FERRIS 50

50M / 50k / 15k / 1.5k Youth Run

RUNNER

INFORMATION GUIDE

Welcome to the Ferris 50 Endurance Run!

We're thrilled to have you join us and want to thank you for being part of this incredible event.

Before you ask, no, it's not named after Ferris Bueller. The Ferris 50 honors George Ferris Jr., inventor of the Ferris Wheel. In 1864, five-year-old George moved with his family from Illinois to a ranch here in Carson Valley. As the story goes, he spent hours watching a large water wheel on the Carson River lift buckets of water for thirsty livestock. Nearly 30 years later, that childhood memory inspired the giant wheel he built for the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago, carrying people instead of water. We like to think a little of that Carson Valley wonder still turns in every Ferris Wheel today.

This Runner's Information Guide is designed to give you everything you need for a smooth, safe, and enjoyable race experience. Inside, you'll find important details about the course, aid stations, safety guidelines, logistics, and more. Please take a few minutes to read this information carefully so you're fully prepared for race day.

If you have any questions along the way, don't hesitate to reach out to the Race Directors or anyone at Visit Carson Valley. We're here to help. We can't wait to see you out on the course. Let's make it a great race!

Event Overview

- Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026
- Distances: 50M • 50k • 15k • 1.5k Youth Race (ages 5-17)

INTERO STARTING LINE

The Starting Line, proudly sponsored by ***Intero Real Estate Services***, sets the stage for an unforgettable race day. Located at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Arena (920 Dump Road, Gardnerville, Nevada), this iconic spot will host the start of the 50M, 50k, and 15k race distances, sending runners off on their Ferris 50 adventure.

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CARSON VALLEY HEALTH FINISH LINE

The Finish Line, sponsored by ***Carson Valley Health***, marks the grand conclusion of your Ferris 50 journey. Located at TJ's Corral at Carson Valley Inn (1627 US Highway 395 N., Minden, Nevada), this vibrant finish area will welcome runners as they complete their race, setting the stage for a well-deserved celebration at the Finish Line Festival.

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Race Operations

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- Emergency Contact
  - The Ferris 50 Endurance Run provides course patrols and volunteer support; however, in the event of a life-threatening emergency, participants and crews must call 9-1-1 first. Contact staff only after emergency services have been notified.

New for 2026 – 1.5k Youth Race

The 1.5k Youth Race gives our youngest runners their own place on the course. Whether you have a future ultra-athlete in the making or a kid who just wants a medal to bring to show and tell, this one is for them. The race is open to runners ages 5 to 17.

The race starts at 1:00 PM at TJ's Corral at Carson Valley Inn. The course begins on the Martin Slough Trail behind the Carson Valley Inn and runs out to a turnaround just before Lucerne Street before heading back, finishing inside TJ's Corral alongside the other race distances. Youth runners travel in the opposite direction from the 50M, 50k, and 15k fields, so they will not encounter other race traffic on the trail. An aid station with hydration will be set up at the turnaround.

One parent or guardian may run alongside each youth runner. Bring the rest of the family to cheer them in at the finish.

Every finisher receives a Ferris 50 medal, a smaller version of the medal earned by our 50M, 50k and 15k finishers, and a race bib.

Schedule & Key Times

- Packet Pickup
  - Date: Friday, November 6, 2026
  - Time: 4:00 – 7:00 PM
  - Location – TJ's Corral at Carson Valley Inn
  - We strongly encourage all runners to pick up their packet the night before the race. This keeps race morning simple for you and for our volunteers. We understand that some runners live outside Carson Valley but close enough to drive in the morning of the race. If that describes you, packets will be available at the start line at Douglas County Fairgrounds beginning at 5:00 AM. Please plan to arrive early enough to pick up your packet, get your bib pinned on, and be ready at the start.

    If you can't make either pickup time, someone else may pick up your packet for you with advance notice. Email the Race Directors by Wednesday, November 4, with the name of the person picking up. That person will need to show their own photo ID along with a copy or photo of yours. Keep in mind that the bib is still yours alone and must be worn by you on race day.

- ID Requirement
  - Please bring a valid government-issued photo ID (driver's license, state ID, or passport) to packet pickup, whether you pick up Friday evening at TJ's Corral or at the start line on race morning. We'll match your ID to your registration before handing over your bib and race packet. Packets for 1.5k Youth Race runners should be pickup up by a parent or guardian, who will need to show their own ID.

- Race Briefing
  - Date: Friday, November 6, 2026
  - Time: 6:00 PM
  - Location – TJ's Corral at Carson Valley Inn – this is highly recommended for all runners

- 50M & 50k Drop Bag Service
  - Drop bags for the 50M and 50k will be collected and tagged during packet pickup and the race briefing. Runners may also drop bags at TJ's Corral on race morning prior to shuttle departure.

    All drop bags will be transported to one aid station, which serves as Aid Stations 2 and 6 for the 50-mile race and Aid Stations 2 and 3 for the 50k race. Since you will reach your bag twice during the race, pack it with what you'll need for both visits.

    Please bring the necessary supplies to tag your bags (e.g., athletic tape, Sharpie, etc.), as these will not be provided.

    We ask that bags not be dropped off at the start line. Drop bags have to be sorted and loaded for transport to the aid station, and bags arriving at the start line make that process difficult to keep organized. If you are picking up your packet at the Fairgrounds on race morning, TJ's Corral is on your way in, so please stop there first and drop your bags before continuing to the start.

    Drop bags will be returned to TJ's Corral and can be picked up at the t-shirt/lunch booth. Bags not claimed by the end of the festival will be held for 30 days. After that, unclaimed items will be donated.

- Race Day Start Times
  - 50M – 6:00 AM
  - 50k – 7:00 AM
  - 15k – 10:00 AM
  - 1.5k Youth Race – 1:00 PM (at TJ's Corral)

- Race Cutoffs
  - Cutoff Times
    - 50M – The race begins at 6:00 AM. There are no cutoffs at the 9-mile, 15-mile, or 22-mile marks. Cutoff times are as follows: 1:30 PM at the 29-mile mark (Aid Station 4), 3:30 PM at the 35-mile mark (Aid Station 5), 5:30 PM at the 41-mile mark (Aid Station 6), and 7:00 PM at the 46-mile mark (Aid Station 7). All runners must finish by 9:00 PM.

    - 50k – The race begins at 7:00 AM. There are no cutoffs at the 9-mile or 15-mile marks. The recommended cutoff at the 22-mile mark (Aid Station 3) is 1:00 PM, and runners should depart Aid Station 4 (27 miles) by 2:30 PM. While these times are designed to help participants stay on pace to finish, we understand that every runner's day unfolds differently. We'll maintain some flexibility at all cutoff points, with the final cutoff extended to 6:00 PM if necessary to support as many runners as possible in reaching the Carson Valley Health Finish Line.

        - 15k – There are no aid station cutoff times for the 15k race. However, there will be a hard stop at 2:00 PM, by which time all participants must complete the course.
    - Cutoff Notes
        - Runners must check out of the aid station by the time cutoff in order to continue.
        - Headlamp checks will be conducted for any runner departing Aid Station 4 on the 50k course or Aid Station 5 on the 50M course after 3:00 PM. All 50M runners, regardless of time, will also have a headlamp check at Aid Stations 6 and 7.

2025 Top Finishers

The inaugural Ferris 50 set the bar high. Congratulations to our 2025 podium finishers, and good luck to everyone chasing their own goals on these trails this year.

50 Mile

- Men: Isaac Anguiano (8:10:20), Eric Paige (8:15:54), Dylan Torgerson (8:23:45)
- Women: Amber Weibel (8:13:47), Leslie Cross (12:31:04)

50k

- Men: Michael Brondello (4:15:02), Rob Harper (4:35:13), John Hatcher (5:10:15)
- Women: Tara Purinton (5:23:42), Katelyne Kennedy (5:31:30), Morgan Humble (6:03:33)

15k

- Men: Ryan Stoffer (1:05:48), Doc Bodensteiner (1:11:37), Gennady Stolyarov (1:14:59)
- Women: Katherine Somers (1:04:25), Ashlee Zoch (1:16:24), Richelle Pegram (1:20:10)

Parking & Shuttle Bus

We strongly encourage all runners to park at the Carson Valley Inn and take advantage of the free shuttle bus service to the start line at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. This helps reduce congestion and ensures a smooth race morning for everyone.

If you are not able to utilize the shuttle, limited race parking will be available in the far west parking lot at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Please plan accordingly and allow extra time if you choose this option. The shuttle is for runners only and will not be available after the race.

Shuttles will depart the Carson Valley Inn at the following times:

- 50M: 5:00 AM
- 50k: 6:00 AM
- 15k: 9:00 AM

Once the shuttle arrives at the Fairgrounds, the bus will remain on site for approximately 20 to 30 minutes before departing. November mornings in Carson Valley can be cold, so you are welcome to stay on board and keep warm until closer to the start.

Make the necessary arrangements to ensure you are on board your designated shuttle and ready for a smooth start to your Ferris 50 adventure.

Festival at the Carson Valley Health Finish Line

Celebrate your achievement at the Finish Line Festival, taking place at TJ's Corral at Carson Valley Inn, located at the Carson Valley Health Finish Line! All finishers of the 50M, 50k, 15k and 1.5k youth race will be welcomed with music, food, drinks, vendors, and a vibrant post-race celebration. Fifty-mile finishers will receive the coveted Ferris 50 buckle, while 50k, 15k, and 1.5k finishers earn a Ferris 50 medal. Every finisher of the 50M, 50k, and 15k will also receive a long-sleeve Ferris 50 shirt, along with a post-race meal and beverage.

The festival will feature the 15k Awards Ceremony at 2:00 PM, the 50k Awards Ceremony at 3:00 PM, and the 50M Awards Ceremony at 4:00 PM. Top three male and female 50M finishers will earn cash prizes ($500, $250, $150), while the 50k podium will receive special merchandise prizes and the 15k podium will receive gift cards and more (see Awards & Finisher Swag). Don't miss this chance to celebrate your accomplishment with the entire Ferris 50 community.

Course Details

The Ferris 50 features a challenging and scenic mix of dirt, gravel, sand, and pavement, giving runners a true taste of Carson Valley's varied terrain. The race takes place on active OHV and mountain bike trails, which will be patrolled throughout the day to ensure runner safety.

To help you prepare, course maps and elevation profiles are available through the Course Preview Video and online at AllTrails:

- 50M Map - https://www.alltrails.com/explore/custom-routes/ferris-50-mile-5c8e076
- 50k Map - https://www.alltrails.com/explore/custom-routes/ferris-50k-6dcb94f
- 15k Map - https://www.alltrails.com/explore/custom-routes/ferris-fifteen-0912d0f
- 1.5k Map - https://www.alltrails.com/explore/custom-routes/ferris-1-5k-kids-race-620c7db

The courses will be clearly marked to keep you on track. Runners can expect ribbons, arrows, flags, and paint, with extra-dense markings at intersections. Each race distance will have its own color-coded system for easy navigation: blue for the 50M, green for the 50k, and red for the 15k. Your bib will match the color of your course markings, so you'll always know which color to follow, and volunteers and aid station crews can quickly spot if a runner has strayed onto the wrong route.

While on the course, runners may encounter wildlife — including wild horses, coyotes, and other high-desert animals — as well as off-road vehicles. Please respect their space and continue safely along the trail.

Restroom facilities will be available at the Douglas County Fairgrounds and at TJ's Corral, as in past years. On course, 50-mile runners will find restrooms at Aid Stations 2, 5, 6, and 7, and 50k runners will find them at Aid Stations 2, 3, and 4. Runners in both races will pass through one of these locations twice, since it serves as Aid Stations 2 and 6 for the 50-mile and Aid Stations 2 and 3 for the 50k.

In the event that a runner must DNF, transportation will be provided back to TJ's Corral. If you decide to stop, you must tell the volunteers at the nearest aid station and have your bib number recorded. Never leave the course without checking out. A runner who goes missing from our records triggers a search that pulls patrols and volunteers away from everyone else still on the course.

Cell service is limited or unavailable on parts of the course, especially in the Pine Nut Mountains. If you lose sight of the course markings, go back to the last marker you saw instead of cutting across country. If you are injured or need help and have no signal, stay on the trail where patrols and other runners can find you, and ask a passing runner to alert the next aid station.

Carson Valley Health Aid Stations



Carson Valley Health Aid Stations will keep runners well-fueled and supported throughout the course. All 50M and 50k stations will offer water and electrolytes (Skratch Labs), along with a mix of solid and hot foods suited to long-distance running. Offerings may include items such as cookies, chips, candy, peanut butter & jelly, bananas, broth, noodles, and potatoes, though exact selections will vary by station and may change on race day. In addition, each station may feature unique items selected by the station hosts, adding a special local touch to the experience.

15k stations will provide water and Gatorade; maintaining the same reliable setup for quick and easy access.

We place a strong emphasis on consistency across all aid stations so runners know exactly what to expect at each stop. Runners with specific dietary needs or preferences are encouraged to pack their own items in drop bags to ensure their nutritional requirements are fully met throughout the race. Cups will be available at all aid stations. Please carry out everything you carry in. Our courses run across public land maintained by our partners at the Pine Nut Mountains Trails Association, Nevada Offroad Association, and Carson Valley Trails Association.

Aid Station Information

50M				
Station #	Mileage (Approx.)	GPS Coordinates	Station Host	Nutrition Available
1	9.5	38.939844, -119.591539	Pine Nut Mountains Trail Association	Hydration Drinks Salt/Umami, Sweet/High Calorie
2	16	38.995239, -119.655083	Todd & Carola Leigh	Hydration Drinks Salt/Umami, Sweet/High Calorie
3	22	39.032767, -119.669797	Knights of Columbus	Hydration Drinks Salt/Umami, Sweet/High Calorie
4	29	39.084389, -119.707750	CBO Plumbing	Hydration Drinks Salt/Umami, Sweet/High Calorie
5	35	39.043031, -119.695686	Douglas High School JROTC	Hydration Drinks Salt/Umami, Sweet/High Calorie
6	41	38.995239, -119.655083	Todd & Carola Leigh	Hydration Drinks Salt/Umami, Sweet/High Calorie
7	46	38.957561, -119.696047	Carson Valley Trails Association	Hydration Drinks Salt/Umami, Sweet/High Calorie

50k				
Station #	Mileage (Approx.)	GPS Coordinates	Station Host	Nutrition Available
1	9.5	38.939844, -119.591539	Pine Nut Mountains Trail Association	Hydration Drinks Salt/Umami, Sweet/High Calorie
2	16	38.995239, -119.655083	Todd & Carola Leigh	Hydration Drinks Salt/Umami, Sweet/High Calorie
3	22	38.995239, -119.655083	Todd & Carola Leigh	Hydration Drinks Salt/Umami, Sweet/High Calorie
4	27	38.957561, -119.696047	Carson Valley Trails Association	Hydration Drinks Salt/Umami, Sweet/High Calorie

15k				
Station #	Mileage (Approx.)	GPS Coordinates	Station Host	Nutrition Available
1	3	38.914344, -119.696706	Between Horses & Humans	Hydration Drinks
2	5	38.936664, -119.700594	DC Parks & Recreation	Hydration Drinks
3	7	38.939611, -119.744417	Minden Rotary	Hydration Drinks

1.5k Youth Race				
Station #	Mileage (Approx.)	GPS Coordinates	Station Host	Nutrition Available
1	48	38.961675, - 119.771133	TBD	Hydration Drinks

Aid Stations 2 and 6 on the 50M course, and Aid Stations 2 and 3 on the 50k course, are the same location, found at GPS coordinates 38.995239, -119.655083. This is where your drop bag will be, and both 50M and 50k runners will have access to it twice during the race: once on your first pass through the station and again on your return. Pack your bag with everything you'll need for both visits.

Crews are welcome at this location as well, though we kindly ask that each runner be supported by only one vehicle to help manage congestion. Please note that the final mile or so of the approach to this station follows a shared OHV road that is also used by runners. All crews traveling to this station should drive with extreme caution and stay alert for runners on the roadway.

Proudly sponsored by Carson Valley Health, our aid stations are a true community effort. Race organizers work together with each station's host to stock and supply the stations, and local organizations, service groups, and dedicated volunteers bring them to life on race day.

Safety & Rules

Your safety is our highest priority, and the following rules are in place to ensure that every runner has a safe, fair, and enjoyable experience. It is essential that all participants adhere to these guidelines. Failure to do so may result in disqualification, but more importantly, ignoring these rules could put you or others at risk.

Your race bib must be worn on the front of your body and remain visible at all times. Aid station volunteers check runners in and out by bib number, and timing at the Carson Valley Health Finish Line depends on it as well. A bib tucked under a jacket or hydration vest slows everyone down and risks an inaccurate time, so please make sure yours can be seen at a glance.

Your bib is assigned to you and cannot be transferred, sold, or worn by anyone else. Aid station volunteers, medical staff, and our course patrols rely on bib numbers to know who is on the course and who to contact in an emergency. A runner wearing someone else's bib is someone we can't properly look after, and that runner is also outside the waiver and insurance coverage that protects every registered participant. If anyone runs under another person's name, both the registered runner and the person wearing the bib will be disqualified, and no refund or credit will be issued.

Pacers are not permitted on the course unless runners receive prior permission from the Race Directors before race day. Trekking poles are allowed and may be a helpful tool on the more challenging terrain.

Crew access is limited to the shared aid station that serves as Aid Stations 2 and 6 on the 50M course (Miles 15 and 41) and Aid Stations 2 and 3 on the 50k course (Miles 15 and 22). Each runner's crew is restricted to one vehicle at this location to reduce congestion, limit disturbance of public land, and ensure safety for all.

Drop bags will be available to 50M and 50k runners at this same location, and runners in both races will have access to their bags twice during the race. Bags will be collected and tagged during packet pickup and the race briefing, and runners may also drop bags at TJ's Corral on race morning prior to shuttle departure. Please bring your own supplies (e.g., athletic tape, Sharpie) to clearly tag and label your bags so they can be properly identified and returned to the Carson Valley Health Finish Line.

Headlamps are required for any runner departing Aid Station 4 on the 50k course or Aid Station 5 on the 50M course after 3:00 PM, and for all 50M runners at Aid Stations 6 and 7 regardless of time. We also recommend that both 50M and 50k runners start with a headlamp if beginning before sunrise.

Runners in the 15k should be aware that the route follows well-traveled roads that remain open to vehicle traffic. Run against traffic so that you can see oncoming vehicles, and stay on the shoulder at all times. Do not assume drivers see you or expect you. Give yourself extra room at intersections, driveways, and blind curves, and be prepared to move further off the road when a vehicle approaches. If you run with headphones, keep the volume low or use only one earbud so you can hear approaching vehicles.

Runners in the 1.5k Youth Race will follow the Martin Slough Trail out to a turnaround point before Lucerne Street. One parent or guardian may accompany each youth runner on the course, and this is an exception to the pacer rule above. An aid station with hydration drinks will be set up at the turnaround, where volunteers will check bib numbers and direct runners back toward the finish. Please make sure your bib is visible, and turn around at the aid station rather than continuing past it. Youth runners and their companions should stay on the trail at all times, and parents or guardians are encouraged to review the course with their runners before the start.

Dogs are not permitted on the course. For added safety, patrols on OHVs and mountain bikes will be on the course to provide support and respond quickly to any needs. Cut-off times will be enforced at aid stations.

Finally, while certain items are not mandatory, we strongly encourage runners to carry a hydration system to stay fueled between aid stations. Weather in Carson Valley can change quickly, especially at higher elevations, so we also recommend carrying a lightweight bivy or emergency blanket to keep you safe if conditions turn cold or if you find yourself needing extra protection on the course.

Weather & Conditions

Race day is Saturday, November 7, 2026. Expect sunrise around 6:30 a.m. and sunset shortly before 5:00 p.m., giving roughly ten hours of daylight on the course.

Early November in Carson Valley typically brings cool days and cold nights. Historical data show November daily highs trending from the low 60s°F into the upper 40s°F as the month progresses, with overnight lows near freezing—and it can be colder on clear nights. Be prepared for anything from crisp, sunny conditions to a chance of rain or early-season snow.

Pack layers, carry a reliable hydration system, and consider an emergency bivy/blanket so you're ready if temperatures drop after sunset or at higher elevations.

Runner Support

Your race experience goes beyond just the miles you run. Along the course, Carson Valley Health Aid Stations will be stocked to keep you fueled and strong from start to finish. For the 50M and 50k races, stations will offer water, electrolytes (Skratch Labs), and a mix of solid and hot foods suited to long-distance running. For the 15k race, stations will provide water and electrolyte drink, but no food. If you typically use gels or chews during a race of this distance, please plan to carry your own. Our aid station crews are experienced, friendly, and dedicated to helping you through the day, whether you need a quick refill, a boost of energy, or an encouraging word.

Once you cross the Carson Valley Health Finish Line, the celebration doesn't stop. The *Carson Valley Health Finish Line Festival* at TJ's Corral will feature music, food, drinks, vendors, and plenty of space to relax and connect with fellow runners, family, and friends. It's a chance to celebrate your achievement, swap stories from the trail, and enjoy the unique community spirit of the Ferris 50.

Awards & Finisher Swag

Every runner who crosses the Carson Valley Health Finish Line at the Ferris 50 deserves recognition, and we're proud to honor your accomplishment.

50M finishers will receive a long-sleeve Ferris 50 shirt and a finisher's buckle, a timeless symbol of endurance and grit. In addition, podium finishers will earn cash prizes: $500 for 1st place, $250 for 2nd place, and $150 for 3rd place in both male and female divisions.

50k finishers will also take home a long-sleeve Ferris 50 shirt and a finisher's medal, with the top three male and female runners receiving special merchandise prizes.

15k finishers will be awarded a long-sleeve Ferris 50 shirt and a finisher's medal. The top three male and female runners will each receive a $50 gift card to a Local Food Group restaurant in the Carson Valley and Carson City area. First and second place finishers in both divisions will also receive two tickets to the American Century Championship at Edgewood Tahoe, compliments of Visit Lake Tahoe, for the July 2027 tournament. All podium finishers will be recognized during the post-race awards ceremony.

Awards ceremonies will be held at TJ's Corral at the following times:

- 15k: 2:00 p.m.
- 50k: 3:00 p.m.
- 50M: 4:00 p.m.

Our awards celebration is more than just handing out prizes. It's a chance to applaud every runner's journey, share in the community spirit of the event, and highlight the incredible dedication it takes to train for and complete these distances.

Official Hotel of the Ferris 50

Stay right at the heart of the action! The finish line at TJ's Corral is located on the Carson Valley Inn property, just steps from your room. Enjoy post-race relaxation with an indoor pool shaped like the state of Nevada, hot tubs, and dining options to suit every craving — from casual fare at Katie's Country Kitchen to fine dining at CV Steak. Job's Perk is also on-site to keep your coffee and caffeine needs covered, and prices are amazing!

Special rates are still available by calling Carson Valley Inn directly at (800) 321-6983. Be sure to mention that you're participating in the Ferris 50 and reference group code Ferris502026 to receive the discounted rate.

Carson Valley Inn is proud to support the Ferris 50 — learn more about the official hotel at carsonvalleyinn.com.

Show Your Bib Program

Your Ferris 50 bib is good for more than race day. Through our Show Your Bib program, local businesses throughout Carson Valley are offering special deals exclusively for registered Ferris 50 runners from November 6 through 8, 2026. Simply show your bib, or your registration confirmation on your phone, at any participating business to take advantage of their offer.

Look for the Show Your Bib sign in the windows of participating businesses, or visit the Ferris 50 page on visitcarsonvalley.org for a full list. Whether you're refueling after a long day on the trail, grabbing a coffee before packet pickup, or picking up a souvenir, it's a great way to explore the valley and support the local businesses that help make this event possible.
Deals are available to registered runners only and may vary by business, so please ask about details and any restrictions when you visit.

Social Media

We love to see your race journey – from training miles to the Finish Line Celebration at TJ's Corral. Share your photos, videos, and stories with our community.

- Official Hashtag: #Ferris50
- Tag Us:
  - Instagram: @VisitCarsonValley
  - Facebook: Visit Carson Valley
  - Twitter/X: @VisitCV
- Tips for Posting
  - Snap a photo at the start line, an aid station, or the finish festival
  - Share your medal, buckle, or team/crew photos
  - Tag your crew and fellow runners
  - Use Instagram Stories or Reels to capture the energy of the day.
- Photo/Video Disclaimer – by attending and participating in the Ferris 50 Endurance Run, you consent to the use of event photography and videography that may feature you, for promotional purposes.

Photo Service Information

First Track Productions is the official photographer of the Ferris 50 Endurance Run and will be out on the course capturing race-day moments. All photos will be free to download after the Ferris 50 is complete.

We'll share a gallery link on the Ferris 50 page at visitcarsonvalley.org and via post-race email. Feel free to download and share your favorites with friends and family.

Policies

Please note that all race entries are non-refundable. However, runners who withdraw 30 days or more before race day will receive a 75% credit toward a future Ferris 50 event. This process must be completed through UltraSignup.

In the event of a cancellation due to force majeure (such as extreme weather, fire, or other unforeseen circumstances), no refunds or credits will be issued.

Race entries cannot be transferred to another runner. If you can't make it, the 75% credit described above is the best option, and it keeps everyone on the course properly registered.

The race route is subject to final approvals and may change if required for safety or permitting reasons. Any adjustments will be communicated as early as possible.

For those registering late, please keep in mind that you must sign up by October 19, 2026, to be guaranteed a race t-shirt. There will be no race-day registration, and online registration will close on November 4, 2026.

We appreciate your understanding of these policies, which allow us to create a safe, well-organized, and memorable event. Thank you for being part of the Ferris 50 community—we can't wait to see you at the start line!

About the Race Directors

Race Directors Kelly and Marc Walling are competitive OCR athletes and avid endurance runners, favoring 50k and 50M distances sprinkled with obstacles when possible. Among their favorite races to date are the Orcas 100, LOViT 100, Spartan Killington Ultra, Spartan Tahoe Ultra, and America's Toughest Mudder. Kelly and Marc have achieved podium status for distances spanning 5k to 50M, but they often participate in races as non-competitors, finding pure joy in the spirit and camaraderie of events that bring all versions of runners together to push themselves to accomplish their personal goals and find their "why" along the way. Kelly and Marc love to be ready at any moment for someone to ask, "Hey, wanna run 50 miles with me next weekend?" and are often found pacing endurance runners for Tahoe 200 and Moab 240.

Acknowledgements

Sponsors

The Ferris 50 Endurance Run would not be possible without the generous financial and in-kind support of our sponsors. Their contributions make everything possible, from fully stocked aid stations and on-course safety patrols to runner swag, post-race festivities, and the overall experience of the event. Several of our partners also dedicate time and resources year round to maintaining and protecting the trails you will run on, work that continues long after race day ends. Others provide supplies, services, and hands-on help during planning and race morning operations, supporting not just our runners but the volunteers who make the day run smoothly.

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Together, our sponsors embody the heart of Carson Valley and the strength of community partnerships. We encourage all runners and crew to thank them for their commitment to endurance running and to this community. Better yet, show that thanks by visiting, dining with, and doing business with them while you are here. Your patronage helps keep this vibrant community thriving.

Volunteer Recognition

The Ferris 50 Endurance Run simply would not be possible without the incredible dedication of our volunteers. From the aid station crews and safety patrols to the course marshals and finish line festival staff, their energy and commitment are what make your race day experience possible.

We encourage every runner to show their appreciation by respecting our volunteers and, if you can, offering them a smile and a heartfelt "thank you" along the way. Your gratitude goes a long way in making this event memorable for everyone involved.

Planning Committee

The Ferris 50 Endurance Run is the result of a dedicated planning committee whose hard work made this event possible. The team included Visit Carson Valley staff—Keith Lewis, Josh Rudelbach, and Michelle Valdovinos—along with Race Directors Marc and Kelly Walling. Special thanks go to Keith Cole for coordinating aid stations, John Meyer for overseeing race safety, and Christa Dufloth, Lorna Doerr, Heather Jackson, and Minka Brown for leading volunteer coordination. We also appreciate the contributions of Erica Roselius and Laura Ammons from the Carson Valley Trails Association, Mathew Giltner from the Nevada Offroad Association, and Eric Wamback with the Pine Nut Mountains Trails Association.

Within Visit Carson Valley, Josh Rudelbach, a veteran of 49 Spartan races, developed the Ferris 50 courses, while Michelle Valdovinos coordinated sponsorships. Their vision, combined with the effort of every committee member, brought this event to life.

This has truly been a multi-organization effort, and the involvement and collaboration of the Carson Valley Trails Association, Nevada Offroad Association, Pine Nut Mountains Trails Association, and Douglas County reflect the collaborative spirit of Carson Valley—where organizations work together seamlessly to create something extraordinary for the community.

Thank You Runners

We are incredibly grateful for each and every one of you who chose to run the Ferris 50 Endurance Run. After a successful inaugural year, watching this field come together for year two has been tremendously rewarding. You showed up alongside a wonderful community of fellow runners, and together you make race day something special. Your collective energy and enthusiasm means the world to us as we prepare for exciting and competitive races.

Most of our participants hail from right here in the Reno, Carson City, and Carson Valley region, with strong showings from Gardnerville, Minden, Reno, Sparks, Carson City, and Fallon. We are also honored to welcome runners from seven states in all, including California, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Colorado, and as far away as Cypress, Texas. By returning to Carson Valley, or by joining us for the first time, you are helping turn a first-year idea into a lasting tradition. We sincerely hope to welcome you back to run with us for many years to come.

Keith Lewis
Executive Director, Visit Carson Valley