



PANDORA'S Box of RoX

Double Marathon / Marathon /
Half Marathon / 8miles

DEAR TRAIL RUNNER,

Welcome to the Texas Hill Country and thanks for choosing the annual Pandora's Box of Rox Trail Run. Reveille Peak Ranch has some very interesting geological formations (rock domes) and a unique rippling of land that makes for an interesting running adventure. Vol Montgomery has done a lot of work to create a network of roads and trails around and through the ranch so that it is both easy to support and fun to run. The start / finish area is under a large pavilion with bathrooms and showers nearby. Water stations will be available every few miles of the single-track course. There's also a small lake and a wading pool at the edge of the finish line calling your name out! We changed the shortest distance offered from 10km to 8 miles simply because we couldn't stand the fact that you would miss out on the dome of this park. This section needs to be seen and enjoyed by everyone! We hope you enjoy the extra miles. This is truly one of the most unique and enjoyable racing destinations in this region.

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RACE STAFF: Race Director: Chris McWatters. Timing: Kyle Wilkie. And of course... there are a few dozen others who help in so many different ways.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE

Tentative Start Times:

Friday

5:00pm - 5:30pm	Trail Brief
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Packet Pickup

Saturday

4:30am-4:55am	Mandatory Chip Pickup (<i>Double Marathon Only</i>)
6:00am-8:00am	Packet Pickup & Mandatory Chip Pickup (<i>All Other Races</i>)
5:00am	Start (Double Marathon)
8:00am	Start (Marathon & Half Marathon)
9:00am	Start (8 miles)
10:00am	Youth Trail Run (12 & under) 1-mile'ish
4:00pm	Cutoff (Final Loop)
8:00pm	Cutoff Finish (Race Closed)

Youth Trail Race: We will have a kid's one-mile race on Saturday at 10am at the Pavilion. Register online or onsite. If registering on raceday, this will not be handled by

packet pickup. This will be taken care of after the races have all started. 12 and under only.

Aid Station Mileage:

5:00 AM start		Double Marathon		
	split	miles	cutoff	
1st loop				
ROAD	1.96	1.96		
ROCK	4.73	6.69		
FLOW	4.21	10.90		
LAKE	2.28	13.18		
2nd loop				
ROAD	1.96	15.14		
ROCK	4.73	19.87		
FLOW	4.21	24.08		
LAKE	2.28	26.36		
3rd loop				
ROAD	1.96	28.32		
ROCK	4.73	33.08		
FLOW	4.21	37.26		
LAKE	2.28	39.54	4:15 PM	
4th loop				
ROAD	1.96	41.50	4:45 PM	
ROCK	4.73	46.23	6:00 PM	
FLOW	4.21	50.44	7:15 PM	
LAKE	2.28	52.72	8:00 PM	

8:00 AM start		Marathon		
	split	miles	cutoff	
1st loop				
ROAD	1.96	1.96		
ROCK	4.73	6.69		
FLOW	4.21	10.90		
LAKE	2.28	13.18	4:15 PM	
2nd loop				
ROAD	1.96	15.14	4:45 PM	
ROCK	4.73	19.87	6:00 PM	
FLOW	4.21	24.08	7:15 PM	
LAKE	2.28	26.36	8:00 PM	

8:00 AM start		Half Marathon		
	split	miles	cutoff	
1st loop				
ROAD	1.96	1.96	4:45 PM	
ROCK	4.73	6.69	6:00 PM	
FLOW	4.21	10.90	7:15 PM	
LAKE	2.28	13.18	8:00 PM	

9:00 AM start		8 miler		
	split	miles	cutoff	
loop one				
ROAD	1.96	1.96		
ROAD	4.11	6.07	4:45 PM	
LAKE	1.96	8.03	8:00 PM	

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Drop Bags: You can setup your own gear in the start/finish area, but we do not haul any drop bags out to the aid stations

Pacers: Pacers are allowed on your final two laps only (for Double Marathoners only).

Crews: You can support your runner at start/finish only.

Parking: Plenty at the start/finish, and only there.

Check-In: Check-in is processed as you cross the start-line mat. Simply make sure you cross the mat when you start. That is your check-in.

Check-Out: DNF, DROP, QUIT, LEAVE EARLY, MISSED CUTOFF: All runners who do not finish the race must turn in their timing chip to the Finish Line timer. I need to know if you have left the course. Every person who enters the course must come to the finish line. If you do not finish the race, you still must come to the finish to return your chip.

Race Bibs: Race Bibs must be visible so the other runners know which race you are in and also so the cameras can read them at all times.

Chip Timing: This is a chip-timed race. What this means is that we use timing chips to collect your split times, finish time, and the fact that you started. Your official start time will be the same as everybody else...when the race starts (not your chip offset from the start). You will not get an official time unless you are wearing your chip from start til finish. Make sure you have it on, and have it on correctly every time you cross the mat (after each loop). The timing chips are sensitive to angle and proximity with the timing mat, such that if you do a somersault over the timing mat, it may miss you. If it's in your pack, it will miss you. Best and safest bet is to wear it on your ankle. When you are done, we need the chip back and will trade you a finisher's award for your dirty stinky strap & chip. Some of you don't like to stop when you are done, and keep on running. Please don't make us chase you down. Give us the chip back, then go on and keep running all you want. Note that chip timing does not apply to offset your start time. Start time is the same for everybody: what we call Gun-Time, when the race starts.

Cutoffs: These times are simply to save any Double Marathon runner and Marathon runner from starting the final loop when they won't be able to make the upcoming cutoffs. There are additional cutoffs for each station after the "final loop cutoff". We like to think of these aid station cutoffs as QUITTING TIME for the volunteers. If you miss one of the aid station cutoffs, you are already going too slow to finish in time. Nobody is allowed past these cutoff times. These times are final. You do not have the option to continue on your own past this time. We are still responsible for you if you are on the race course. If you continue past this cutoff, you will be reported to the ranch officials and they will deal with you.

Verification of Entry: <http://www.tejastrails.com/Pandora.html>

Course Marking: Large yellow directional arrows will be at every intersection, Ribbons will be leading into and out of each of the same intersections. We also use red Wrong Way signs (at the appropriate places), which are self-explanatory. Occasionally, some brush is stacked in front of a trail to direct you away from it. It is your responsibility to stay on course. If you get off course, go back to where you got off. A good thing to keep in mind is that the person you're following might not know where he is going. Just because he is faster does not mean he is smarter. If you do follow a person off course, you have become a LEMMING and deserve the extra distance for your mental laziness. Remember to tell me when you are done so I can charge you for extra distance you did not pay for. The rock dome is more complicated to mark and to follow. We will use liberal amounts of caution ribbon and reflective markers on the ground to create a chute that will help you to follow the course.

Terrain: This course is typical Texas Hill Country fare, with the additional subtlety of a very large granite dome. Most of the course is an easy to follow single-track, but the dome is all rock, which requires more care to stay upright. Plenty of gorgeous panoramic views, lots of cactus to appreciate and avoid, a few creeks that may or may not have water, depending on the rain.

Course (DOUBLE MARATHON, MARATHON & HALF MARATHON): The course is a 13.1mi loop repeated four times for the Double Marathon, twice for the Marathon, once for the Half. It starts and finishes with a jeep road for about a half mile, then the rest is trail. Its what we call a lollipop route: start with a short section to a location where you run a large loop, then back the same way you went out for the final section. The trail crosses many creeks that may or may not have water. It might be dirt and it might be rock. We will cross a few domes that remain on rock surface for a mile or more.

Course (8mi): This course is an 8mi loop that uses the same start and finish as the 13.1mi loop, but takes a shortcut. We have made this loop in a way where you get to enjoy every component of the long course!

Claim Jumpers: I will allow a Marathon runner who has run the Half Marathon distance (and DNF the Marathon) to be included in the Half Marathon results, and the same for a Double Marathon starter who dnf's after finishing at least two loops. But these names and times will be placed after those who registered and ran the distance they signed up for. I will provide medals for those who DNF into the distance shorter than the one they signed up for only if I have enough for everyone who finishes what they started.

Results: Results will be posted at regular intervals during the event as long as technology permits (we are out in the middle of nowhere with these events). Please direct any and all corrections to Kyle Wilkie. If you feel that any of your data is incorrect please inform us right away. The sooner we know about errors, the easier it is to correct. This includes your final time & placement. Final results will be posted within a few days after the race on our site

Dogs: Dogs are not allowed on the course or at any aid station, even when on a leash.

Aid Station Food and Drink: The aid stations begin with all the basics: water, Tailwind, sodas, gels, salted items in pretzels and chips, sugars in candies, plus cookies, and pb&j sandwiches. Also, we usually find some fresh fruits such as oranges, bananas, and melons. Not all aid stations will have the same foods.

Accommodations: For help with lodging in this area, contact look at the link on the Pandora's Box of Rox page.

Camping: At the Start/Finish. <http://rprtexas.com/facilities/campinglodging/>

Suggestions for Camels (for those who refuse to carry a water bottle):

This is a rough and rugged trail race... it usually takes a bit longer than you might expect to go from one aid to the next. Some might even attempt to run this race with NO water bottle... which I think is really quite foolish. I encourage you to give it more thought. I recommend that you carry at least one water bottle. Since we are trying to use less cups (may even go Cup-less)... there may not be a cup for you to use even at the aid stations. Simply, carry a water bottle, even if it's empty... so you can get some water at the aid stations. By the way: sucking on the water-valve is disgusting and frowned upon.

Payment Policy:

See "Policies" document on the website.

Littering: If you are one of those who are used to having your mom clean up behind you, I need to forewarn you that you are one of the rare few who are not welcome here. Campers who leave a pile of crap behind are just as bad as runners who sling their used gel wrappers trail side. The campsites, parking area, and trails all need to be just as clean when you leave as they were when you got here. It needs to look like we were never here. This is NOT just about the excess work my volunteers have to do. It's simply rude and lazy. Some of y'all are awesome stewards of the trails and even clean up behind others. Those are the people we appreciate the most. For all that, I thank you. For certain, when you are gone and only a few remain who do the cleanup, I always hope to find nothing, but have been greatly disappointed so much lately. We are borrowing the ranch for this race. We don't own it, but we would like to use it again next year and the year after. We have permission from the ranch owner to use the trails for this race and it is contingent on how we care for it. If we leave the trails trashed, our contract and this race will be cancelled. So please, do not take this or any other trail race for granted. Take care of the trails and the ranch. Clean up your own mess. Note*: Runners are also responsible for their crews, friends, and family who have come with them. A runner can be disqualified if their crew is busted for littering. Just pretend like you own the ranch and there shouldn't be any problem.

Burnet (the town): A small town with all the conveniences: hotels, restaurants, gift shops, grocery stores, gas stations, convenience stores, banks, and so on: a thriving community. Reveille Peak Ranch is three miles from Burnet. Among the many attractions in the Burnet area are the Highland Lakes, Longhorn Cavern and State Park, the Historic Burnet Square, the Highland Lakes Air Museum, Fort Croghan Museum and Grounds, the Vanishing Texas River Cruise, Hamilton Creek Park, the Texas Wine Trail, Galloway Hammond Recreation Center and Delaware Springs Golf Course.

Reveille Peak Ranch: 1300 acres in the Llano Uplift. 62 miles of trails/jeep roads. Rugged granite outcrops & domes. Covered pavilion seats up to 500, pool & 20 acre lake, 6 RV hook ups w/water & elec, 250 Primitive camping sites, men's and women's

restrooms w/showers, Lakeside, regulation-sized sand volleyball pit, Horseshoe / washer pitching, parking for 4,000 cars, 1 hour from Austin.

Travel: Fly into Austin (Austin-Bergstrom International Airport) is on the SE side of town. Jump on 183 heading NW right through Austin. Its 50 miles from Austin to Burnet. Take 29 heading W right into Burnet. Pass through Burnet and then N on FM 2341. About 3 miles up, look for a protected left turn at a wide part of the road. As soon as you turn left, you will see the big Reveille Peak Ranch sign. Turn left again into the road and enter the ranch gate. It's a short drive down a dirt road.

Share the Trail: First off, this race is not a ROAD race. It is primarily run on single-track trail. That being said, we play by a different set of rules than you would on a road or track. If someone is behind you and would pass if there were room, then you must let them pass. It is not acceptable to trap a faster runner behind you simply because you can. It doesn't mean that you must stop and wait for them to get by you. It does mean that you should allow them to pass if they want to. Give them room and opportunity to do so. You can also talk to a person close behind to ask if they wish to pass. Maybe they do and maybe they don't. Pretty much the same rules you got in kindergarten: play nice with the others & treat them like you would like to be treated. This message is the same for the faster runners: let people know when you want to pass & don't be a jerk about it. This leads to those who are plugged in: make sure you can hear what is going on around you. Also, because we are using the trails of a ranch, we DO NOT have exclusive rights to the ranch or to the trails. Be considerate and understanding to the other ranch users: be they hikers, bike riders, or equestrians.

No Show: Please let us know if you can't make it. It helps us a ton with the data and making sure everyone is accounted for out there. We consider ourselves responsible for your well being and it helps if we know you aren't on property if that's the case.

Transfers:

See "Policies" document on the website.

Packet Pickup: There will be two opportunities to pick up your race packets: Friday evening & Saturday morning. Both are at the race start area in the park. Many people due to circumstances cannot get out there early, which is the ONLY reason why we have a race morning packet pickup. Runners usually come with a bit of tension early on Saturday morning, and it seems that those who show up last, expect the most from the people working packet pickup. Please don't forget the people working packet pickup are volunteers. It isn't their fault... whatever it is that has gone wrong for you. Be courteous and everyone will get taken care of efficiently.

Entrant List: I always post a list online of all registered runners. Please check the list now. If any of your data is incorrect, we need to know. The smallest insignificant errors create big problems later. Data input errors cause major headaches for the timing team

and the race staff in general. There are times when I need your correct address to mail a refund or send something. If your gender or age is incorrect, you will be sorted into the wrong category for awards. If your name is off by one character, when I sort your name for recognition for running multiple events, we cannot connect all the races you have done. Packet pickup runs much smoother and faster if there are few issues with any of this data. Please understand that ANY errors in your personal data cause major issues somewhere down the line, so help us run smoother and faster by checking online and letting us know... right now. I have never given any email or other data to anyone in all the years I have directed races. Your data is safe with Tejas Trails.

Shirts: All shirts are pre-stuffed into your packets. We make certain that every person who registers before late date gets the shirt size that they selected when they registered. **We cannot swap your shirt with a different size at packet pickup.** If you wish to slow down packet pickup by trying it on and then asking for a different one, the answer will always be the same: NO! We don't have any more shirts. I still get emails two weeks after late entry asking for shirts. Please understand: it's not because I don't like you. I don't have the shirts and the answer is still no! The simplest solution is to register before late date.

Mailing Stuff: Tejas Trails may seem like a big business at first blush, but it is not. We are still just a mom & pop organization. It is just a couple of us. As much as we love you, we can't mail everyone their stuff back. There's simply not enough time. If you send a friendly email, and we found what you lost, we might be able to bring it to the next race. However, we are pretty quick to donate left items of value to the needy. We hope you understand.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct: This and every other race out there cannot survive without volunteers. They come and give their time to help you. So, it's pretty simple: be nice to them. Any disrespect or rude behavior to a volunteer will be dealt with harshly. This race cannot exist without runners either. You all play on the same playground, so you have to learn to share the trail and be nice to each other. Same thing as with the volunteers: any disrespect or rude behavior to another runner will be dealt with harshly. Running a good race is NOT just about what I do as a RD. It is also about how all of you treat each other. Lets make this an event every one wants to come back to again.

Volunteers: If you want to volunteer please let me know or just show up and throw in with us. Krissy and I get to the ranch on Wednesday. We always need help marking on Wed & Thu. We set up tents & haul water on Thu. We set up for packet pickup on Fri. Race day: we need many people at the aid stations. Medical always needs a few qualified professionals. Kyle needs help collecting chips. Some people are needed to hand out medals & awards. Tear down begins at 11am for taking down the markings, and then aid station tear down and loading the trailer. In between all of that, we have a whole lot of fun. These are always like mini-family reunions. Consider yourself invited!

Awards: Matching awards for Overall Male & Female Top 5 (regardless of age)

Weather: Early March in the Texas Hill Country is 50/50. Could be hot, cold, medium, dry, wet, who knows. Forecasts don't even hold true sometimes as the hills break up the weather patterns. This race is a blast no matter what the weather does! And will happen no matter what the weather, unless it's life-threatening of course. If you'd like more details, look at the Pandora's web page. Weather history is available there.

Waitlist:

There is a \$20 holding fee for a place on the wait list.

if you get in, the holding fee will be deducted from the balance owed.

if you do not get in, for any reason, the holding fee is not refunded.