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2026 DIRTY LOVE PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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Welcome to Dirty Love part of the Dirty Trail Series

Western Reserve Racing is a small business that employs local runners and outdoor enthusiasts. We are 100% committed to providing you with a top-notch race experience from registration to the finish line. We look forward to seeing you on race day!

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RACE DATE

Sunday, February 15, 2026

RACE LOCATION/PARKING

River Grove Picnic Area
North Chagrin Reservation
2944 River Road
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094

Google Maps | Apple Maps

DIRTY LOVE 15K & 8K		
Bib/Swag Pickup 7:30-9:15 AM	Start Time 15k - 9:00 AM 8k - 9:15 AM	Cutoff Time 12:00 PM

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Parking
Parking is available at River Grove (race start). There are overflow lots at Squires Castle (about ¾ mile walk along the bridle trail to the start) and Old River Farm Picnic Area (across the street from the start).

Start Time
Dirty Love 15k begins at 9:00 AM. Dirty Love 8k begins at 9:15 AM – no early starts for the 8k.

Cutoff Time
Participants must finish the race by 12:00 PM (3 hour cutoff). To stay on pace, 15k participants should complete the first loop in 1.5 hours. Anyone who continues past this time accepts the responsibility to know the course and complete it without any support.

Drops
If at any time you decide not to continue, please notify a WRR staff member. If a participant drops, their result will show through the last timing point completed. Participants who drop are responsible for their own transportation back to their car.

Bib Assignment
Bibs must be worn by the registered participant who was assigned the bib. Please wear your bib in front, visible, and horizontal to assure we get a good chip read for you. Keep away from metal (zippers) and electronics (gps watches and smartphones).

Results/Awards
Results will be posted/available live – scan the QR code on your bib. Overall winners are based on gun time. Age Group winners are based on chip time. As such, age group results are preliminary until the award ceremony. To be eligible for awards, you must cross the start line within 10 minutes of the start of the race. Award ceremony for the 8k is planned for 10:35 AM and the 15k is planned for 11:30 AM.

Restrooms
There are 4 total restrooms in 2 locations at the start line. We are not allowed to bring porta potties into Cleveland Metroparks.

NEW Key Drop Service
Leave your keys with us while you run/hike. Fill out a tag and put your keys in the drop box near the start – pick up when you finish!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Spectators
Spectators can come cheer you on at River Grove – invite your friends and family. Spectators are welcome to join us as volunteers and earn credits!

VOLUNTEER

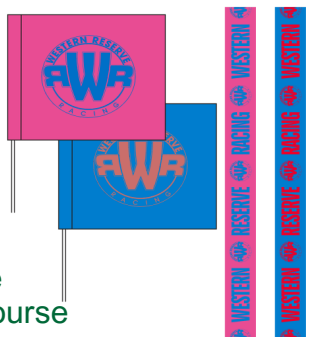
COURSE INFORMATION

Course Map
Participants are encouraged to review the course map. Dirty Dirty 8k is a one-loop course, and the 15k is two loops. Participants must cross the finish line at the completion of each loop to get split times. Watch for ice and slippery surfaces such as wooden steps and bridges.

COURSE MAP

Bridle Trails
This event will be on shared trails, with horses having the right of way. If you approach a horse, slow to a walk and step to the side of the trail, announce yourself, and ask the rider for permission to pass. Move and speak calmly and slowly so the horse isn't startled.

Course Markings
All course marking materials are WRR branded. These include alternating pink & blue ground flags and streamers, coroplast signs, and cones.



The RaceJoy app provides the ability to be sure you are on course as well as tracking capability.

AID STATIONS

LOCATION	OFFERING
Intergrove Lodge Mile 2	Water Skratch
Outside Chestnut Shelter Split/Finish Line	Water Skratch
Inside Chestnut Shelter Finish Line	Water Coffee Hot Chocolate Bar Sweet & Salty Snacks
*Participants are encouraged to carry water	

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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