Moonlight Madness 2020 Participant Instructions

Packet Pickup

This year packet pickup will be located at the start/finish area in Cottonwood Valley. Come early to grab your bib before your wave start time!

- Start Location - The race location is documented below

- Packet pickup will be held onsite from 5:00pm till 6:59pm

Awards and Prizes

This year we're working with Elevation Culture to bring you great medals, awards and swag. We love their stuff and we're confident you'll agree!

- Podium awards for top 3 male and female

- Everyone will receive a race shirt and medal

Come Prepared!

September is still very hot in Vegas. Be prepared for warm conditions at the start of the race. Things should cool down pretty nicely after the sun drops behind the mountain. Be sure to drink lots of fluid and electrolytes before the race and during. Don't forget that headlamp!

We're in the midst of a late heatwave this year. Look for temps in the mid to high 90s at the start; but don't fret, once that sun drops behind the mountains, you'll be in a comfortable 85 degrees for the remainder of the race!

Bag Check / Gear Drop

Bag check and Gear Drop will be located near registration at the start/finish area.

Always come prepared for anything! Vegas is a desert and you will be exposed to every type of weather condition.

Race Location Directions and Parking

Location

Moonlight Madness will be located in Cottonwood Valley at the upper Red Valley Parking lot. This upper lot is just west of the Late Night Trailhead lot. In fact, it's the first left after passing Late Night.

Pin for race start - https://goo.gl/maps/Z83jda1ge5VFbDMf6

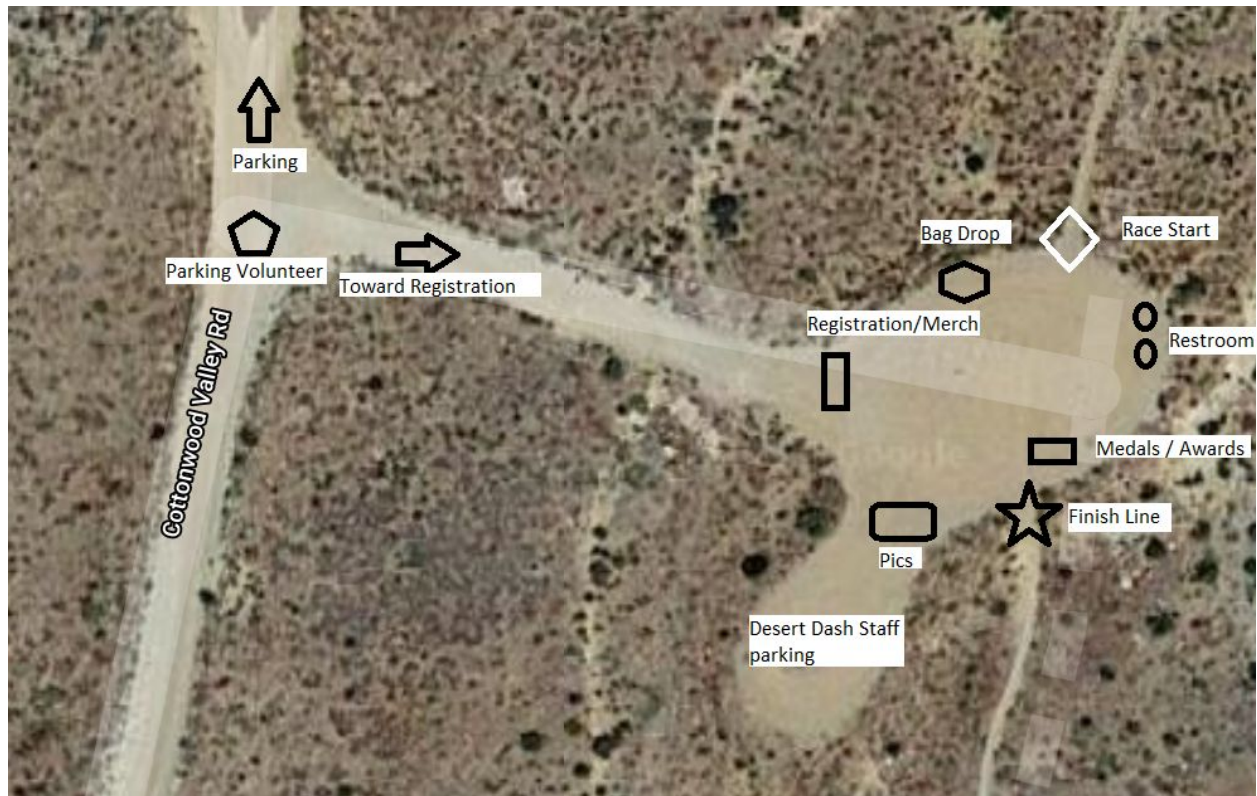The pin above will deliver you directly to the start/finish location

Parking

Turn left onto Cottonwood Valley Rd and continue south toward the start/finish area. A volunteer will turn you around to park facing southbound on Cottonwood Valley Rd.

Start and Finish Diagram

After you park, head over to registration to pick-up your bib and gear. From there, stop by the photo area to grab a shot with your stuff! Then drop your bags and stretch out before final announcements. All runners will be grouped into waves of 5 to 10 runners. Remember to give your compadres some space before the run!

Wave Start Times

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Wave	Time
1	7:05pm
2	7:10pm
3	7:15pm
4	7:20pm

In order to comply with state mandates, we'll be starting runners in waves of 10 people.

- Waves will be decided on Ultrasignup ranks

- You will get your wave at registration

- Be sure to remember your wave number and start time

Cutoff Times

The cutoff for all runners will be 11:45pm. Expect the lot to be pretty much cleared out by that time. We will be there for you though!

Podium Awards

Podium awards for the top 3 male and female runners will be presented between 8:45pm and 9:30pm, or as the top 3 of each division finish their races.

About the Course

Due to recent fire damage on the south side of Cottonwood, this year we've adjusted the race to run on the north side. This course will be super fast in the beginning with a gradual climb to the high point of the race before dropping fast through Red Valley and crossing the finish line.

The course depicted above is run in a clockwise direction. There will be two aid stations, one at Black Velvet and the other at Late Night, to keep you moving on course.

Aid Stations

There will be two aid stations on course and a kitchen/aid station at the start/finish line. All aid stations will be stocked full of the usual aid station fare along with special menu items designed by the aid station sponsors.

- Black Velvet Aid Station - https://goo.gl/maps/sU8dyoJsQBF1KZbx6

  Rob Erekson & Rebecca Thomas will be running our first aid station. The Black Velvet Aid Station will be located on the corner of Black Velvet Rd & Inner Loop just 4 miles into the race. Please refrain from approaching the aid station area. A volunteer will come out to assist you. Just tell them what you need and they'll hook you up!

- Late Night Aid Station - https://goo.gl/maps/i7iVzNr4vhiEiRbWA

  Izbeth, Amy Leonard & James Greig will be in charge of Late Night. The Late Night Aid station will be located in the dirt lot as you egress the Mustang trail into the parking lot. Late Night Aid will be at mile 9. Please refrain from approaching the aid station area. A volunteer will come out to assist you. Just tell them what you need and they'll hook you up!

Aid Station Locations
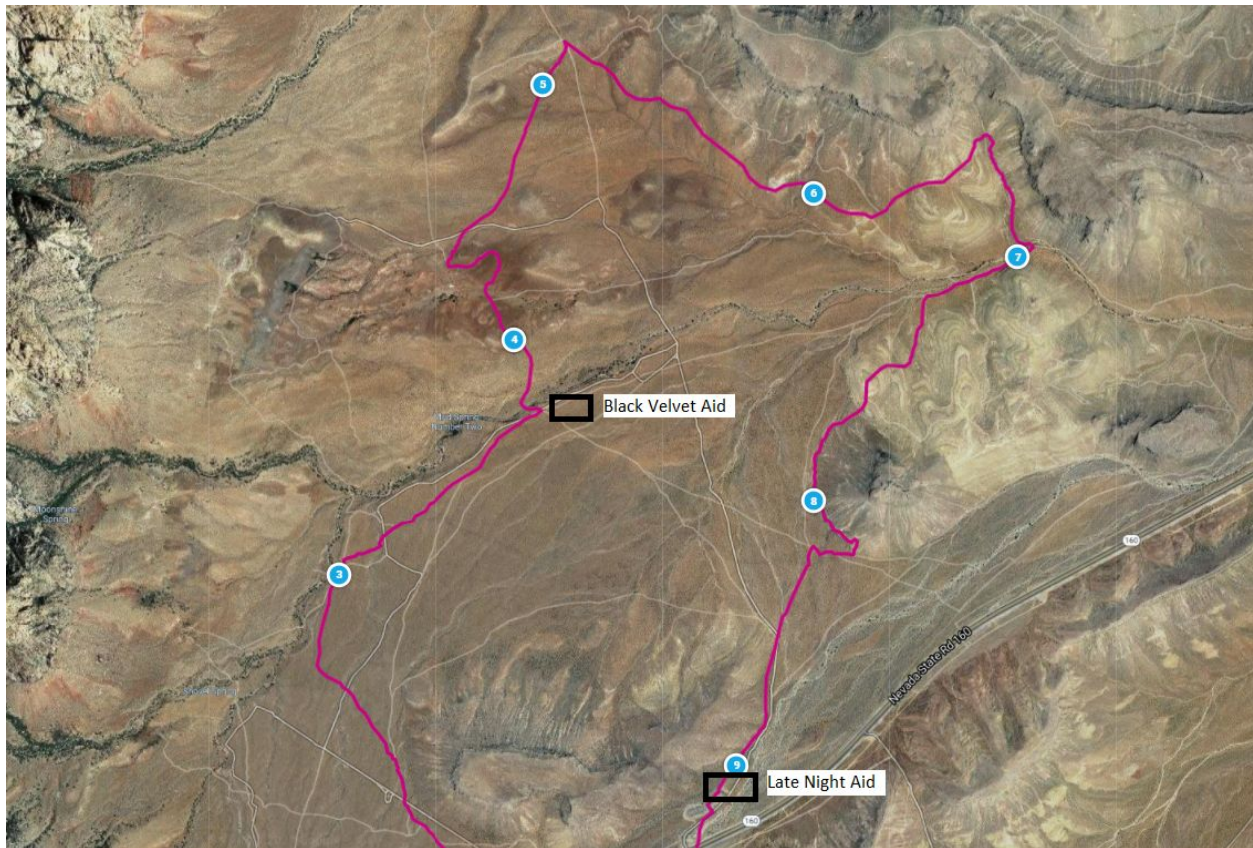
Course Marking

The race course will be marked with reflective surveyor flags or ribbon every ¼ mile. Trail Signs will be posted at major intersections. Wrong way signs will be posted along trails that intersect and travel away from the course. This course is 95% single track. If you find yourself on a jeep trail or double track for more than a few steps, you're definitely off course! Turn around and trace your steps until you reach a surveyor flag.

(example of a reflective surveyor flag and directional trail sign)

Race Timing

Race timing will be provided by Battle Born Timing

Live results will be loaded to -
https://www.arrowliveresults.com/MoonlightMadness2020

Final results will be loaded to -
https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=74816

Communications

All aid stations and volunteers on course will leverage two-way radios and cell phones on the Verizon network to communicate back with the start/finish area. Medical personnel will have direct access to these communication channels. Should you run into some trouble on course, you can reach out to Joshua Eddy - 702-539-9116. Most cell phone networks have service in these areas. If you don't have access to a cell phone or your phone is out of range, please see the next aid station volunteer who will radio Desert Dash staff for assistance. The aid stations are no more than 5.5 miles apart.

Course Rules

It's easy! Ensure that you carry respect with you while running on the trails in our home. Please don't litter and give plenty of room to plant life and animals in the area. Be kind to other runners and encourage future participation in our sport; show appreciation for the volunteers who support you; and SMILE, this is for fun!

Covid-19 Considerations

These are difficult times for large group events. But in these times we rise to the new challenges by adapting to our changing environment and leveraging our ability to overcome obstacles. We're long distance runners; this should come easy to us! Not to mention, that when it comes to sanitization practices and sweaty runners, erring on the side of more is most definitely a good thing. Please help us comply with our permit holder regulations by following a few simple rules:

1 - Please don't congregate in large groups before or after the race. Each runner will be assigned into a group of 10 other runners with assigned starting times to help keep the field spread out. Just give your compadres a little space!

2 - Please don't approach the kitchen or aid station tables. Just yell out what you're looking for and a volunteer will assist you with your chow.

3 - Please help us limit spectator participation by not bringing a group with you to the event. Spectators will not be allowed in the staging area.

4 - No crews or pacers will be allowed at this event. Run confidently; run solo!

5 - We ask that you exit the start/finish area after finishing your race. We're not allowed to have people hanging around in the staging area, so after you pick-up your medal, please exit this area.

6 - You can expect that our volunteers will be wearing masks and gloves to assist you. If you need a mask or gloves, just ask! We'll hook you up.

7 - If you're feeling sick in the days before the event, please refrain from coming out. We will refund you if you give us proper notice.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Thank You

You can throw on a pair of shoes and run anywhere you like. We strive to foster that simplicity by creating an atmosphere where you can do what you love, with the people you care about, in the places you want to be. Throw on your shoes and come play with us!

A special thanks to all the great volunteers and friends who make Desert Dash events possible.

The Covid-19 Pandemic really slowed our progress early this year. We spent many months designing and planning an event only to get shutdown weeks from the race date! Naturally, when we were canceled it stung, but it didn't stop us from picking up and moving to the next challenge. We're dedicated and passionate about what we do and we hope that dedication translates effortlessly in your experience at our events. If anything doesn't match your expectations, please feel free to reach out to us at joshua@desertdash.com or ashley@desertdash.com

Thank you for running & volunteering with us!