



PLEASANT RIDGE BACKYARD ULTRA EVENT INFORMATION JANUARY 30-31, 2027

DATE & LOCATION

This event takes place Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31, 2027. The race will begin at [Pleasant Ridge Camp and Retreat Center \(4232 SC-11, Marietta, SC 29661\)](#) and continue through trails and roads in Pleasant Ridge County Park.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM: Early packet and bib pickup at Pleasant Ridge Camp and Retreat Center. Participants are invited to set up their tents and race participants will be allowed to campout if they wish. No cabin rentals will be provided.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

6:45 AM: Bib & Info Pickup

7:30 AM: Participant Meeting

8:00 AM: The Pleasant Ridge Backyard Ultra will start at 8:00 AM SHARP. No late starts will be accepted.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Race continues. This event is open-ended and will continue until one participant remains.

ENTRY FEE

\$100.00

REQUIRED WAIVER

All participants will need to complete a waiver.

[ADULT WAIVER](#)

[YOUTH WAIVER](#)

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RACE FORMAT

Pleasant Ridge Backyard Ultra is an endurance race in which participants run as many 4.1 mile laps every hour on the hour until you are no longer able to continue. If a participant is unable to complete a lap or returns after the hour is up, they will be given a DNF. The last person running who is able to complete a full lap will be declared the winner. There are no participant categories, and every participant starts at the same time.

- Before the start of each loop, we will go through the following protocol as such indicating time until the start:
 - 3 minutes before start
 - 1 minute before start
 - 30 seconds will be announced before start
 - 10 seconds will be counted down before start
 - START on bell or horn
- You have ONE HOUR to finish the loop once it has started. If you finish a loop within the hour, you have the opportunity to start the next hour provided you are in the start corral when the next hour starts. If you do not finish within the hour, you are OUT of the race and considered a DNF.
 - Once you are on the course, you are not allowed any aid from your crew. You are not allowed to return to camp once the loop has started. You must be ON and STAY on the course.
 - Once you are back to the start/finish corral and have finished within the hour, you may use the bathroom, eat, drink, sleep, ponder the next loop, etc., but you MUST be back in the start corral or you will be considered a DNF (NO EXCEPTIONS). This means you MAY NOT start late. You may also choose not to continue though you will be considered a DNF.
- When ending your race, you will get your race mug off of the participant board and check-out with race staff.

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DNF PRIZE

Most races, you do not get anything for finishing as a DNF. This race however, the DNF is a trophy in itself. It means you tried your hardest and tested your limits. Every participant will receive a DNF camp mug. If there is a winner of the race, they will receive a finisher award.

CAMPING & SUPPORT TENT SET-UP

Camping/support tent spots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

PARTICIPANT AID & SAFETY

Participants should come prepared with their own aid station set-up. Please come prepared for any variety of weather as the race will continue rain or shine. Headlamps will be required for night running with a spare set of batteries. There are no aid stations on the course and participants must be fully prepared to run the full 4.1 miles without any outside aid. A water station will be provided.

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