UTMB Mont-Blanc event, athletes from around the world will be seizing their opportunity to stamp their spot for next year's edition of the event, or gain Running Stones to enter into the lottery.



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Follow all the action from both Wildstrubel by UTMB and Julian Alps Trail Run by UTMB [here](#).

#### Upcoming events on UTMB World Series international circuit:

- 26 August - 1st September: HOKA UTMB® Mont-Blanc, UTMB World Series Finals - France, Italy, Switzerland
- 12 - 15 September: Wildstrubel by UTMB® - Switzerland
- 20 - 22 September: Grindstone Trail Running Festival™ by UTMB® - USA
- 20-22 September: Julian Alps Trail Run by UTMB® - Slovenia
- 28 - 29 September: Ultra Trail Whistler™ by UTMB® - Canada
- 3-6 October: Nice Côte d'Azur by UTMB® - France
- 11-12 October: Kodiak Ultra Marathons™ by UTMB® - USA
- 12-13 October: Transleju by UTMB® - South Korea
- 17-20 October: Ultra-Trail Ninghai by UTMB® - China

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UTMB® World Series is the world's ultimate trailrunning 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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