

of Wasatch

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**WASATCH 100
KAYSVILLE, UT //
SEPTEMBER 6**

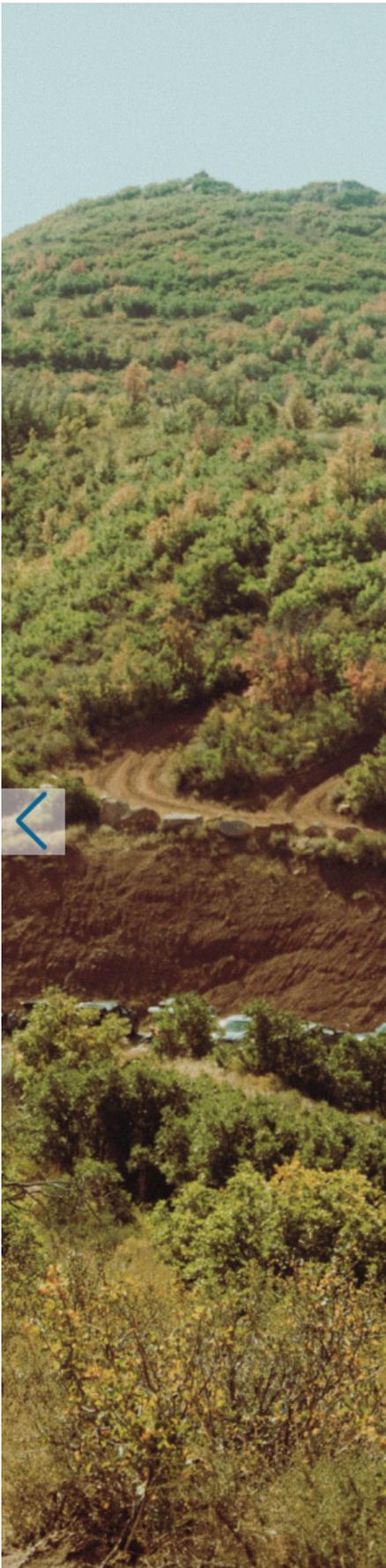
🏃 4,4' // 100 MILES

**Elevation gain/loss:
26,882 feet /
26,131 feet**

This is a point-to-point race that traverses the heart of the central Wasatch Mountains. It features some big climbs and descents like a 5,000-foot climb in 9 miles near the start.

Spectators line up to watch runners on the Wasatch course. 📍 ETHAN SCHALEKAMP





The Wasatch Front 100 Mile Endurance run is one of the Mountain West's most beautiful and challenging mountain running events. The point-to-point course climbs 24,000 feet and traverses the crest of Utah's Wasatch Mountains. The event begins at 5 a.m. on the first Friday following Labor Day from Wilderness Park in Kaysville, Utah, and ends 36 hours later at Soldier Hollow in Midway, Utah. First started in 1980, the Wasatch 100 has grown into a premier event noted for its difficulty, scenery and hometown atmosphere.

From the start at Wilderness Park, the course briefly traverses level trails before the first brutal climb up Bair Canyon. Finally arriving at the crest of the Wasatch Range, the runners then head south to experience level trails, more climbs and the high open plains, deep forests and mountain passes that are Wasatch. Temperatures vary with daytime heat in the lower valleys to cool, crisp nighttime conditions at higher elevations.

The runners aim to complete the race within the 36-hour cutoff, hoping to earn one of three coveted belt buckles: the "Royal Order of the Crimson Cheetah" for those finishing in under 24 hours, the "Spirit of the Wind" for finishing between 24-30 hours, and the "Badger Heart" for those finishing between 30-36 hours.

This year, of the 298 runners who started the 2024 race, a little over 55% crossed the finish line earning their buckles, marking their success, endurance and reward for their training. The overall winners received the "Golden Skull" trophy, awarded to the top male and female finishers.

Jimmy Elam, who had a finish time of 19:08:35, won the overall race, while Jose Cruz came in second with a time of 20:27:42. Third place was Tyler Fannin in 21:13:22. These three runners had established their first, second and third spots by the Ant Knolls aid station (mile 74.1).

The point-to-point course includes steep climbs and descents in the Wasatch Mountains. © ETHAN SCHALEKAMP



Jimmy remained in first place throughout the entire run and did so with a wide margin. At the 77.2-mile Pole Line Pass aid station, he arrived at 7:23 p.m. and was nearly 2 hours ahead of Jose Cruz, who arrived at 9:20 p.m. Tyler Fannin arrived shortly after Jose at 9:30 p.m.

The first-place woman was Elizabeth Butler with a finish time of 26:22:10, followed by Laura Hansen with a time of 26:26:43, and third by Andrea McAfee in 26:47:10.

Interestingly, the final position of the three women was maintained throughout the entire run. Elizabeth and Laura were often within minutes of each other as they entered the aid stations. And, Andrea was very close behind, sometimes just a few minutes from Laura. There is little doubt that each was eyeing the other at times along the course.

The Wasatch 100 also serves as the final leg of the Grand Slam of Ultrarunning, a series of four historic 100-mile races. To complete the Grand Slam, runners must finish three of the first four races in the series: Western States 100, Old Dominion 100, Vermont 100, Leadville Trail 100 and then, finish the Wasatch 100 in the same year. The Wasatch 100 has played a central role in this challenge since 1986, when it became the organizer and anchor race for the Grand Slam.

For Grand Slam runners, Wasatch is not merely another race – it represents the final chapter in a summer filled with 400 miles of racing across some of the most rugged courses in the US. Those who completed the series were awarded the coveted Grand Slam trophy: a bronze eagle head symbolizing the perseverance required to master the distances in these legendary races.



THE 2024 GRAND SLAM FINISHERS:

Total	Name	Age	Home	Average
109:59:29	Chris Calimano	43	NY	27:29:52
96:07:19	Phillip Sanderson	56	CA	24:01:50
104:26:44	Joshua Landvatter	40	UT	26:11:36
113:4:32	Bogie Dumitrescu	49	CO	28:28:38
116:38:46	Rich Hohman	41	OH	29:09:41
117:08:51	Tin Luu	43	VA	29:17:13
120:28:30	Eli Burakian	46	VT	30:07:08
120:37:40	Olov Berg	53	MD	30:09:25
103:11:17	William Henry	44	PA	25:47:49
103:30:29	Lance Parker	39	OK	25:52:37
104:26:37	Peter Smith	44	NH	26:06:39
108:05:27	Avery Matthews	35	NC	27:01:22
108:22:26	Oleksii Kononenko	43	UKR	27:05:36
117:29:20	Antoly Ross	60	CAN	29:22:20



ABOVE: Runners get a reprieve at Lamb's Underpass aid station at mile 47.5

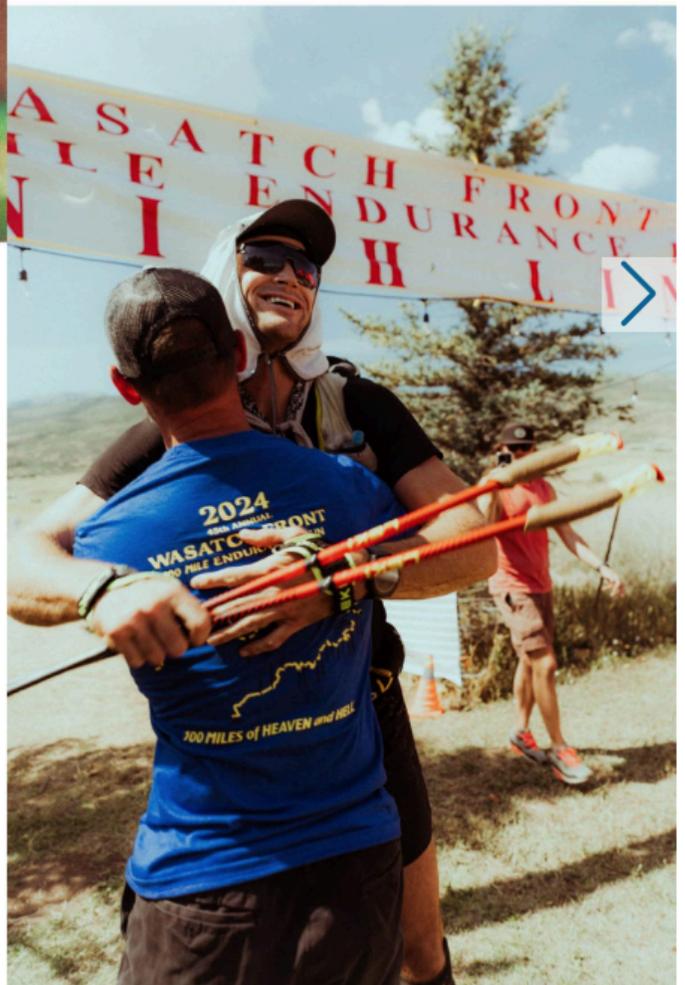
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BOTTOM LEFT: Female winner Elizabeth Butler runs to a finish in 26:22.

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What continues to set the Wasatch 100 apart, beyond the event itself, is the sense of community. Runners express deep appreciation for the quality of the course, the volunteers and quality and care they receive at the aid stations. Many of the volunteers have been supporting the race for years and are very familiar with the needs of the runners. It is this attention to the runners that is integral to the well-known spirit of the Wasatch. The 2024 edition certainly maintained this spirit, with runners frequently expressing their appreciation of the entire experience. ▲



A finisher gets a hug from a race organizer.
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Near mile 91, runners cruise to the finish from Top of the Wall pacer exchange.

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1	Jimmy Elam, 36, UT	19:08:35	14	Sean Wetterberg, 47, UT	26:18:13	32	Jason Thomson, 39, UT	28:14:45	100	Elizabeth McGurk, 29, NH	33:32:21
2	Jose Cruz, 45, UT	20:27:42	15	Elizabeth Butler, 42, UT	26:22:10	33	Adam Roeder, 30, CA	28:19:40	101	Nate Swanberg, 44, CO	33:33:36
3	Tyler Fannin, 38, UT	21:13:32	16	Laura Hansen, 33, CA	26:26:43	34	Danny Gould, 42, UT	28:23:53	102	David Henry, 40, MT	33:33:45
4	Steven Doll, 31, CO	21:32:07	17	Loren Baker, 38, CA	26:45:16	35	Connor Cole, 33, CA	28:26:17	103	Heidi Bennett, 47, UT	33:33:58
5	Devon Colegrove, 29, CO	22:24:31	18	Andrea McAfee, 34, UT	26:47:10	36	Nate Pham, 28, UT	28:30:46	104	Collin Fallon, 43, TX	33:34:41
6	Ted Bross, 35, CO	23:01:34	19	Tommaso Bassa, 31, ITA	26:47:29	37	Evan Kane, 32, CA	28:43:49	105	Jeff Galloway, 46, UT	33:36:44
7	Ian Stuart, 42, CO	23:09:14	20	Kevin Slider, 43, UT	27:15:53	38	Matthew Van Horn, 53, UT	28:56:37	106	Michael Boehm, 47, UT	33:38:28
8	Kyle Markisich, 40, UT	23:20:32	21	Joffrey Peters, 39, NH	27:16:52	39	Melissa Ostaszewski, 33, AZ	29:15:24	107	Erika Snyder, 40, CO	33:40:51
9	Steve Liechty, 54, MT	23:28:33	22	Jerome Sicard, 39, UT	27:30:28	40	Casey Coleman, 38, UT	29:23:28	108	Brandon Clark, 40, OH	33:43:01
10	Philip Hall, 37, CA	23:45:31	23	Shane Martin, 57, UT	27:33:41	41	Loren Davis, 32, MT	29:24:37	109	Peter Troast, 65, ME	33:44:23
11	Matt Corni, 32, UT	24:49:51	24	Ryan Simmons, 36, CO	27:41:05	42	Armen Sarraflian, 36, AZ	29:37:22	110	Chris Platcek, 36, MN	33:45:53
12	Luke Metzger, 48, CO	26:00:18	25	Jonny Wrathall, 45, UT	27:46:45	43	John Moore, 40, UT	29:39:31	111	Meghan Campbell, 41, UT	33:47:56
13	Sam Karthan, 26, UT	26:01:13	26	Richard McDonnell, 42, CO	27:50:00	44	Gennadi Tertychnyi, 45, WA	29:45:16	112	Rachel Stevenson, 32, UT	33:52:57
			27	Nick McGowan, 39, WA	27:54:09	45	Jared Frost, 48, NV	29:46:21	113	Tuscan Crandall, 24, UT	33:55:50
			28	Anne Taylor, 40, UT	27:58:25	46	Brad Slighting, 47, UT	29:46:26	114	Todd Meconis, 49, GA	33:59:19
			29	Ian Farris, 42, UT	28:09:46	47	Mike Cooper, 43, OH	30:32:54	115	Liz Clarke, 41, CA	33:59:51
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