



Billy Goat Mountain Climb

Saturday, April 4, 2026

We added a new distance to the Billy Goat family, a loop known to locals as *The Silverado Loop*. Runners begin this course on a downhill for a little over a mile on beat-up asphalt named Maple Springs Road, outside of Silverado, CA. Just before the forest gate, runners go up the Silverado Motorway, a grueling climb up to N. Main Divide. From there, the rolling hills take runners to the half marathon turn around near “Four Corners” (where Harding Truck Trail and N. Main Divide come together with Maple Springs Road). After one last quick uphill on N. Main Divide, the Silverado Loop takes Maple Springs Road for downhill switchbacks returning to the finish. The elevation gain for The Silverado Loop is approximately 3,800 feet.

The Half Marathon Climb is an out-and-back that begins in the same location on Maple Springs Road. Runners follow the creek on the gradually inclining Maple Springs Road for about 1.5 miles. Depending on recent rains, runners could encounter several creek crossings before reaching the dirt truck trail. The creek crossings can get slippery! The climb picks up at the dirt truck trail where runners switchback up the mountain toward Dead Man’s curve and beyond to “Four Corners”. From there, runners continue the climb to N. Main Divide where they travel a short distance down to the turnaround point before returning to the Finish. The elevation gain for the half marathon is approximately 2,560 feet.

The 10K Climb follows the same route as the ½ marathon but turns around at Dead Man’s Curve. The elevation gain for the 10k is approximately 1,384 feet.



Maple Springs Road, Cleveland National Forest



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Race Details

Location

Billy Goat Mountain Climb runs through The Cleveland National Forest, just outside of Silverado CA, an old mining town dating back to 1878. The Start/Finish is up Maple Springs Rd, next to the creek, near Lost Woman Canyon (33°45'13.2"N 117°33'33.6"W). ([See pg. 3 for shuttle details](#))



Bib Pick up: Location to be determined. Race day bib pick up will also be available.

Silverado Loop (17 miles), Half Marathon & 10k

Registration includes race day shirt, finish line snacks/refreshments, finisher medal and special awards for top three overall finishers.

Race Day Schedule:

Silverado Loop
Check-in 5:30-6:15 am
Race Start 6:30 am

1/2 Marathon/10k
Check-in 7:00-7:45 am
Race Start 8:00 am

Parking/Shuttle

Parking is not available at the trailhead. Runners will be shuttled from a location inside the canyon, to be determined.

Shuttles begin at 5:20 am. The last **shuttle departs lot for Start Line at 7:30 am**. If you are dropped off at the trailhead, you may catch the shuttle at the forest gate. The Start/Finish line is approximately 1.75 miles past the gate.

Additional information and maps will be posted here

Race Details (continued)

Aid Stations

Electrolytes and calories supplied at aid stations: salty and sweet. Aid stations are planned at the following miles (approximately).

Silverado Loop:

- AS 1: Mile 5 (Bedford Peak)
- AS 2: Mile 8 (Bald Peak)
- AS 3: Mile 10 (N. Main Divide)
- AS 4: Mile 13.5 (Dead Man's Curve)

1/2 Marathon:

- AS 1: Mile 3 (Dead Man's Curve)
- AS 2: Mile 6.55 (N. Main Divide)
- AS 3: Mile 10 (Dead Man's Curve)

10K:

- AS 1: Mile 3 (Dead Man's Curve)

Refill your fluids at the aid stations even if you feel you don't need it!

Cut-Off (10:30 am)

- Silverado Loop runners must reach aid station at about mile 10 (just before "Four Corners" by 10:30 am.
- 1/2 Marathon must reach the same aid station above (approx. mile 6.5) by 10:30 am.

Drops

Inform a race official if you drop from the race. If not, you may be liable for search and rescue costs.

Early Start (Silverado Loop & 1/2 Marathon only)

This race allows early starts for slow runners only. If you think that you cannot make the cut-off, you may request an early start. Email: lauren@otrraces.com. Early Start runners are not eligible for special awards.

Electrolytes

Electrolytes provided at the aid stations. Capsules & dissolvable Nuun® tablets.



Elevation Gain

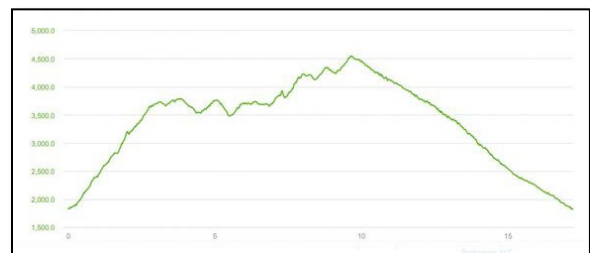


Figure 1 Silverado Loop Profile approx. 3,800' of elevation gain. Please note, profile above begins and ends at Silverado Motorway, not the start/finish line 1 mi. away.

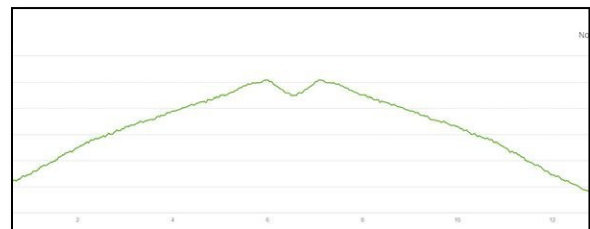


Figure 2 Half Marathon Profile, approximately 2,560' of elevation gain.

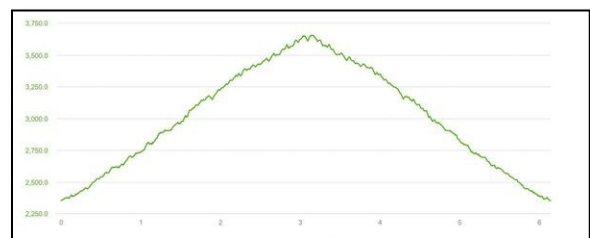


Figure 3 10k Profile, approximately 1,384' elevation gain.

First Aid

Aid stations will be equipped with first aid supplies.

Headphones/earbuds

Headphones are allowed, keep low enough to hear runners or mountain bikers approaching from behind. Please no speakers.

Hiking poles

Allowed.

Levelling Down

½ Marathon Runners may level down to the 10k during the race. The Silverado Loop will not be able to level down due to the nature of the course. Runners who level down during the race are not eligible for special awards.

Markings

Route will be marked with colorful ties. The route is straightforward.

Pacers

Not Allowed.

Accommodations

Camping

Not available at this location.

Hotels/Motels

No hotels/motels in the near vicinity, unless perhaps an Airbnb. Below is a sample of the closest hotels.

[Sky Palm Motel](#)

12.5 miles from Start Line

210 N Tustin St, Orange

[Orange Tustin Inn](#)

13.6 miles from Start Line

639 S Tustin St, Orange

Prizes

Special prizes for top three overall in each distance.

Race Day Registration

Allowed. Cash only please. Race shirts not guaranteed for race day registrants.

Refunds

This race does not allow refunds. Race entries will be applied to the following year's race or Saddleback Marathon in November, should the Billy Goat Mountain Climb get cancelled due to circumstances beyond the race director's control (fire, government shutdown, etc.).

Weather

Be sure to check the weather before arriving. The Santa Ana Mountains during April are usually mild but it could get quite warm or we could get surprised by rain.

Timing

TFID race chip timing by
Fusion Timing.



[Villa Park Motel](#)

14 miles from Start Line

2085 N Tustin St, Orange

[Hampton Inn by Hilton Irvine East - Lake Forest](#)

15 miles from Start Line

27102 Towne Centre Dr., Foothill Ranch

[JW Marriott, Anaheim Resort](#)

18 miles from Start Line

1775 S Clementine St, Anaheim

Medical & Emergency Plan

Runner/Spectator Safety

Maple Springs Road and N. Main Divide will have cones around aid stations and caution signs placed on throughout course.

Emergency Access

Maple Springs Road and N. Main Divide will remain clear at all times for emergency access.

Emergency Phone #'s:

1. 9-1-1

2. US Forest Service Fire Station

27172 Silverado Canyon Rd
Silverado, CA 92676
(714) 649-2645

3. US Forest Service Fire Station

1148 E 6th St, Corona, CA 92879
(951) 371-1004

Medical Facilities:

Chapman Global Medical Center

2601 E Chapman Ave, Orange, (714) 633-0011

Directions to Chapman Medical Center (11 miles from start/finish):

Turn right onto Santiago Canyon Rd
Continue onto E. Chapman Avenue
(Pass by Wienerschnitzel on right)
Turn right into the center

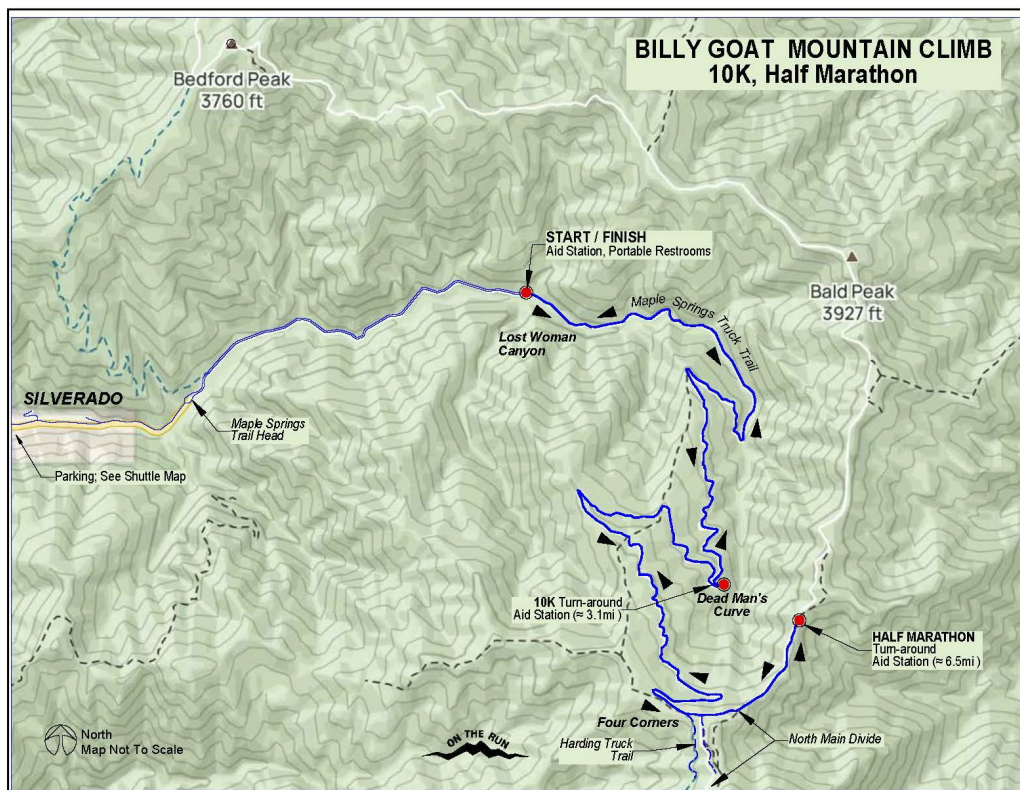
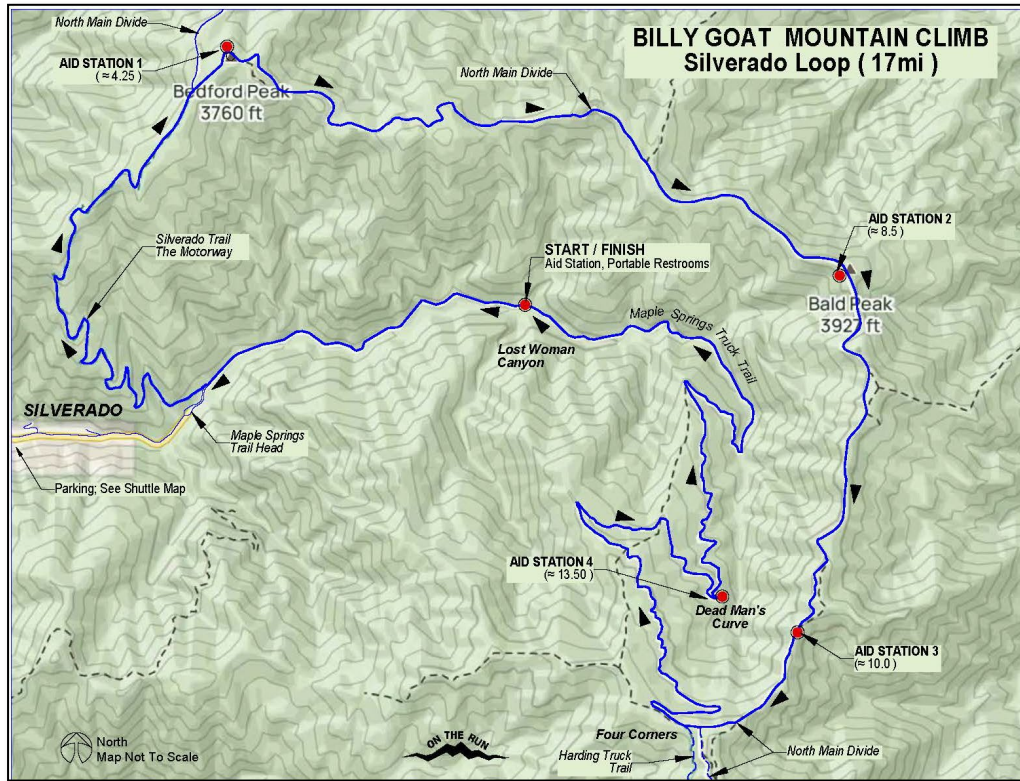
Hoag Urgent Care & Family Medicine Orchard Hills

(Located in Orchard Hills Shopping Center)
3877 Portola Pkwy, Irvine, (949) 557-0720

Directions to Hoag Urgent Care (11 miles from start/finish):

Turn right on Santiago Canyon Road
Turn left onto CA-261S to Irvine (toll road)
Take exit 3 for Portola Pkwy and turn left.
Turn left onto Forge, stay right, center is on the right

Course Maps



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I transfer my race registration?

Yes, contact race director lauren@ottraces.com

Can family/friends take the shuttle?

Yes.

How far is the start mile from Maple Springs Trailhead?

1.75 miles

Is there spectator access along the route?

No. Spectators are welcome to hang out at the Start/Finish.

What happens if I don't make the cut-off?

Runners who don't make the cut-off will be driven back to the start line.

Are bathrooms at the start/finish line?

Portable outhouses will be placed at the Start/Finish line. There are no bathrooms along the course. Please step off the trail and bury any waste.

Will I summit any peaks?

No. You will run by Bedford and Bald peaks, which are a short distance from the aid stations located there (less than 1/10 mi). Runners are more than welcome to summit these peaks if they are willing to waste clock time doing so.

Partners, Sponsors, Friends



Leave No Trace

We are fortunate to run in these beautiful mountains. What goes into the forest with you, must come out with you. Tread lightly and leave nothing but your foot print. Kindly use aid stations to dispose of your trash. Thank you!

