

RUN WILD MISSOULA

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Running Wild | October 2025



Community That Moves Together

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Let the Fall Fun Begin!

It was so great sharing a meal with club members last month! I enjoy sharing our club wins with you all and give you a sneak peek of what's up coming. If you missed it, be sure to check out the RWM annual report [HERE](#).

October is here, which means two things: cooler running weather and enough fallen leaves to make every trail feel like nature's slip 'n slide. Luckily, we've got races to keep you upright and moving forward.

On **October 19**, the **City to Sky Trail Races** will have you climbing like a werewolf on a full moon. The **Skeleton Skedaddle on October 26** is your chance to show off a costume and prove that capes, tutus, and wigs *are* technical running gear. And then, just when you think you've outrun the goblins, November kicks off with the **Mt. Jumbo Elk Ramble on November 1** —because nothing says "fall vibes" like racing while pretending an elk is chasing you.



So grab your sneakers, your spookiest socks, and maybe a glow stick or two—it's going to be a fang-tastic month of running.

Enjoy Every Step!

Trisha Drobeck
RWM Executive Director

Seeking New RWM Board Members!

Want to help shape the future of running in Missoula?

Run Wild Missoula is looking for energetic, passionate leaders to join our Board of Directors! The board helps guide our mission, keep our community thriving and make sure we're always moving forward. From big-picture planning and policy decisions to supporting events and budgets, board members



play a vital role in keeping RWM strong, inclusive and fun. If you're excited about running, community, and making an impact—this is your chance to lace up and lead!

Applications are due **October 31, 2025**.

You can read about the board position, requirements and application process [HERE](#). Please visit our current board members and terms [HERE](#).

RWM RACES



City to Sky Trail Races - Volunteer Registration Open!

Date: Sunday, October 19
Time: 50K 7:00 AM | 25K 8:30 AM
Location: Dornblaser Track (50K) / Pattee Canyon Picnic Area (25K)

The City to Sky Trail Races are in just a few weeks, and we need your help to make them happen! Volunteer registration is open! From course markers to marshals, setup to sweepers, there's a spot for everyone!

[More Info!](#) | [Volunteer Registration!](#)



Mount Jumbo Elk Ramble

Registration Open! Price Increases October 9!
Date: November 1, 2025
Start Time: 10:00 AM
Start Location: Hellgate Soccer Fields
Virtual races also available!

Don't miss the opportunity to take part in the only organized trail race on Mount Jumbo! As part of this exclusive event, you will experience stunning landscapes as you traverse the winter home of the



Skeleton Skedaddle & Kid's Pumpkin Run

Registration Open! Price Increases October 3
Date: October 26, 2025
Start Time: 10:00 AM (Pumpkin Run) 10:25 AM (5K)
Start Location: Silver Park Pavilion

Trick or Treat? How about a low cost 5K that's Fang-Tastic? And don't forget the FREE kids run that's Eerie-Sistible where each kiddo will go home with a Gourd-Geous pumpkin! Costumes encouraged!

[More Info!](#)



Turkey Day 8K & 3K Family Fun Run

Registration Open! Price Increases October 23
Date: Thursday, November 27, 2025
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: University of Montana Rec Center Parking Lot

Start your Thanksgiving Day with fresh air and exercise and join us for our turkey trot! The Turkey

Mt. Jumbo elk herd. The Mount Jumbo Wildlife Management Area closes to all recreation on December 1st - take this chance to recreate responsibly on Missoula's Conservation & Open Space Lands and welcome the wildlife herds back to Jumbo!

[More Info!](#)



The Tony Banovich Roads Tracks & Trails Virtual Memorial Run

Registration Opens October 28!
Date: December 1 - December 31
Time: Anytime!
Location: Anywhere!

In 2021 this in-person event challenged participants to run or walk 4.35 miles – the average daily distance of Tony’s 1,731 day run streak – while raising funds for the Tony Banovich Memorial Fund, furthering Tony’s legacy of supporting running and walking throughout Missoula and Montana. We are pleased to continue this Memorial run as a virtual option to participants in December 2025. The virtual event will continue to raise funds for the Tony Banovich High School Cross Country Scholarship Fund!

[More Info!](#)

Day 8K and 3K Family Fun Run courses are a great way to spend time with your family and get some movement in!

[More Info!](#)

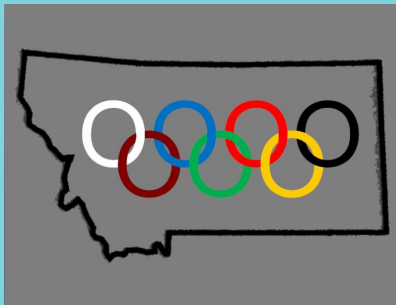


Snow Joke Half Marathon

Registration Open!
Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026
Start Time: 11:00 AM
Start Location: Seeley Lake Elementary School

Bundle up and brave the cold—registration is open for the Snow Joke Half Marathon! This classic winter race around Seeley Lake is back on Saturday, February 28, 2026, and promises frosty fun, friendly faces, and plenty of bragging rights. Don’t miss out on one of Montana’s most beloved off-season races!

[More Info!](#)



2025 Montana Cup & Bus!

The 2025 Montana Cup will take place Saturday, November 1 at the Gallatin Co. Regional Park in Bozeman! The Montana Cup is a team-oriented cross country meet that pits teams from each of Montana’s seven largest towns against each other for the right to claim the Montana Cup “traveling” trophy for one year.

Participants of all levels are welcome, and we are seeking folks who wish to join Team Missoula!

RWM will be hosting a bus to the 2025 Montana Cup in Bozeman - its free and includes snacks and beverages! If interested please [email Trisha](#) by October 30.

[Register here](#)

MISSOULA MARATHON CORNER



Beat the Price Increase!

Register for the Last Best Race in the Last Best Place before the price increases at midnight tomorrow night! Whatever your goals, we have a race for you:

- ☑ Missoula Marathon presented by Young Automotive Missoula - **VIP OPTIONS THIS YEAR!**
- ☑ Missoula Half Marathon
- ☑ Tony Banovich 5K
- ☑ Kids Run

Invite your family, friends, and run crew and join us June 26-28, 2026! Sign up early and save!

[More Info!](#)

ALL THINGS TRAIL



RWM & FVL Presents "Tales from the Trails"

Your favorite trails and open spaces didn't just happen by accident. Join Run Wild Missoula and Five Valleys Land Trust for a unique trail run series: Tales from the Trails.

Learn the story, history (and maybe even a few secrets) about how some of your favorite Missoula trails and open spaces came to be from a FVL representative while guided on a RWM-led group trail run.

Next Run Details:

Location: House of Sky Trail

Date: Wednesday, October 8

Time: 6:00 PM

Start Location: House of Sky TH (Carpool from Dornblaser T&F)

Distance: Approx. 5 Miles

[More Info!](#)



Tickets Now on Sale for the 12th Annual Mountain Running Film Festival!

Tickets on Sale Now!

Date: November 6, 2025

Doors: 6:00 PM **Show:** 7:00 PM

Location: The Wilma Theater

We are back for 2025 at the Wilma with stories and images of some of the best mountain and trail running around. The evening

will feature a collection of inspiring and memorable films that highlight the beauty, inspiration, and potential of mountain and trail running in Montana and beyond.

[More Info & Ticket Sales!](#)

JOIN US! RWM WEEKLY RUNS



[Tuesday Track](#)



[Wednesday Wild Miles](#)



[Saturday Breakfast Run](#)



[Sunday Long Run](#)
Paused



[Strava](#)

JOIN US! RWM MONTHLY RUNS



[Rise & Roam](#)
[Sunday, October 5](#)
[10:00 AM](#)
[Basecamp Coffee](#)



[Queer Run](#)
[Tuesday, October 7](#)
[6:00 PM](#)



[Dry Miles](#)
[Thursday, October 9](#)
[6:00 PM](#)
[Higgins Ave](#)
[Dairy Queen](#)



[Last Wednesday Beer Run!](#)
[Wednesday, October 29](#)
[Bayern Brewing](#)

RWM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

1

Missoula Marathon Weekend of Events Price Increase

12:00 AM

[More Info](#)

October

3

Skeleton Skedaddle Price Increase

12:00 AM

[More Info](#)

October

5

Rise & Roam

10:00 AM | Basecamp Coffee

[More Info](#)

October

7

Queer Run

6:00 PM | OddPitch Brewing

[More Info](#)

October

8

RWM Board Applications Open

8:00 AM

[More Info](#)

October

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Tales from the Trails Next Run!

6:00 AM | House of Sky Trail

[More Info](#)

October

9

Dry Miles

6:00 PM | Higgins Ave Dairy Queen

[More Info](#)

October

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Elk Ramble 15K Price Increase

12:00 AM

[More Info](#)

October

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Indigenous People's Day - RWM Office Closed

October

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Elk Ramble 15K Volunteer Registration Opens

8:00 AM

[More Info](#)

October

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Turkey Day 8K Training Class Registration Opens

8:00 AM

[More Info](#)

October

19

City to Sky Trail Races

50K 7:00 AM / 25K 8:30 AM | 50K Start: Dornblaser Track 25K Start: Pattee Canyon Picnic Area

[More Info](#)

October

23

Turkey Day 8K Price Increase

12:00 AM

[More Info](#)

October

25

Virtual Elk Ramble 15K Starts!

12:00 AM

[More Info](#)

October

26

Skeleton Skedaddle 5K & Kid's Pumpkin Run

Pumpkin Run: 10:00 AM / 5K: 10:25 AM | Silver Park Pavilion

[More Info](#)

October

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Roads Tracks & Trails Virtual Memorial Run Registration Opens

8:00 AM

[More Info](#)

October

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Last Wednesday Beer Run

6:00 PM | Bayern Brewing

[More Info](#)

October

30

Turkey Day Volunteer Registration Opens

8:00 AM

[More Info](#)

October

RWM Board Applications Due

11:59 PM

[More Info](#)

AROUND TOWN!

Zootown Challenge - Missoula, MT

October 4 - [More Info](#) - RWM Member discount: **RWM2025**

Whitefish Trail Blazer - Whitefish, MT

October 4 - [More Info](#)

11 Miles to Paradise - Paradise, MT

October 5 - [More Info](#)

Back Roads Half & 10K - Red Lodge, MT

October 5 - [More Info](#)

Le Grizz Ultramarathon & Relay - Polebridge, MT

October 11 - [More Info](#)

Tammany Trot - Hamilton, MT

October 11 - [More Info](#) - RWM Member discount: **DMRW10**

USATF MT Junior Olympic XC Championships - Helena, MT

November 8 - [More Info](#)

Need a Running Tune Up?

[Alpine Physical Therapy](#)'s PTs are available for free 15 minute consults for RWM members!



RWM Mileage Club

RWM Members ran or walked **49,233** miles through September 2025!

[More Info on Mileage Club & How to Log Your Miles!](#)

MEMBER INFO

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