

FAQ

- **When does the race start?**
 - 8am, pre race meeting at 7:50.
- **Where is the race?**
 - The Gardiner Lake/Beartooth Loop parking lot.
 - <https://goo.gl/maps/cuBWVsFgG413n6ri8>
 - Please note it takes at least 45 minutes to get to the parking lot/starting line from Red Lodge. Please plan accordingly, especially if you have not driven on the Beartooth Pass before.
- **Where do I park?**
 - **Parking is EXTREMELY limited.** Carpooling is highly recommended. Shuttles are not confirmed for this year, so please plan accordingly. There are additional parking lots (Beartooth Basin Ski Area) and the switchbacks going up to the West Summit.
 - There will be parking volunteers. Be kind to them, they are instructed to park cars unreasonably close to each other. Don't want to be parked close to someone? Park in one of the upper parking areas. Anyone being rude to parking volunteers will DQ from the race and banned from all Red Lodge Events races (this goes for all volunteers).
- **When is packet pick up?**
 - Friday, July 7th from 5:30-7:30 at Red Lodge Ales.
 - Saturday, July 8 between 7:00-7:45am at the main parking lot.
- **What do I get for registering?**
 - A great time, awesome views, race shirt, awesome snacks, and a beer from Red Lodge Ales.
 - Each racer will also have access to a free professional picture of them running with the Bear's Tooth in the background thanks to Greys River Photography!
- **When is the registration deadline?**
 - Online, July 7th at 4:00pm.
 - In-person registration will be open from 5:30-7:30pm at Red Lodge Ales.
 - If the race hasn't met its cap, race day registration will be available until 7:45am.
- **Can I bring....**
 - **Dogs**, no. We love them, but the shoulder is very narrow and we do not stop traffic for the race. Spectators can hold your 4-legged friend at the finish area.
 - **Stroller**, no. While we are in awe of the strength of parents pushing strollers uphill, this race is not the place. The shoulders are too narrow and we do not stop traffic for the race. Strollers and small (supervised) kids are welcome to wait at the finish line to cheer on family members.
 - **Headphones**, no. Since we don't control traffic and the corners are blind and sharp, we want all our participants to be alert and oriented to their surroundings.

- **Spectators**, absolutely! The race is great for spectating at the start/finish as well as some easy spots to access on course.
- **Kids**, absolutely! Kids are welcome to participate in the 5k. Older kids can enter the 10k or half. Please note that elevation sickness is serious and children can be more sensitive to its impact.
- **Will there be aid stations?**
 - No aid stations on the route for the 5k. We encourage all participants to bring their own water/snacks on route if you anticipate needing aid before the finish line.
 - There is not an aid station on the 10k, but we will have a small aid station on the side of the road as you cross the start/finish line for the second half of the race.
 - The Half Marathon will have basic aid stations at the turn around points as well as the 10k aid station.
 - We do not provide paper or plastic cups. Please provide your own vessel.
 - We DO PROVIDE an awesome post event snack table.
 - Our water sources are limited to what we haul up to the event. Please bring at least one full water bottle for personal consumption.
- **What are the awards categories?**
 - First place male and female in each race.
 - Middle packer, youngest, and farthest away awards as well!
- **Are there bathrooms up there?**
 - Yes, we provide portable toilets at the starting line.
 - There are limited vault toilets along the way on the Beartooth Pass.
- **Can I camp up on the pass the night before?**
 - Yes, you can camp on the pass so long as you are abiding by Forest Service rules.
 - **If you park in the main parking lot, you may be asked to repark your car in the morning to make sure we can accommodate the most cars in the lot.**
- **What is the cancellation/refund policy?**
 - We do EVERYTHING in our power not to cancel races. The race will go off if it's cold, rainy, or cloudy. Due to the elevation and location of the race snow (yes, in July) is always a possibility. The MDOT and National Park Service manage the road and snow can lead to a road closure. While the likelihood of this happening is small, we cannot control this and refunds will not be issued. The other weather possibility is lightning. This is a major safety concern as we are on a plateau 10,500ft above sea level. You do NOT want to be up there during a thunderstorm. Luckily, this type of weather typically comes in the afternoons but it is always a possibility and safety concern. There will be no refunds due to weather cancellations.