

# RUN WILD MISSOULA

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Running Wild | September 2025



## Community That Moves Together

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## Memories, Miles & Momentum

September brings one of RWM's favorite traditions—the Annual Members Meeting! This gathering is more than just a meeting; it's a chance for us to come together, celebrate the past year, and look ahead to an exciting future. Whether you're a long-time member or new to the group, this is the perfect opportunity to run, connect, share a meal, and be a part of shaping what's next for our club. In the past year alone, club membership has grown 13% so we hope our new members join in the fun! [RSVP HERE](#).

I'm also stoked to highlight some of the exciting events this month. Art on the Run will be a creative and active way to explore Missoula, blending movement with the vibrant art scattered throughout our city. Think of it as a scavenger hunt on the run—fun, social, and one-of-a-kind.

In addition, staff is gearing up for the Fierce Fab Women's Running Festival—a celebration of strength, connection, and the power of women in our sport. This event promises to be inspiring and uplifting, benefiting Silver Linings Montana.

I hope you'll join us on September 18! Together, let's stride confidently into what's ahead.

Enjoy Every Step!

**Trisha Drobeck**  
RWM Executive Director



## RWM RACES



## Mntwi I N?ay Virtual Half Marathon

**Registration Now Open!**

**Date: September 1 - 30, 2025**

**Start Time: Anytime!**

**Start Location: Anywhere!**

Run Wild Missoula is honored to offer a Virtual Half Marathon with 100% of race proceeds going to All Nations Health Center; to deepen our commitment to learning more about and supporting our local Indigenous communities.

With your help we were able to donate \$4,215 last year to the All Nations Health Center! Help us raise even more this year!

[More Info!](#)



## Fierce Fab Women's Running Festival

**Registration Now Open!**

**Date: September 28, 2025**

**Start Time: 9:30 AM**

**Start Location: Historical Fort Missoula**

An event to celebrate your fiercest, most fabulous self! Join us this October at Heritage Hall in Historical Fort Missoula for an empowering and fun-filled day where you can walk or run as many 1-mile laps as you like within a 2-hour period.

Don't miss out on our raffle with epic prizes, a mimosa bar to toast your achievements, and awards for the fiercest and most fabulous outfits. It's an event you won't want to miss – come celebrate strength, community, and fabulousness!

[More Info!](#)



## Art on the Run!

**Registration Open!**

**Date: Sunday, September 21**

**Time: 10:00 AM**

**Location: Route is a mystery, but starts at the RWM Office at 125 E Main!**

**Virtual option available!**

Join us for a free, art-filled scavenger hunt run starting at the RWM office downtown! You'll hit 6–8 public art locations over a ~5-mile route, with surprises at every stop, a collaborative art project at the finish, and a chance to take home a one-of-a-kind medal-as-art — all in support of ARTS Missoula.

You can meet us in person on Sunday, September 21 or participate on your own beginning September 22! And GOOD NEWS! Art on the Run will count toward your 2025 [Racemakers](#) count.

[More Info!](#)



## Skeleton Skedaddle & Kid's Pumpkin Run

Registration Open!

Date: October 26, 2025

Start Time: 10:25 AM

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! Registration for this Spook-Tacular event opens on Thursday, August 21. Costumes encouraged!

[More Info!](#)



## Turkey Day 8K & 3K Family Fun Run

Registration Opens September 11!

Date: Thursday, November 27, 2025

Time: 9:30 AM

Location: University of Montana Tailgate Area

Start your Thanksgiving Day with fresh air and exercise and join us for our turkey trot! The Turkey 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 Now 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!](#)

## MISSOULA MARATHON CORNER

### Registration Opens September 15!

The time is almost here! Sign up after September 15 and reserve your spot at the start line with Special Early Bird Pricing available until September 30!

Whatever your goals, we have a race for you:



☑ Missoula Marathon presented by Young Automotive

☑ Missoula

☑ 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 & FVLT 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 FVLT representative while guided on a RWM-led group trail run.

#### First Run Details:

**Location:** The NEW trails on the Republic Services-Five Valleys Land Trust Conservation Easement

**Date:** Tuesday, September 16

**Time:** 7:00 AM

**Start Location:** Bluebird Preserve TH

**Distance:** Approx. 4 Miles

[More Info!](#)



### City to Sky Trail Races - Volunteer Registration Opens Thursday!

**Volunteer Registration Opens Thursday, September 4 at 8:00 AM!**

**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 already next month, and we need your help to make them happen! Volunteer registration opens this week! From course markers to marshals, setup to sweepers, there's a spot for everyone!

[More Info!](#)

### Mount Jumbo Elk Ramble

**Registration Open!**

**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 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!](#)



## 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!](#)



## RWM MEMBER DISCOUNT ALERT!

Run Wild Missoula is sponsoring the ZooTown Challenge Obstacle Course Race because it is a race for **ALL**; the net proceeds benefit **Opportunity Resources, Inc.**, a non-profit that serves the Missoula Community.

- Discount code - at checkout **RWM2025** for all Run Wild Members \$15.00 off registration fees

Conquer the legendary Washington-Grizzly Stadium, take in the breathtaking "M" Trail as you flip tires, scale ropes, overcome obstacles, and race to raise money for Opportunity Resources.

For more information, to sign up to race or volunteer, click the link [ZooTownChallenge.com](http://ZooTownChallenge.com).

*Hosted by VRTX Fitness, the ZooTown Challenge boldly champions inclusivity, community, and the relentless pursuit of health and wellness.*

**JOIN US! RWM WEEKLY RUNS**



Tuesday Track  
 \*Moves to SE corner Dornblaser stadium parking lot September 23\*

Wednesday Wild Miles

Saturday Breakfast Run

Sunday Long Run

Strava

## JOIN US! RWM MONTHLY RUNS



Rise & Roam  
Sunday,  
September 7  
10:00 AM  
Basecamp Coffee

Queer Run  
Tuesday,  
September 9  
6:00 PM

Dry Miles  
Thursday,  
September 11  
6:00 PM  
Higgins Ave  
Dairy Queen

Last  
Wednesday  
Beer Run!  
Wednesday,  
September 24  
Location TBA

### September Rise & Roam: SPECIAL EDITION!

Join Run Wild Missoula and Missoula In Motion for a very special edition of Rise & Roam this September! Instead of our usual route on the river trails, we'll be start up at Hunter Bay Coffee Roasters and take the Pedestrian Bridge to the Northside for Sunday Streets! The 1-mile route through the Northside Neighborhood will include activities for all ages and abilities, local food vendors, free fitness classes, and the opportunity to meet with friends & neighbors to enjoy part of the neighborhood normally only used/occupied by vehicles.



- Date: Sunday, September 7
- Time: 11:00 M
- Start Location: [Hunter Bay Coffee Roasters](#) (812 Toole Ave Ste D)
- Distance: 2.2 miles. [View route here!](#)

## RWM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

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**Fierce Fab Women's Running Festival Volunteer Reg Opens**

8:00 AM

[More Info](#)

September

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**City to Sky Trail Races Volunteer Reg Opens**

8:00 AM

[More Info](#)

September

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**Rise & Roam**

11:00 AM | Hunter Bay Coffee Roasters

[More Info](#)

September

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**Queer Run**

6:00 PM | Location TBA

[More Info](#)

September

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**Beginner Running Begins!**

7:00 AM | Basement of Runner's Edge (304 N Higgins Ave)

[More Info](#)

September

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**Turkey Day 8K & 3K Family Fun Run Registration Opens**

8:00 AM

[More Info](#)

September

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**Senior Olympics 5K**

1:00 PM

[More Info](#)

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September

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**Dry Miles**

6:00 PM | Higgins Ave Dairy Queen

[More Info](#)

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September

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**Missoula Marathon Weekend of Events Registration Opens**

8:00 AM

[More Info](#)

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September

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**Tales from the Trails First Run!**

7:00 AM | Bluebird Preserve TH

[More Info](#)

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September

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**Annual Member's Meeting**

Group Run 5:30 PM, Dinner & Meeting 6:30 PM | Caras Park Pavilion

[More Info](#)

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September

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**Art on the Run**

10:00 AM | RWM Office (125 E Main St)

[More Info](#)

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September

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**Tuesday Track Location Change**

6:00 PM | Dornblaser SE Parking Lot

[More Info](#)

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September

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**Last Wednesday Beer Run**

6:00 PM | Location TBA

[More Info](#)

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September

25

**Snow Joke Half Marathon Price Increase**

12:00 AM

[More Info](#)

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September

25

**Run Wild Readers Meeting**

6:00 PM | RWM Office (125 E Main St)

[More Info](#)

September

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**Fierce Fab Women's Running Festival**

9:30 AM | Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

[More Info](#)

September

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**Skeleton Skedaddle Volunteer Registration Opens**

8:00 AM

[More Info](#)

## AROUND TOWN!

**Bozeman Half Marathon & 10K - Bozeman, MT**

September 7 - [More Info](#)

**The Rut Mountain Runs - Big Sky, MT**

September 12-14 - [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 **42,754** miles through August 2025!

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

MEMBER INFO

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