

Bighorn 18M Detailed Course Description

18M COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course elevation at the start: 7650 feet.

These directions and distances are estimated. A final description will be available at the pre-race briefing.

The 18M course begins at the HEAD OF THE DRY FORK aid station and proceeds up the Freeze Out road, following trails and a gravel road cresting on Camp Creek Ridge at 8,100 feet. It then descends down Sheep Creek drainage to 7,300 feet on a four-wheel drive road. At about 4 1/2 miles you will reach the fully supplied UPPER SHEEP CREEK aid station. Next is the summit of Horse Creek Ridge at 8,000 feet, following trails and primitive four-wheel drive roads, which will then drop you into Tongue River Canyon. Take a moment to view the canyon and the distant plains before you descend the trail through seas of wildflowers.

LOWER SHEEP CREEK aid station at mile 10 and 5025 feet, is a good place to fill your bottles before entering the sometimes hot canyon below. Continuing on to the TONGUE RIVER aid station at mile 12 1/2 and approximately 4375 feet you will leave the trail and run on a relatively flat gravel road for the remainder of the distance. At about mile 15 is the final aid station, HOMESTRETCH aid station. Continue on and just as you are entering Dayton you will cross the Tongue River on a rustic footbridge. Runners then cross Highway 14 and proceed into town making a left onto 3rd street. Go one block and make a left onto Broadway and into Scott Park where the FINISH and picnic gala await you.