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Event Logistics



Lodging

[The Old Town Inn](#) - convenient and affordable rooms a short walk from the start.
[The Pioneer Guest Cabins](#) - quaint cabins tucked in the woods 8 miles south of CB.
[Crested Butte Lodging & Property Management](#) - book a condo or a house.
[The Elevation Hotel & Spa](#) - luxury accommodations at the mountain base area.
[The Cristiana Guesthaus](#) - European-style B&B with simple, family-friendly rooms.
[Three Rivers Resort](#) - cozy cabins in Almont with space for teams and groups.



Transportation

Airport (Gunnison & Montrose) ground transportation may be obtained from [Alpine Express](#).

Gunnison Valley Public Transportation is FREE!

Learn more about the Gunnison Valley RTA [here](#) (Gunnison > CB > Mt CB > Gunnison)

Learn more about the Mountain Express [here](#) (CB > Mt CB > CB)



Parking

We encourage participants to utilize Crested Butte's free public transportation whenever possible. [Mountain Express Bus Schedule](#). If driving a vehicle to the race venue is a necessity, public parking may be obtained on any town right-of-way. Overnight parking is permitted on public right-of-way's (excluding Elk Avenue). However, be aware [winter parking regulations](#) are in effect.



Nordic Trail Passes

Trail passes are required to ski on CB Nordic's groomed trail network.

We encourage racers to explore the full breadth of our trail network while previewing their Alley Loop course. Your trail fee is included in your entry for race day. If you wish to ski in the days prior to, or after the event, we kindly request your cooperation in purchasing the necessary trail pass. Day passes may be purchased online for pick-up at the [Crested Butte Nordic Center](#) - 620 2nd Street.



Gear Storage



Secure gear storage is NOT provided at the start line. We suggest racers bring minimal personal items to the start area. In general, gear is safe to be left unattended around the start/finish venue. Alternate storage (while still unsecured) is available within cubbies located inside the Nordic Center. Crested Butte Nordic is NOT responsible for lost, abandoned, or stolen race property.



Gear Rental

Those needing to rent equipment the night before the race (between 6:00pm - 10:00pm 2/2/24), please indicate your desire in the notes of the [Gearo reservation](#). Equipment must be returned the day of the race by 5:00pm.



Race Change

If you wish to alter your current registration, you may transfer into an alternate race distance by logging into your [Race Roster](#) registration profile.

Schedule

Friday, February 2nd, 2024

- 8:00 am – 10:00 am – BNS Waxing Ski Drop (pre-registration only) - CB Nordic Center
- 3:00 pm – 7:00 p.m. – Walk-up Registration & Bib Pick-Up – Queen of All Saints, Parish Hall

Saturday, February 3rd, 2024

- 7:00 am - 9:00 am - BNS Ski Pick-Up Window - CB Nordic
7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Late Bib Pick-Up No Day of Registration – Queen of All Saints, Parish Hall
- 9:00 am - 42 K Classic (3rd Lap Cut-off 12 pm)
9:05 am - 21K Classic
9:15 am - 42K Skate (3rd Lap Cut-off 12:05 pm)
9:30 am - 21K Skate Wave Starts
- 9:30 am - Wave A: Under 1:35
 - 9:35 am - Wave B: 1:35-2:00
 - 9:40 am - Wave C: 2:01-3:30
- 9:50 am - 10K Competitive Division
9:55 am - 10K Recreational Division
12:45 pm - 10K Adaptive Race (Sit Ski Friendly)
1:00 pm - 5K Competitive Division
1:05 pm - 5K Recreational Division
1:10 pm - 1.5K + 3K Youth Race
1:30 pm- Awards Ceremonies
- Elk Ave near Expo
 - 42K, 21k, 10K, 5K, 3K + 1.5 K
- 3:00 pm - Finish Line Cut-Off
3:30 pm - 10K Sit Ski Awards
- Elk Ave near Expo
- 4:00 pm - After Party
- The Eldo (215 Elk Ave)
 - Club Clash Awards
 - Costume Awards
 - Prize Giveaways (bring your bib to be entered)
- 7:00 pm - KIKKAN Film Screening
- Center for the Arts (606 6th St)



Sunday, February 4th, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – USCSA Collegiate Race Starts (5k Classic Interval)

Nordic Club Clash

The Nordic Club Clash is designed to promote inter-club camaraderie, forming six person teams bridging ski disciplines and athlete generations.

Beyond uniting diverse athlete squads towards a collective goal, this fun spirited competition will be made all the more thrilling with a \$8,600 Cash Purse up for grabs!

Team Purse Payouts

1st Place Team	– \$2,800
2nd Place Team	– \$2,200
3rd Place Team	– \$1,800
4th Place Team	– \$1,200
5th Place Team	– \$600

Competition Rules

- Teams will be scored across the following six events – 42K Skate, 42K Classic, 21K Skate, 21K Classic, 10K Freestyle & 5K Freestyle.
- Teams are scored 'cross country running' style, with points awarded on the basis of finishing place (overall category results).
- Cumulative finish places across the six events will be tabulated to determine a team point score. The team with the lowest point score will be the overall winner.
- Teams must be precisely composed of 6 individual athletes, no more, no less.
- This is a mixed gender competition. Every team must include a minimum of 2 female athletes. No age regulations are imposed on composition of teams.
- Each event must be raced by a different athlete. No duplicate competitors will be allowed to race for their team in the 5K event. (Due to a modified afternoon start time for the 5K (12:10 p.m. Start), it will be feasible to race one of the longer distance events – 42k, 21k or 10k, and also in the afternoon 5K)
- Teams do not need a formal Ski Club affiliation to compete. As long as athletes register online citing the same team name, they will be registered into the team competition.
- Clubs are permitted to form multiple teams out of their membership. During online registration, athletes belonging to the same club should identify their specific sub-team name.
- Failure of an athlete to place in their event (DNF), will result in the team being disqualified.
- Tie Break Rule – in the event of a tie score among one or more teams, the winning team will be determined by the fastest 5K finish time.

Adaptive Races

Courses:

Adaptive athletes are welcome to enter any of the Alley Loop races. In order to be listed in the adaptive results, select your category (standing, sitting, or visually impaired) upon registration.

For the first time, the Alley Loop will have a sit-ski friendly 10k course. This course can be found during registration as "Adaptive 10k". There is one steep uphill in the 10k course to be aware of that may prove difficult for some sit skiers. Volunteers will be stationed along this hill to assist in any way they are requested. The 1k and the 3k races are sit-skiable courses without any up or downhills.

Wheelchair Parking:

You can find covered & secure chair storage adjacent to the snow in the expo area.

Parking:

Accessible parking spots are available along third street and second street. There are also spots available in the 4-way parking lot at 6th and Elk.

Restrooms:

There will be an accessible porta potty in the expo area near Third and Elk. There are also public restrooms adjacent to the fire station on Third Street and in the Old Town Hall on 2nd Street.

Guides/Support Skiers:

Guides or support skiers can be used to assist adaptive athletes in navigating the terrain and aid stations free of charge. Guides and support skiers must stay with adaptive racers throughout the event to aid as needed throughout the course. Guides will not receive a finisher time for the Alley Loop Race and must wear their "Guide" race bib while on the course. Guides or support skiers are optional at the discretion of the athlete.

Wax Info

Fluoro Ban



In accordance with [US Ski & Snowboard's](#) initiative to eliminate fluorinated ski wax from all sanctioned levels of snow sports competition in North America, the 2024 Alley Loop is therefore adopting a fluorinated wax ban. While it will be not practical for race officials to test compliance at the event, we hope that our community will embrace this new race standard and adhere to this year's ban in the spirit of fair competition.

Wax Service

Limited quantity of Wax Service Reservations are offered by Boulder Nordic Sport. Reservations can be made through [Online Race Registration](#). No day of registration.



- Non-Fluoro Race Wax - \$75 Application of base layer glide wax + liquid race glide wax.

Ski Drop Off & Pick Up

Skis should be dropped off at CB Nordic Center Front Desk.

Deadline to drop skis for wax service is Friday at 10am.

Finished skis will be available for pick-up, Saturday, 7:00 am - 8:30 am CB Nordic "Cat Barn".



Wax Recommendations

Check the [Alley Loop Website](#) for race day wax recommendations.



Start Times

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All Races Start on Elk Avenue

9:00am – 42K Classic

- 3rd Lap Cut-Off 12:00pm

9:05am – 21K Classic

9:15am – 42K Skate

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1:10pm – 1.5K & 3K Youth Race

3:00pm – Finish Line Cut-Off

Cut-Offs

To ensure an efficient course strike, the following cut-off times will be imposed on the final outbound lap of 42K races, as well as the final permissible finish hour of the 5k.



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Aid Stations + Racer Etiquette

AID Stations



On-course aid is distributed at approximately 7k intervals at the following two course locations:

- 1st Street @ Elk Avenue
- Magic Meadows Yurt

Hydration & Nutrition



Racer Etiquette

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In consideration of multiple overlapping races occurring simultaneously, all participants must practice basic race etiquette on course.



If you are a recreational participant, maintain awareness of your position within the ski track, especially within the narrower sections of the course.

Always allow an adequate passing lane width to your LEFT, permitting more competitive skiers to overtake you with ease.

Most importantly, communication among all participants should always be respectful and courteous.



Pro Tips

1. We strive to be waste free:

a. We will not have disposable cups on the course or at the finish. Please bring your own vessel for water while on the course and at the finish line. Racers caught littering on the course will be disqualified... Don't be that guy.

2. Do not bring your best skis:

a. We move large quantities of snow into our scenic Alleys for this race. There is a high likelihood that you will encounter a small rock or two. Please plan accordingly when choosing your skis.

3. Parking is limited:

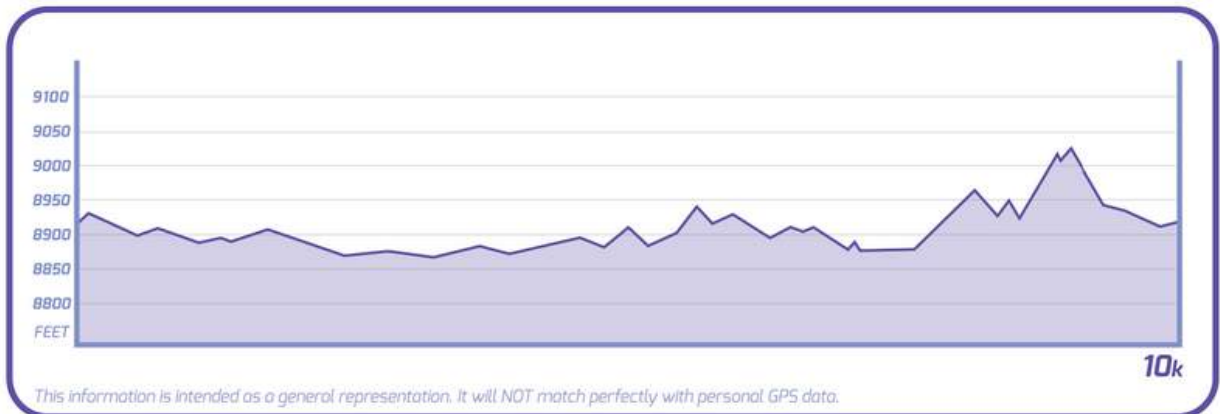
a. Given the nature of the course through town there are very few parking spots. We highly recommend you take advantage of public transportation- it's free!

4. Relax and take in the views:

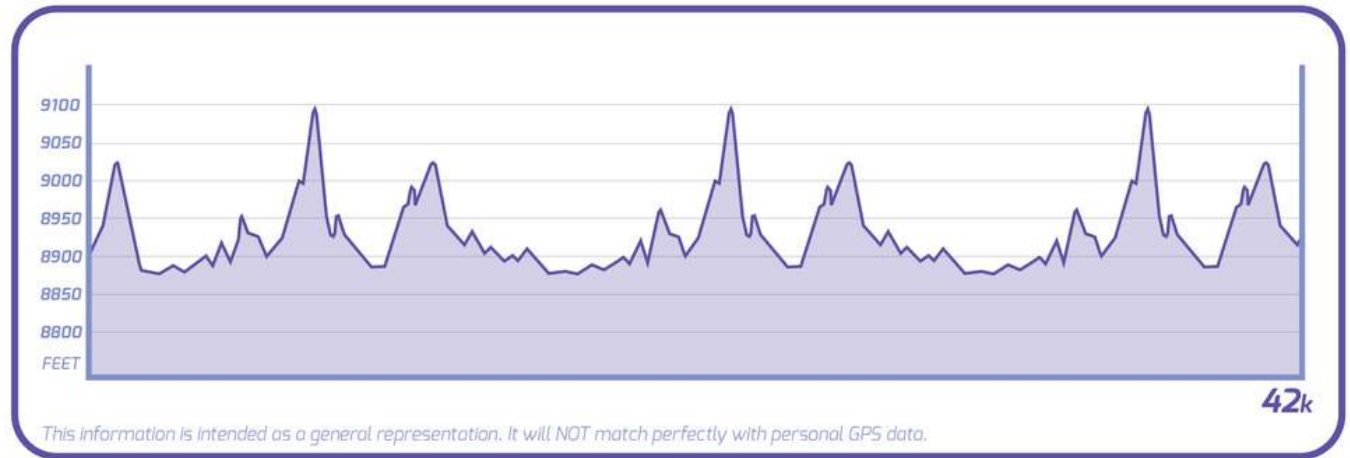
a. Costumes are encouraged for this race. If you get stuck behind a line of gnomes or an Oompa-Loompa, embrace the moment and take in the view.



Course Maps



All 42k & 21k heats descend Lower Red Lady Loop, on initial Outbound lap



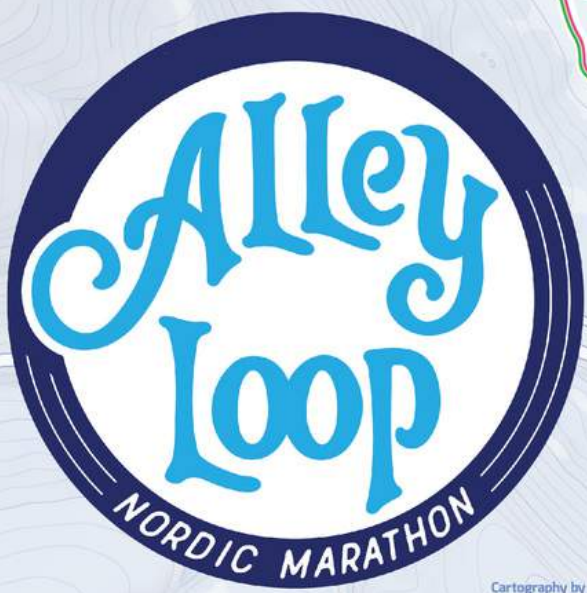
21k Course



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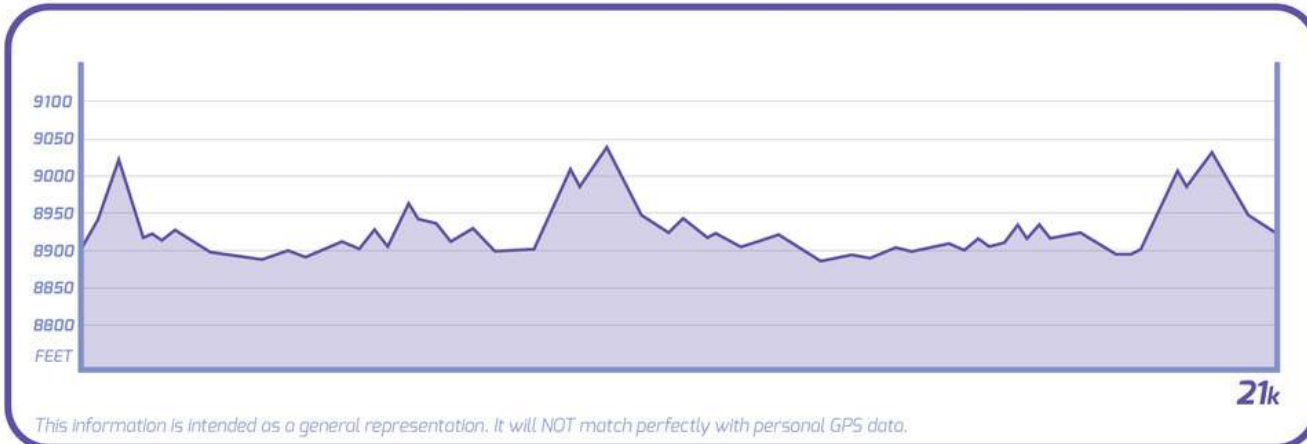
21 Kilometer Course

- Start>
- Lap 1 ———
- Lap 2 ———
- Direction <—>
- Start / Finish ■ ■
- Aid Station ⊕
- Other Trails ———



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10k Course

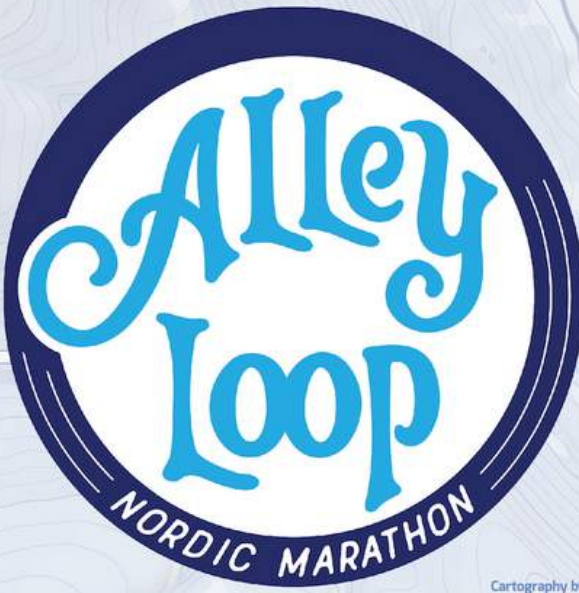


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10 Kilometer Course

- Lap 1 —
- Direction →
- Start / Finish ■ ■
- Aid Station 🚰
- Other Trails —

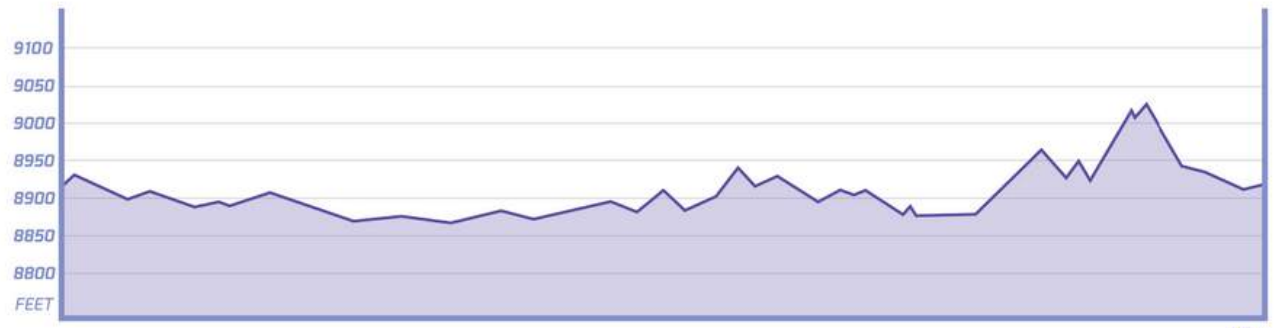
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10k Completes 1 Lap

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5k Course



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5 Kilometer Course

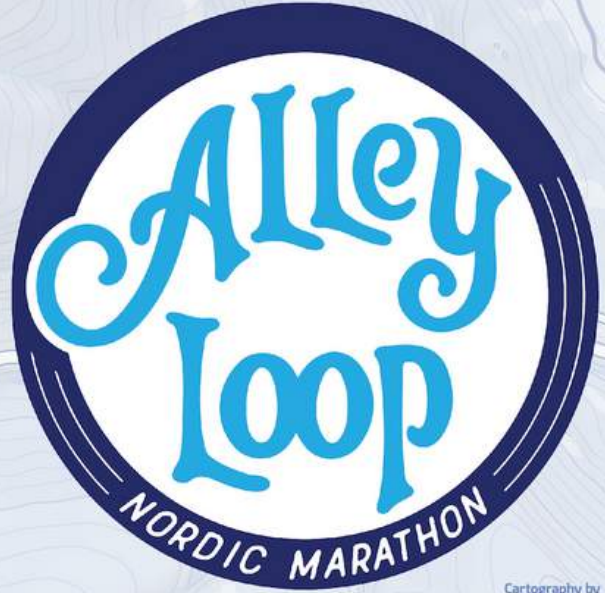
Lap 1 —

Direction →

Start / Finish ■ ■

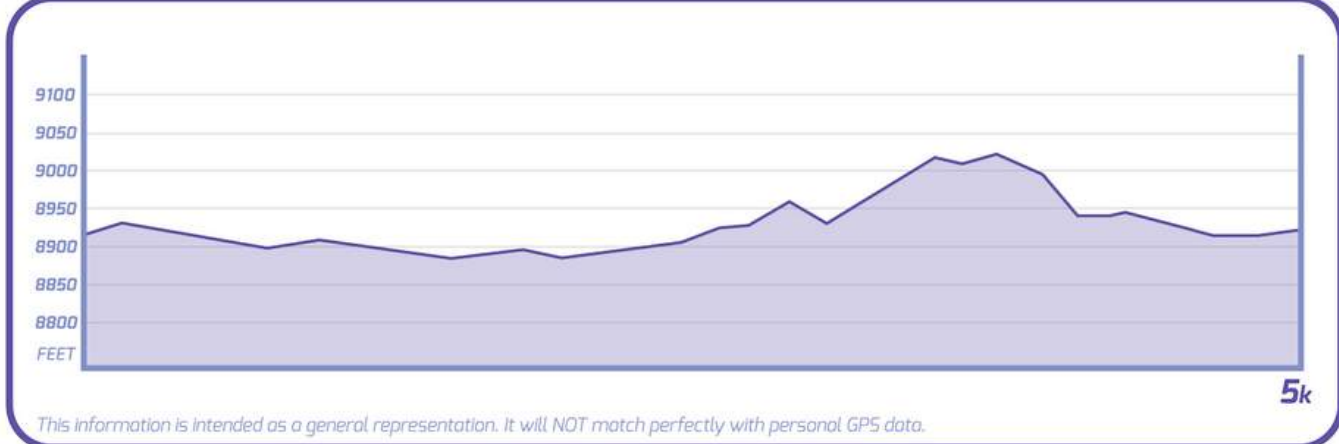
Aid Station ⊕

Other Trails —



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1.5k Course 3k Course

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1.5k & 3k Course

1.5k Course

3k Course

Direction

Start / Finish

Other Trails



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Parking Restrictions

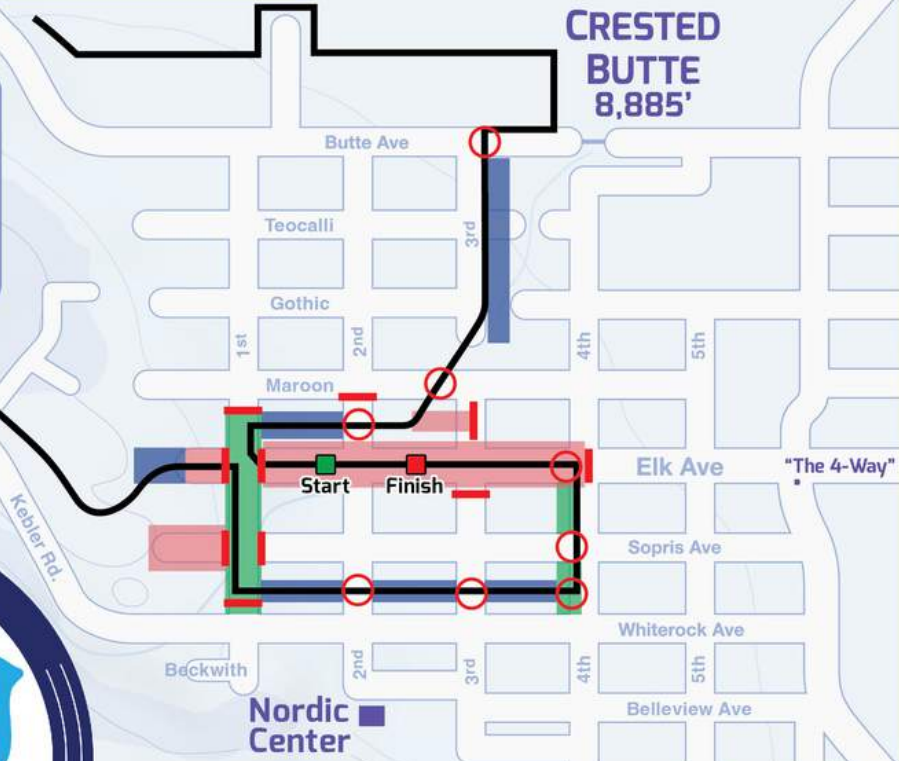
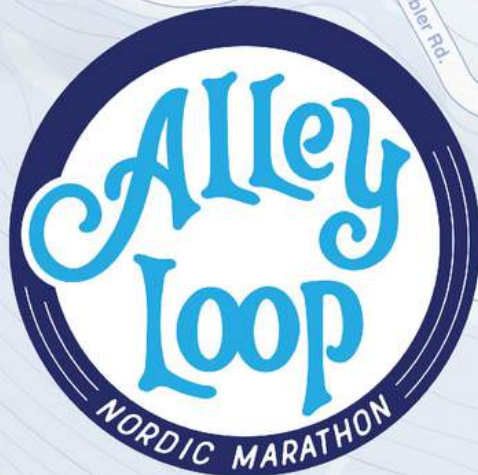
- No parking Thursday night (12:01am Friday) thru Saturday at 4pm
- No parking Friday night (12:01am Saturday) thru Saturday at 4pm
- No vehicular access for residents Saturday 12:01am to 4pm



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8,885'

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- Course Crossing w/ Marshal ○
- Barrier, no crossing —
- No parking Thur night - Sat
- No parking Fri night - Sat
- No vehicle access during closure



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The brokers of Coldwell Banker Mountain Properties have deep roots in the community, a love for the area, and a commitment to excellence that will exceed your expectations. Our brokers live, work, and play here—they are local experts who are the ultimate guides to help you navigate the market and make the most out of your real estate journey. With the most experience and local market knowledge, let our team be your local real estate guide.



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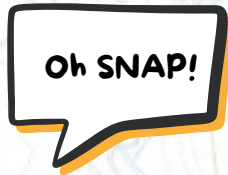
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Pole Replacement



Fischer will be on course providing replacement pole in case you find yourself in a pinch. Look for the One Way or Fischer Flag on Old Kebler Hill (near the start).

Low Snow Modifications

If there is insufficient stockpiled snow in CB to apply coverage to the standard Alley Loop course, a modified “Low Snow” course will be implemented. Maps will be emailed to participants before the race.



Start Times Remain Standard
Racers should take notice of the modified Start Locations below when Low Snow Courses are implemented

Modified Start Locations

1st Street @ Whiterock Ave. -
42k / 21k / 10k / 5k

Nordic Center
1k & 3k

Timing



Live results will be immediately viewable on the [Rocky Mountain Timing](#) website linked above. A results kiosk will also be present at the finish venue to immediately verify age class price.

Timing Method

Timing will be executed utilizing a passive radio chip ankle bracelet.

Start heats are initiated as mass starts with a single captured "Gun Start Time". Wave starts will be added to the 21k races this year to eliminated congestion. Individual finish times will be electronically captured upon crossing the established Finish Line.



For accurate results:

- Wear timing bracelet on either leg ankle
- Do NOT layer over bracelet

Bracelets will be immediately removed and collected by volunteers upon your finish. Timing bracelets are the property of the timing contractor and must be returned.

Awards Banquet + Raffle

Awards Schedule:

1:30 p.m. – Award Ceremonies on Elk Ave. (42k/21k/10k/5k/3k/1.5k)

4:00 p.m. – After Party at The Eldo (215 Elk Ave.)

- Club Clash Awards
- Costume Awards
- Prize Giveaways (bring your bib to be entered)

(Awards must be claimed in person. Prizes will not be mailed)

42k Freestyle Cash Purse

1st – \$800

2nd - \$500

3rd – \$200



42k Classic

1st – \$500

2nd - \$250

3rd – \$100

Podium awards =
Male and Female



Marathon Achievement Bell

Finish in the following times to receive a marathon achievement bell or medal.

- 42km skate, finishing in under 3 hours
- 42km classic, finishing in under 3.5 hours

21k Skate

1st – \$500

2nd and 3rd Place receive Fischer Prize Packages

21k Classic

1st – \$200

2nd and 3rd Place receive Fischer Prize Packages

10k & 5k

Top 3 podium places

Awarded Fischer Prize Packages

10K Adaptive Race (Sit Ski Friendly)

Top 3 finishers will receive prize packages from BNS + Fischer

Age Class Winners

1st Place - Male & Female, in the age brackets above will receive a Commemorative Pint Glass

*Pint Glasses may be claimed at the Finish Line Results Booth.

Age Classes

1 – 7 (1k,3k)

8 – 11 (1k,3k)

12 – 14 (1k,3k)

8 – 15

16 – 19

20 – 29

30 – 39

40 – 49

50 – 59

60 – 69

70 – 79

Costume Contest Categories



- Best Overall
- Funniest
- Most Creative
- Best Duo or Group
- Worst Costume to Ski In (but you did it anyway... well done!)
- Best Family Costume

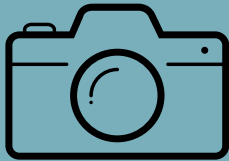


Costume Awards

An official panel of judges will document costumes displayed on course. Curated prize packages from local businesses will be presented to outstanding group and individual costumes.

Retail Action Photos

The Nordic Center will once again be providing **FREE Race Photos** for the 2024 Alley Loop from Lucid Images! Lucid Images will strive to capture a unique photo of every skier near the finish area with a scenic shot of Elk Avenue in the background. All of the photos will be available on Wednesday, February 7 and please make sure your bibs are visible to find your photos easily!



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2024 Poster Design Winner



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February 3, 2024 Crested Butte, Colorado Classic and Skate

An American Birkebeiner Qualifier! Join us for this iconic Nordic event as skiers wind their way along snowy streets, alleyways and narrow bridges through the heart of downtown Crested Butte and beyond. All abilities welcome! For more info or to register, visit: cbnordic.org

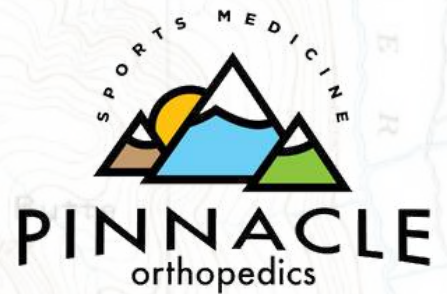
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