



# Black Toenail Friday

Half Marathon and 7.5 Miler

**November 27th, 2026**

# Schedule of Events

- 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM - Packet Pickup, Registration & Bag Check
- 10:45 AM - Pre-race Meeting at the start line
- 11:00 AM - Half Marathon AND 7.5 Mile Start (including Ruck)
- 12:45 PM - Half Marathon Cut Off at AS 3 (6.7 Miles)
  - (If a half marathon runner has fallen far off-pace by this spot, they will be directed by staff to continue to the 7.5 mile course)
- 1:00 PM - 7.5 Mile awards
- 2:00 PM - Half Marathon Awards
- 2:30 PM - Race Cut-off Time

# Address for Start/Finish Line

- [Cane Creek Mountains Natural Area - Pine Hill Trail Head](#)
- 5075 Bass Mountain Rd
- Snow Camp, NC US 27349

Note: Parking is not at this location. Refer to slides 4 & 5 for parking information.

# Parking Addresses

Participants and Spectators will need to park at Camp Frontier:

5258 Bass Mountain Rd, Snow Camp, NC 27349

Overflow parking (when directed by staff) will be at Oak Hill Trailhead:

5545 Bass Mountain Rd, Snow Camp, NC 27349

# How to Get from Parking to Start Line

Participants are not allowed to park in the staging area of the start/finish line due to space.

Because of the space limitation, participants and spectators also are also not allowed to drop off at the start/finish line.

Participants/spectators must either walk from Camp Frontier or take the shuttle.

If walking, you **MUST** follow the marked trail. For safety, **DO NOT WALK ON BASS MOUNTAIN ROAD OR THE SHOULDER OF BASS MOUNTAIN ROAD.**

# Arrival Time

If walking from Camp Frontier, we recommend arriving at Camp Frontier at **LEAST ONE HOUR** before packet pick up closes.

If riding the shuttle, plan to arrive at 30-45 minutes before packet pick up closes.

Bag Check will be available at the event area.

# Course Time Limits, Cut-Offs & Aid Stations

The course cut-offs are based on athletes keeping a steady time throughout the event.

If a Half Marathon runner has fallen off pace, they may be pulled off the course by event staff before lap two at the HM/7.5 Mile Split.

## Aid Stations

- Aid #1 Mile 1.8 Water/Tailwind/Huma Gels/Coke/Pickles/Candy
- Aid #2: Mile 4.9 Water/Tailwind/Huma Gels/Coke/Pickles/Candy
- Aid #3: Mile 5.6 Water/Tailwind/ HumaGels/Candy
  - Note: AS #3 will be the soft cut off for Half Marathon participants starting at 12:30 PM.
  - Note 2: Half Marathoners you will come back to AS after 2 miles making this AS 3.5
- Aid #4: Mile 8.1 Water/Tailwind/Huma Gels/Coke/Pickles/Candy
- Aid #5: Mile 11.2 Water/Tailwind/Huma Gels/Coke/Pickles/Candy

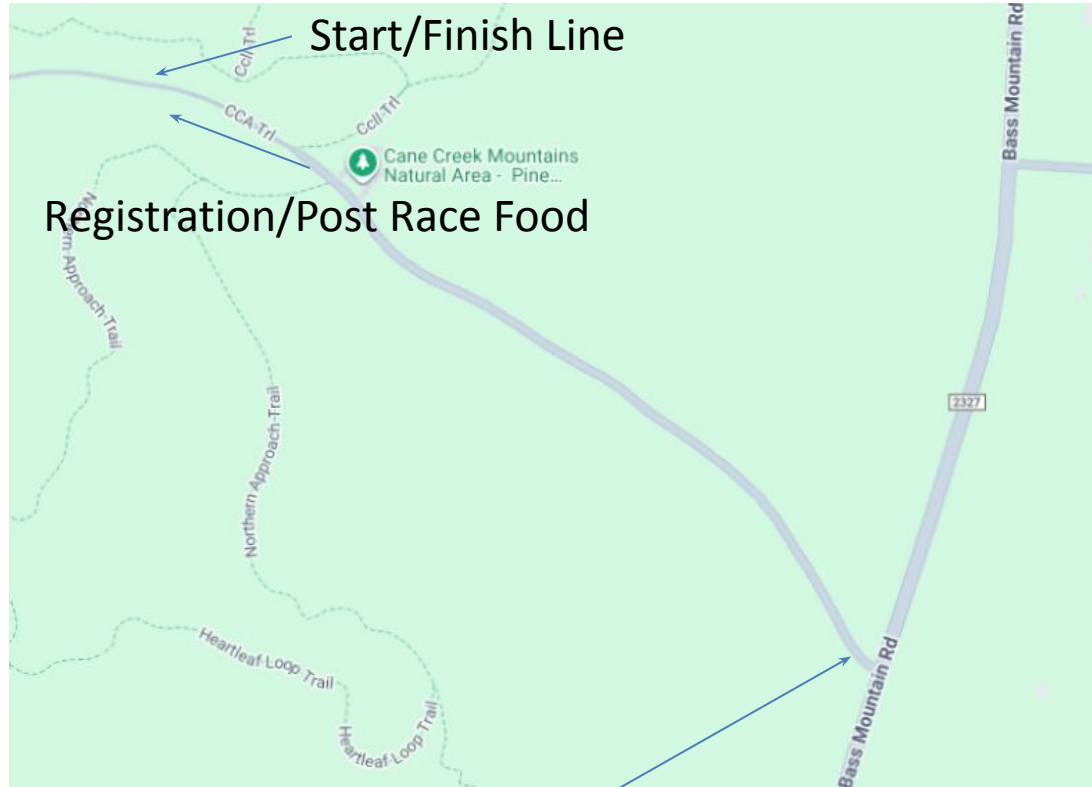
## Half Marathon Cutoff

- Mile 6.3 at the HM/7.5 Mile split at 12:45pm

## Bathrooms on course

- There are no bathrooms on course but there will be in the festival area (across the parking lot for the Half Marathoners doing loop 2)
- Additional at approximately mile 4.6 and 11.2 there will be signs for restrooms in the Oak Hill Parking Lot, less than .1 mile off course)

# Start/Finish & Registration Areas



No participant/spectator cars allowed to enter



# Course Markings

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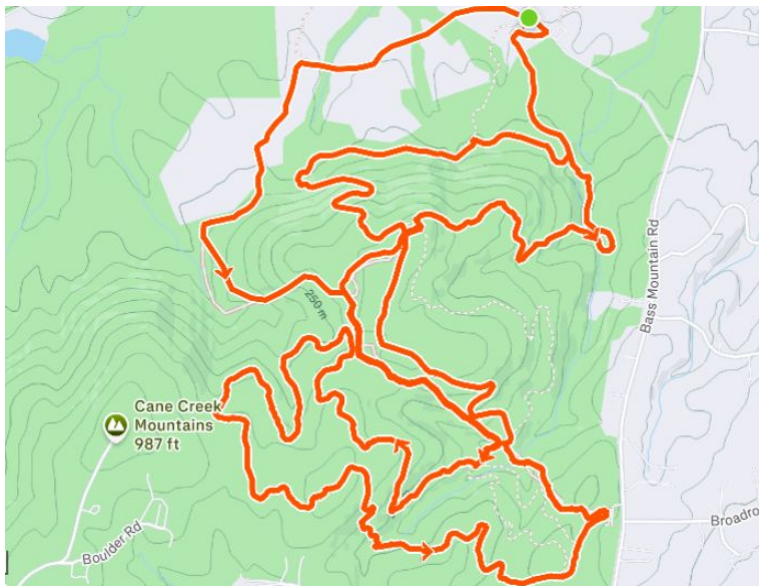
- Tape and Surveyor Flags
  - Cane Creek will be open therefore no trails will be marked off.
  - We have reduced the number of hanging tape and surveyor flags to only at turns, or areas that have wide open spaces. If you come to a turn sign, follow that sign!
  - Pink/Red Hanging Tape will be used for Half Marathon & 7.5
  - Where the 7.5 splits from the Half Marathon, you will follow Yellow Hanging Tape
- Turn Signs
  - Turn signs will be used for intersections requiring a turn. This course is very easy to follow with the amount of markings used.
- Wrong Way Signs
  - There will be Wrong Way signs where a trail can't be marked off.

# Course Safety

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- Most of the course winds along single-track trails, but don't worry—there are plenty of spots to pass. The trails are semi-technical, with moderate root- and rock-filled sections, yet it's the climbs that will really challenge you.
- Be aware: There is extensive leaf coverage on the trail obscuring roots and rocks.
- Hiking poles are recommended.

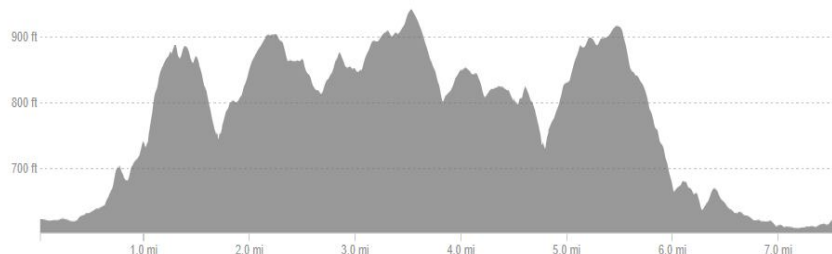
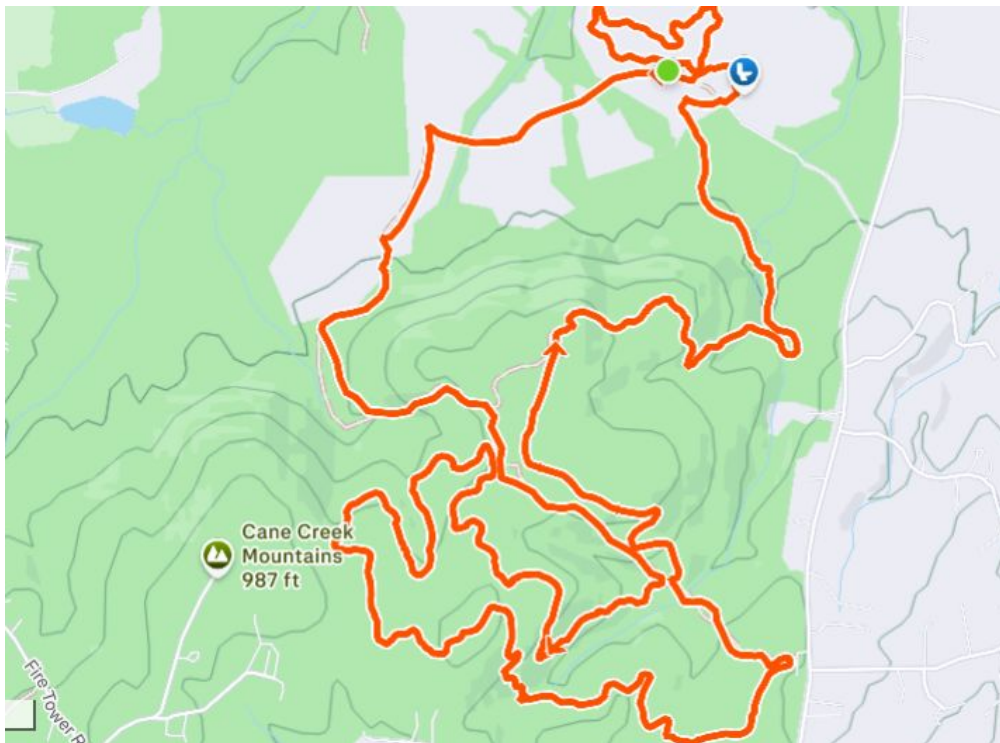
# Half Marathon Course Map



This is a [course map](#) on Strava. Half Marathoners complete two loops of some of this course. You are able to view the course and elevation, as well as download a GPX file from this link to use with your running watch.

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# 7.5 Mile Course Map



This is a [course map](#) on Strava. You are able to view the course and elevation, as well as download a GPX file from this link to use with your running watch.

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# Updates and Extras to Keep in Mind

- Please leave plenty of time to get in, park at Camp Frontier, get to the start line and get your bearings.
- The cutoff time **will not** change. We are on a limited timeline with daylight and park regulations
  - Cutoff at 6.3 miles into the race. This is the Half Marathon/7.5 Mile Split.
  - Athletes who have not made it here by **12:45 pm** will be sent in as 7.5 mile finishers.

# Awards

- Awards for top three overall males, females and non-binary in the Half Marathon and 7.5 Mile events.
- Awards for top three overall males, females and non-binary in the Half Marathon & 7.5 Mile Ruck Events.
- Awards for top three males and females in the following age groups in Half Marathon and 7.5 Mile races– 14 & under; 15-19; 20-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-79; 80+

# The Goodies

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# **Add on or Upgrade a Hoodie**

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