

Thank you so much for registering for the Whistle Pig Adventure Race. This is the first year of Montana's only Adventure race and we are super excited to bring this race format to you.

As race weekend approaches, we will be sending out racer updates, each with very important information for your race planning. Please check in with your teammates and make sure they are all getting these emails and that they aren't ending up in junk mail folders. Much of this information can be found on our website, specifically on our Race Details page and our Gear List page, both of which we update periodically so please check them often.

Below are some important details, as well as some great deals for you racers from our sponsors.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT ADVENTURE RACING

Adventure racing requires a lot of planning and logistics, but it is SO totally worth it! You've already tackled one of the biggest hurdles—finding a team and getting signed up!

Part of the fun of AR is the unknown...no marked course, no idea of where we might be sending you, no idea of what kind of terrain you might be in, etc. But this can also feel overwhelming when you're new and not used to this kind of racing! Keep in mind that everyone has the same amount of information and is in the same boat. As race directors, we will give you more and more information as the race approaches, and many of your questions will be answered over time. That said, don't be afraid to reach out to us with questions!

REGISTRATION

Please check in with your teammates and make sure everyone has signed up individually, and be sure that you all sign up with the same team name so we know you are together. BTW - We love the team names!

The last day to register is Sept 8 (but it's very helpful if you get it done before that, if possible). It's also super helpful if we know of any team changes or cancellations as early as possible. So, if you have any changes or even if you just anticipate a change, we'd love it if you could please let us know ASAP. :)

GEAR

Start getting organized as early as possible! We know all the gear required can be overwhelming, but the more you can be organized in advance (instead of the night before the race), the better your race will go. Ask your teammates what gear they already have, what they need, and what team gear can be shared. You can even decide in advance who is going to carry what.

Please note that we have added a writing implement (we suggest a pencil) and a UTM grid reader to your mandatory gear list, one per team. Most of your checkpoints will

already be marked on your map, but you may need to plot some. [Here's a short video showing you how.](#) We will have the UTM grid readers for you at check in.

There will be a short course on navigation and plotting of checkpoints the night of registration so don't sweat the orienteering portion of the race. Save your sweat for the biking! Stay tuned for more details.

SUPPORT

You'll need to be pretty self sufficient during this race and we ask that you pack everything in and out. We'll have some snacks and water at transition areas and a port-a-potty at the race start/finish. We will not have cups - you will need your own water carrying device (water bottle, hydration pack, etc). Friends and family can cheer you on from the start/finish and transition areas but they won't be able to help you out. You will be able to stash gear & supplies at the start/finish but you need to carry the required items with you at all times.

BIKING

We encourage a mountain bike for this race. Road bikes won't cut it. You could possibly do it on a cross bike if you are comfortable riding on single track. E-bikes aren't allowed.

CLIMBING

If you choose to do the optional climb, we will have experienced people running the station and belay. All gear will be provided (you can wear your bike helmet and climb in your shoes.)

BEAR SPRAY

The race is 100% in bear country which is why bear spray is a required item on the gear list. Make sure you know how to use it. Check out this [video](#) for a refresher.

TEAM WORK

Team communication starts now. Who will be the lead navigator and what is their experience level? Who is the workhorse and can carry the heaviest pack? Who is in charge of logistics? What is your strongest and weakest discipline as a team? What is your plan as a team if you get lost? Is everyone on the same page as far as goals and expectations of each other? What kind of training is everyone doing?

CHECK IN

Check in will be the night of Sept 9 from 4-8pm at Natali's Front Bar Patio 117 S Broadway. Maps will be given out at that time. If you will be arriving the morning of Sept 10, check your email the evening of the 9th where we will give you the details on where to report for morning check in and race start.

Please keep an eye on your inbox and on the website for future updates! In the meantime, feel free to reach out with questions anytime.

T-SHIRTS

Due to an unfortunate mistype on our part, we realized some of you may not have been asked what size shirt you would like when you registered. Please reply to this email with your name and t-shirt size if you would like a shirt. We have also discovered that the women's shirts tend to run on the small side. If you would like to change the size you requested, send us an email. We need to know t-shirt sizes by Aug 23.

OKTOBERFEST

After the race is over, we are all going to head down to Red Lodge Ales for one of Red Lodge's most popular events, OKTOBERFEST, where Whistle Pig awards will be presented. Entry into OFest is included in your race registration (a \$10 value)! It's a family friendly event and is also a fundraiser for BRTA and combines live music and dancing, German style food, plenty of beer and non-alcoholic beverages and the OKTOBERFEST Olympics for a little end of summer fun!

SPONSORS and NOT-TO-MISS DEALS FOR RACERS:

We couldn't put on the Whistle Pig without a whole lot of help from our friends.

LODGING

The Pollard

The Pollard is offering a discount on rooms for Sept 9 and 10. Go to the following link and choose either Sept 9 or Sept 10 or both nights, the Whistle promo code will automatically be there for online booking.

<https://hotels.cloudbeds.com/reservation/Nw3DWC#promo=Whistle>

AAA Red Lodge Rentals

AAA Red Lodge Rentals is able to offer a Promo Code that is Valid for 10% off the nightly rental rate for quests coming to attend the Whistle Pig Adventure Race. Taxes and fees still apply. Discount code must be applied prior to balance being paid in full. Discount only applies on reservations made on our direct booking platform- www.aaaredlodgerentals.com.

Discounts cannot be combined. Discount is only valid to reservations with arrival or departures that fall between 9/8/2022 to 9/11/2022.

Promo Code: PIG

Please note that code is case sensitive.

Vacation Rentals in Beautiful Red Lodge - 10% Off your total bill

CAMPING

There is plenty of camping in the Red Lodge area both private campgrounds and National Forest locations. Some areas in the Beartooth Ranger District are still closed so check their [website](#) for the most up to date information.

GEAR

Sylvan Peak - Need some last minute gear for the race? For all of your outdoor needs, stop by Sylvan Peak. After 32 years in business, they know the ins and outs of providing quality outdoor gear and clothing. They are right on Broadway and open from 7-7? And always have friendly, knowledgeable staff.

What is BRTA

The [Beartooth Recreational Trails Association](#) (BRTA) was organized in 2002 to:

1) continue operations of the Red Lodge Nordic Center (RLNC);

2) promote non-motorized trails in Red Lodge and along the Beartooth Front.

We work with the Forest Service, the City of Red Lodge, Carbon County, private landowners and other organizations to create and maintain trails - many of which were damaged during recent flooding.

Entirely volunteer run, all proceeds from the Whistle Pig go to help support this vital organization.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE SERIES

The Whistle Pig is part of the Rocky Mountain Adventure Series, which is an awesome collection of adventure races in the region. Race three or more RMAS races and your team could be eligible for a great cash prize!

For more info and to view the race calendar, [click here](#).

OTHER EVENTS YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN

There is still time to sign up for these Red Lodge Area Events

[The Nitty Gritty Off Road Race](#) - August 20 - This off-road marathon will be held at Red Lodge Mountain Resort. In its seventh year running, the Nitty Gritty is starting to earn quite the reputation. And that is, that its, one nitty, gritty marathon with LOTS of climbing all on dirt roads and single track trails. The Nitty Gritty embodies our motto the most out of any race: low key, high elevation. While the terrain is challenging, everything else is lowkey and there is distance for all abilities. Dogs are welcome to run with you on or off leash, the beer and snacks might be the biggest draw...second only to the awesome people! Small but mighty, this race is for those who love trail running and everything that comes with it! Bring your bear spray, camp chair, and good attitude.

[Big Sky Gravel Ride](#) Aug 26-27 - 22, 42 and 95 Mile Courses! 95 Mile is race only. 22 & 42 mile can be ridden as tour, e-bike or race. All distances include climbing Hwy 78 out of Red Lodge to Dry Creek. Our 95 mile route includes over 6,000 feet of elevation gain and is 80% gravel. The 42 mile route is 85% gravel with the 22 mile 68% gravel.