

Thank you for being part of the 2026 David's Trail Endurance Run!

**Rocking Chair Resort
278 CR 763
Mountain Home, AR 72653**

Packet Pickup at Rocking Chair Resort

Friday

You can pick up your packet at Rocking Chair Resort on Friday, January 23, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday (Race Day!)

You can ALSO pick up your packet Saturday, January 24 (Race Morning) at Rocking Chair Resort between **6:30 and 7:30 a.m.** For the 25K and 7K, you can pick up again between **8:15 and 8:45 a.m.** The 7K runners have one last chance to pick up between **9:15 and 9:45 a.m.**

Race start

The race start line is right in front of the game room. Those looking to PR or seriously compete, toe the line; the race is chip timed. Results will be accurate no matter what time the starting line is crossed.

Post-race food and beverage

We're making a small adjustment to our post-race food plan.

Pizza delivery may not be an option on race day, so **we're planning to provide hot food instead.** As of now, the plan is to make **spaghetti noodles with sauce** to have available after the race.

That said, winter weather always comes with unknowns. There is a possibility of power issues, so **please come prepared with your own backup food,** just in case.

This will be a year to remember, in more ways than one. 😊

SCHEDULE

We plan to hold the race rain or shine, sleet or snow. Parking, packet pickup, races, and post-race festivities take place at Rocking Chair Resort.

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Friday, January 23 @ Rocking Chair Resort

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Packet pickup for all events

Saturday, January 24 @ Rocking Chair Resort

7:00-7:45 a.m. - Packet pickup for all races

7:45 a.m. - Lineup for 50K

7:45 – 7:59 a.m. – National Anthem & last-minute announcements

8:00 a.m. - 50K Start

8:15 to 8:45 a.m. - Packet pickup for 25K & 7K

8:45 a.m. - Lineup for 25K

8:45 to 8:59 a.m. – National Anthem & last-minute announcements

9:00 a.m. - 25K Start

9:15 to 9:45 a.m. - Packet pickup at for 7K

9:45 a.m. - Lineup for 7K

9:45 to 9:59 a.m. – National Anthem & last-minute announcements

10:00 a.m. - 7K Start

12:00 p.m. – Post Race Meal begins

1:00 p.m. – Mellow Mountain Band

Awards: **We'll shy away from the big "awards ceremony" as in years past. We will make announcements regarding awards and hand them out as division placements are fulfilled.**

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Weather, and the 2026 50K

As of Wednesday, the 21st the weather forecast for Mountain Home, AR over race weekend calls for very low temps and snowfall from 6" – 10" – that's a lot of snow for this area at one time. It's not necessarily the Saturday snow that will impact the race, but the Friday snow that will already be on the ground and may prohibit travel.

Being proactive and with the intent of keeping our runners safe, we are going to modify the 50K course to keep runners off the Hwy 101 Bridge that connects to the north end of the trail. Your RD isn't a fan of using the bridge on a nice weather year, so with the possibility of low visibility and the slipping and sliding factor we're going to nix the bridge and the north end for 2026.

- 25K and 7K remain the same courses
- 25K does have a cutoff time of 1:00 p.m. to make it to the Panther Bay Aid station / turnaround.
- 50K course will go as follows:

50K Course & "Official Distance" Clarification

Mile **18.2 (Panther Bay Pavilion Aid Station / 25K turnaround)** will now also serve as the **50K turnaround**. Runners will check in and refuel at Panther Bay before heading back toward Rocking Chair.

At **mile 23.5 (Rocking Chair Road Aid Station)**, 50K runners will have two options:

- **Finish the official 2026 race distance and head to the resort**
- **For those who want the extra miles**, you can continue straight to complete the 7K loop.

Completing the 7K loop brings total mileage to approximately **28 miles**. This extended option is available **for personal mileage only** and is not required.

Important: Official Distance & Awards

For **2026, the official race distance is ~23 miles.**

All **awards, placements, and results will be based on this official distance.**

Runners who choose to complete the additional 7K loop are welcome to do so, but:

- The extra miles are **optional and self-supported**
- They do **not** change the official race distance
- Awards will be determined based on the official ~23-mile course
- Results will be noted to reflect who completed the additional loop

All 50K participants — whether completing the official ~23 miles or the optional extended mileage — will receive a finisher's medal.

Race-day conditions may require runners to be directed to the finish at the official distance in the interest of safety. **Please be prepared to follow all course marshal and volunteer instructions. Safety comes first.**

50K cutoff times are as follows:

Below is a best-case scenario and subject to change dependent upon weather.

Runners not making it through checkpoints at the noted time will be pulled from the course and escorted to the start/finish at Rocking Chair Resort.

- Mile 18.2 | 50K turnaround / Panther Bay Pavilion: 1:00 p.m.
- Mile 23.4 | Rocking Chair Road: 3:00 p.m.
- Finish 28.5 | Rocking Chair Resort: 5:00 p.m.

Where do I park?

Rocking Chair Resort will have plenty of room by the game room on Friday night. It could get tight on Saturday since the snow and ice will limit parking, so please pay close attention to the parking attendants as they guide you in, and **CARPOOL** if possible.

Since there are snowy or icy conditions, it is recommended that your vehicle have four-wheel or all-wheel drive, so you can get in and out of the resort successfully.

If at all possible, please **CARPOOL**.

Snow is presently scheduled to begin falling at 6:00 pm Friday. If you're coming to the resort, to stay, plan on staying put until Sunday. Grocery shop and be ready to settle in. If you're arriving on Saturday morning, we will likely have you park on Robinson Point Road or one block from the resort to a fairly open field, you will have to walk down the resort entrance to the starting line. If the snow comes, you'll need a 4x4 vehicle to make it up the long driveway at the end of the race. We'll have volunteers at the entrance of the resort to direct you.

WHERE THE....?

How do I get there?

Rocking Chair Resort

278 CR 763

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Here it is on [Google Maps](#)



Can I signup onsite?

- Friday night: Yes – you will be directed to register online anyway, so you may as well take care of it ahead of time.
- Saturday: No. There are no race-day registrations.

What else should I bring?

Other than good vibes and some cash.....

- **Handheld, bladder, or [HydraPak SpeedCup](#)** – Aid stations are cupless (we do not have paper or plastic cups for your on-course hydration). HydraPak SpeedCups may be purchased onsite for \$5 each. If there are icy conditions and low temps, it is possible that your hydration packs, hoses particularly, could freeze during your run. This may be the day to bring your SpeedCup with you so you can stay hydrated.
- **Post-race drink & dinnerware** - We will be providing spaghetti and beverage, but we ask all participants to bring their own plates and silverware (if you wish to use them), as well as your own cups and mugs. In an effort to “go green,” we are asking everyone to help out!
- **BYODB** (Bring Your Own Drop Bag) – 25K & 50K athletes can have drop bags brought from the start line to the Panther Bay aid station. We will not provide bags.
- Bring your **old running shoes to be recycled**. Add to the pile of shoes before they are shipped off to [funds2orgs.com](#)
- If you're staying onsite, we plan to keep the party going. There is a possibility that we'll run out of adult **refreshments**, so you may want to bring your own stash for the after-party.

Can Spectators hang out?

Yes. We welcome friends and family to hang at Rocking Chair Resort for the finish or at the Panther Bay Park Pavilion (25K turnaround and 50K drop bag area). Spectators are welcome to the post-race grub if they have purchased a wrist band. No wrist band, no food. No exceptions.

Did you say “drop bag”?

There will be a clearly marked area **inside the Rocking Chair Resort building** for runners who wish to leave a drop bag.

Drop bags will be transported to **Panther Bay Park Pavilion** (50K / 25K turnaround).

Please note:

- Drop bags must be **placed inside the building**, not outside
- Leave bags **at your own risk**
- Take steps to make your bag **easily identifiable**
- Clearly label your bag with **your name and bib number**

Drop bags will be returned to **Rocking Chair Resort** after the **last runner has passed through Panther Bay**. We do not know the exact return time.

DTER is not responsible for the contents of drop bags and assumes responsibility only for their transport between the start/finish area and Panther Bay.

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ON THE COURSE:

Runner Checkpoints

It is the runner's responsibility to be sure he/she has checked-in at the following on-course check points to ensure you are recorded. Failure to check-in may result in DNF status.

- 50K & 25K runners will need to check-in at the Rocking Chair Rd. aid station.
 - This is mile 12 for the 50K and mile 5 for the 25K
- 50K & 25K runners will need to check-in at the Panther Bay aid station.
- 50K runners will need to check in at the Rocking Chair Rd. aid station if going to do the 28 miles

How did the course get so awesome?

Please give a big "Thank you" to Jackson and Stephanie Rhoades, "Friends of David's Trail," and the North Central Arkansas Master Naturalists for doing a fantastic job getting the trail ready for this weekend!



Is there a time limit? – YES!

Runners not making it through checkpoints at the noted time will be pulled from the course and escorted to the start/finish at Rocking Chair Resort.

- Panther Bay Pavilion: 1:00 p.m.
- Finish 31.5 | Rocking Chair Resort: 5:00 p.m.

Are earbuds / music permitted?

We do not prohibit earbuds, but please take into consideration that there are people around you and you can't hear "on your left" if you're rocking out. Please be considerate.

What do the aid stations provide?

Well, not cups! (See the "cupless" bullet on the previous page.) There is an aid station approximately every 4-6 miles. Not every aid station is created equally. All will provide Tailwind, water, and at least light snacks. The Panther Bay aid station is fully loaded with Tailwind, water, & munchies, warm food and beverage. 50K turnaround will provide some warm soups, Tailwind, and the other necessities.

Are there bathrooms on the course?

The Panther Bay aid station will have restrooms open.

You drop it, you lose it.

A reminder that anything (clothing, gear, etc.) left on-course or scattered around the start/finish should be considered gone and subsequently donated. Other than drop-bags, all items picked up are donated to a local thrift store.

What is the elevation?

50K has approximately 5,000 ft. of elevation gain.

25K has approximately 2,500 ft. of elevation gain.

7K has at least 750 ft. of elevation gain.

AFTER THE RACE...

Are there finisher medals?

Yes. All finishers will receive a Finishers Medal!

What's at the finish line?

- Plenty of space to spread out
- Food
- Beverages
- Finisher Medals
- Water
- Tailwind
- Results
- Mellow Mountain Band

What about results?

- Overall and Division winners will be announced at Rocking Chair
- Unofficial Results will be posted on the website by Sunday evening
- Official Results will be posted as soon as possible, please give us up to a week after the race to sift through any discrepancies.

Awards and Divisions?

- 50K, 25K, & 7K
 - Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall male/female
 - Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for age divisions male/female
 - Finisher medals for all finishers

CHIP TIMING:

Timing provided by Agee Race Timing

Agee Race Timing will be timing all Saturday races. Chips will be handed out at packet pickup. Simply slide the chips down your laces; you'll never know they're there! (See pic below)

Please return your chips at the finish line.



Is there a penalty for not returning chips?

Yes, we will find you.

We look forward to seeing you race weekend!

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