

HURL ELKHORN 23K RUN

DETAILED COURSE DESCRIPTION

The race starts and finishes at the Willard Creek Trailhead at the end of Forest Service Road 4014. Primitive camping is available. There are no amenities other than porta-potties, which will be delivered sometime the day before the race. The race starts at 8:00 am. The finish cut off time is 3:00 pm.



COURSE DESCRIPTION

Note – all distances and elevation gain and loss are based on tracings from quad maps, and therefore are approximate. These tracings indicate the course is approximately 14.36 miles (23.1K) long with approximately 3,280 feet of elevation gain and 3,280 feet of elevation loss.

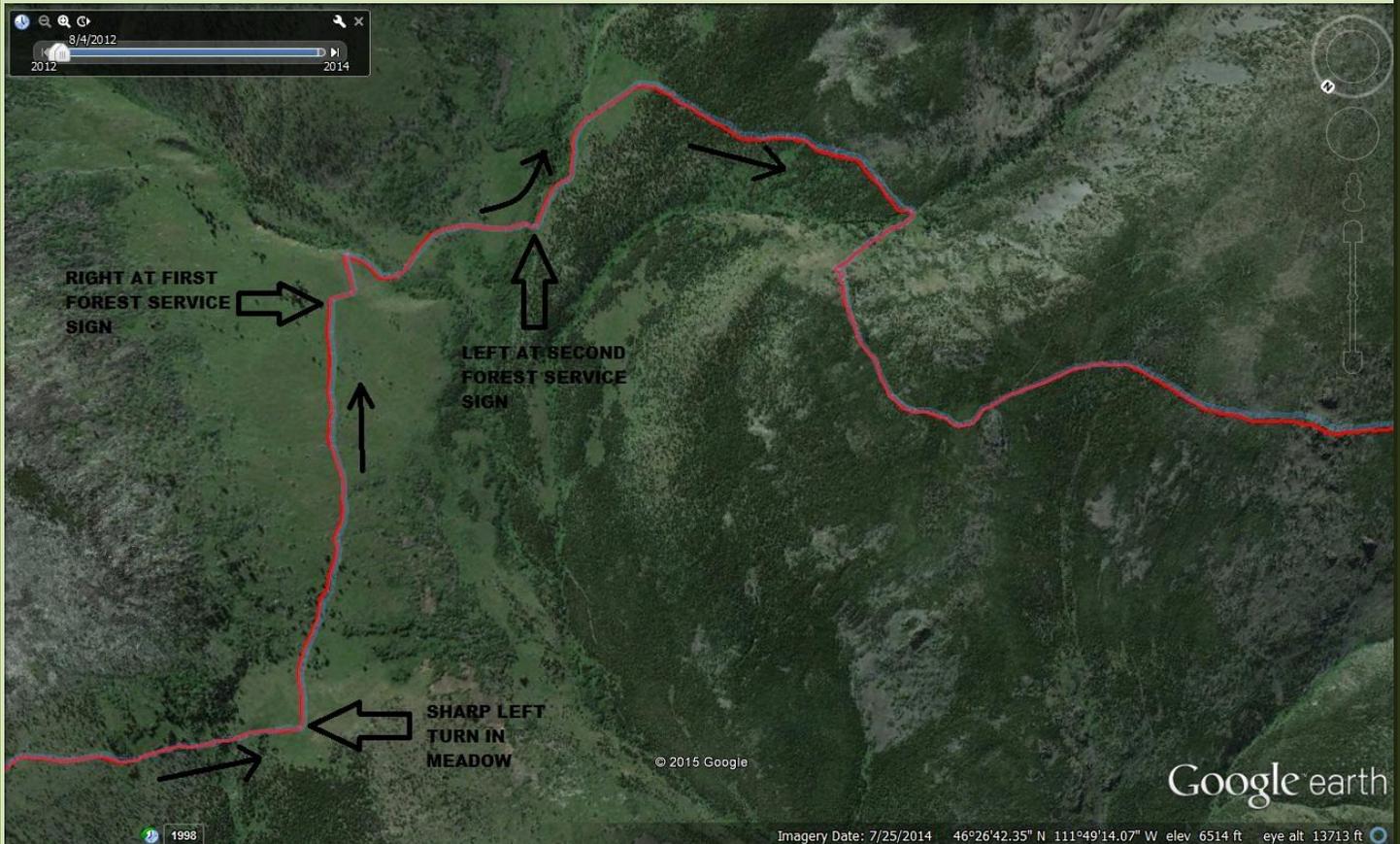
Start to Jackson Creek Aid Station (4 miles, 6.5K)

Runners will be on single track trail, Forest Service Trail 347, almost immediately from the start. Don't start at the front of the pack if you expect to take 7 hours to finish! Within the first ¼ mile, the trail widens out enough to pass. The course follows Trail 347 generally uphill for the first mile, then downhill to the first creek crossing. Quickly after crossing McClellan Creek, Trail 347 dead ends into Trail 302. Turn **left** and continue downhill on Trail 302. Stay on Trail 302, generally downhill, for approximately 1.5 miles until it dead ends into Trail 343. Turn **right** on Trail 343. Follow Trail 343, which is generally a gradual uphill, to its intersection with Trail 344. Jackson Creek Aid Station (4 miles, 6.5K) is located at this intersection. Elevation gain = 508 feet. Elevation loss = 800 feet.

Jackson Creek Aid Station to Tepee Creek Aid Station (8 miles, 13K)

Leave Jackson Creek Aid Station on Trail 344. You'll gain elevation, encounter some rolling terrain, then lose all the elevation you gained. You'll encounter your second creek crossing where Jackson Creek runs down the trail. From this point you'll start the first major climb, gaining roughly 1,100 feet in 1.5 miles. There are cow and game paths crossing the trail along this section, and a couple of tricky corners so keep an eye out for course markers. There are also two more crossings of Jackson Creek. After the 3rd crossing of Jackson Creek, the trail disappears in a meadow. The course parallels Jackson Creek, watch for markings. Trail 344 will dead end into Trail 301 at the top of the climb. Turn **right** on Trail 301 and cross the log bridge over Jackson Creek toward Casey Meadows.

This section of Trail 301 continues slightly upwards as you contour the mountainside. At approximately 8 miles, the trail enters a meadow and the trail disappears. Watch for rock cairns and course markers as the trail takes a sharp turn to the left and starts dropping gradually into Casey Meadows. There are numerous cow and game trails through Casey Meadows, so pay close attention to course markers. **Stay on Trail 301.** You must encounter two Forest Service Trail Signs in Casey Meadows, and must cross two creeks. Turn left and start uphill at the second sign which is just beyond the second creek crossing.



This climb is very rocky and steep in places but the trail is easy to follow. Continue on Trail 301 past Trail 374. The trail eventually levels out and then turns downhill. After numerous downhill switchbacks you'll hit Tepee Creek. The trail turns right and follows the creek into Tepee Creek Aid Station (12 miles, 19.3K). Elevation gain = 2,490 feet. Elevation loss = 2,135 feet.



**Right Turn at First Forest Service sign
in Casey Meadows**



**Left turn at
second Forest
Service Sign in
Casey Meadows**

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Tepee Creek to Finish (2 miles – 4K)

Continue straight ahead on Trail 302, downhill from the aid station. Approximately ½ mile from the aid station **turn left on Trail 347**. This is the trail you started out on many hours earlier. The trail crosses McClellan Creek, continues gradually uphill, then downhill toward the finish at the Willard Creek Trailhead (23.1K).
Elevation gain = 410 feet.
Elevation loss = 470 feet.
Congratulations, you have finished the HURL Elkhorn 23K!

