



Hello Adventure Racers:

We are just a few days away before the first wave of adventure racers takes on the Adventure Challenge V2.x. Here are a few final notes.

To ensure you all start at the right location for each of the stages, below is a link to pin drops that you can use with GPS navigation to locate. This is the only time you can use GPS during the event.

[Click here for Start and Finish locations](#)

Live tracking will start at 06:30 on September 12. Here is the link to the live tracking portal for you to share with friends, family, and social fans. Do not forget to send us a profile picture to tracking@adventureenablers.com so we can get your smiling faces uploaded to the portal.

[Click here for the Adventure Challenge 2.x tracking page](#)

Stage 3 notes

- We were out in the forestry on Saturday and there were quite a few hunters. For Stage 3, it is recommended that you wear something bright/orange so that you are highly visible. All other stages are on land that does not allow hunting.
- You will have all the points on the map that has been sent to you for Stage 3. You do not need to pick up an additional map on race day. All points are pre-plotted.
- On Stage 3, checkpoints are marked with two orange ribbons. They are non-reflective. Read the instruction on the map on how to record your visits.
- On Stage 3, long pants, high socks, and bug spray are a must. It is seed tick season.

We have included detailed instructions on using your tracker in your race packet. You can also see a demonstration on how to turn them on [here](#).

Thank you to everyone who attended one of the pre-race briefs over the weekend. From some of the questions that came in, we have expanded the FAQ section below.

If you still have some questions, please send an email and we will get them answered for you.

Thanks for joining us for another adventure!

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FAQs

Q. I looked at some other maps and I don't see a trail at the start of Stage 1 that will get me to the entrance of Skyline Drive and the road is out of bounds. What do I do?

A. There is a new trail that connects Browntown Road and Skyline Drive. It is shown on the maps you've been provided. Once you cross the divided highway exiting Skyline High School (make sure you use the crosswalk), continue down Browntown Road for about 200m and you will see the trailhead on your left.

Q. Do the parking areas fill up?

A. The parking areas for the start of Stage 2 and 4 tend to get busy on the weekends but there is usually parking available.

Q. Do I need to finish at the same location I start?

A. For all stages except Stage 4 (paddle), you need to start and finish at the same location.

Q. Does everybody in a team get a map and GPS tracker?

A. Yes, even if you have a team, every team member will get their own GPS tracker and map.

Q. For the areas that are marked as no travel allowed can I still use them getting between the different stages?

A. Yes, the out of bound areas are only in effect while you are completed a particular stage. You can travel in out of bound areas via car while going between stages.

Q. Can you use bikes on Stage 3 or is hiking/running mandatory?

A. Per the rules of travel, you must trek only.

Q. Is the course clearable?

A. We think it will be very difficult to clear all the points on the course. You will need to plan your adventure carefully to ensure you optimize your CP collection. Strategy comes into play!

Q. Can you provide more details on boat rental and shuttling?

A. Depending on how you want to tackle the paddle section, you need to coordinate your own boat logistics. If you are running into problems with the logistics and shuttling, my advice would be to focus on getting CPs 01-03. These can be obtained from the same start and finish location with no shuttling required. If you look at the overall course and the time it takes to complete legs, this would also be a good use of time. The extra time taken shuttling may not be worth it for the extra points you would collect on the river.

Front Royal Canoe Company can provide rentals and shuttling services if you do not want your equipment moved (i.e., leave your equipment at the takeout/put in and get a ride with them). Skyline Canoe Company will rent boats and shuttle your equipment for you.

Q. What is shuttling?

A. This is where you need to get from the end of the paddle section back to the start in the event you need to pick up your car.

Q. For each phase, will we start and end at the same place?

A. Yes. You must start and end each leg at the same point (i.e., the start location). The only exception would be the paddle if you decide to collect all the points. In the event you just collect paddle points CPs 01-03 you can start and end in the same location. If you want to collect all the points, you will need to paddle down the river and then figure out how to get back to the start via shuttling. You cannot trek or bike back from the end of the paddle at CP-08--it is too far and the road is too dangerous to ride on.

Q. For the bike stage, it looks like the starting point is on the other side of the river from the checkpoints – is there a bridge to cross the river?

A. Yes, there is a bridge.

Q. Can I purchase additional items like a buff or hat after I registered?

A. Yes, You can go back into managing your Registration, click on Add-On in the top menu bar, and add an item.

Q. Can you confirm that the travel time between legs will or will not be counted against the 12-hour time?

A. Travel time between stages counts toward the 12 hours.

Q. Does the 12 hours end when the tracker is in the box at the warehouse or after you are out of the stage that you are in?

A. Your time ends when you drop the tracker at the warehouse.

Q. What is USARA Virtual Nationals?

A. USARA Virtual Nationals is a separate event that you can use the Adventure Challenge to count towards. If you'd like this course to count toward USARA Nationals, you'll also need to sign up separately for that event.

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