



# 2026 BLUE RIDGE ADVENTURE RACE

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Thank you so much for joining us for the Blue Ridge Adventure Race! The following information contains important details about this event.

## VOLUNTEERS

If you know anyone in the area or family coming out to watch who would like to help, please email us at [info@warrioraces.com](mailto:info@warrioraces.com). We could always use the help, and you can earn race credits to a future race.

## START LOCATION

Please note that the start location is different from last year's race.

This year's race will start at:

### Iron Bridge Cafe

8436 Aska Rd.

Blue Ridge, GA 30513

[Google Maps Link](#)

## PARKING

Please refer to the [map](#) on the [Blue Ridge Adventure Race page](#) on our website for parking information.

## LIVE TRACKING

Tracking is provided by Adventure Enablers and will go live once the race begins. Share this link with friends and family so they can follow your progress: <https://live.enabledtracking.com/blueridge2026/>  
Here is a video link on how to wear the tracker: <https://youtu.be/MtlIzrkSP00>

## SCHEDULE

**24-Hour Check-In:** 7:00am, Sat.

**24-Hour Pre-Race Meeting:** 8:15am, Sat.

**24-Hour Start:** 9:00am, Sat.

**24-Hour Finish:** 9:00am, Sun.

**24-Hour Breakfast/Awards:** 9:00am, Sun.

**8-Hour Check-In:** 7:30am, Sat.

**8-Hour Pre-Race Meeting:** 8:15am, Sat.

**8-Hour Start:** 9:00am, Sat.

**8-Hour Finish:** 5:00pm, Sat.

**8-Hour Dinner/Awards:** 5:00pm, Sat.

## TIPS FROM THE RACE DIRECTOR

- All maps and instructions are pre-plotted and printed on waterproof paper.
- Some of our volunteers are only

on-site for the day, so do not ask them for info on the course – they may not know or may give you unclear information. **Read Your Instructions.**

• **Bring headlamps. This is part of your mandatory gear for the 8-hour and 24-hour hour races.**

• If you need last-minute supplies, there is a Walmart in Blue Ridge about fifteen minutes away from the start location.

## WEATHER

Bring appropriate clothing and check the weather in the days leading up to the race. Keep in mind that mountain weather can change rapidly, so be prepared for a wide range of conditions. We highly recommend bringing a light rain jacket and extra pairs of socks—having dry feet will make your race much more enjoyable.

The current forecast calls for a high of 60°F, a low of 37°F, and a 65% chance of rain. Of course, this could change, so please continue to monitor the weather as race day approaches. The race will take place rain or shine.

## CHECK-IN

- Please attach your race numbers to your bikes and use the zip ties provided for this purpose.
- We will be checking in quite a few people, so please save any questions for the pre-race meeting with Jeff, and spend that time studying your maps!

## GEAR

- A complete list of mandatory gear can be found here: <https://www.warrioraces.com/ar-gear-list>.
- 24-hour teams/solos may use a bin to store extra gear, food, a change of clothes, etc. Details about which transition area(s) your bin will be available at will be provided at check-in. It is not carried by the team during the race; race staff will transport it. One bin is allowed for 1–3 person teams, and two bins for 4-person teams. 40-lb. weight limit per bin. Bins must be the [27-Gallon Commander Bin with Lid](#) (black with yellow lid) from Lowes.

8-hour teams will not use bins.

- Smartwatches are allowed, but they must remain in AR mode throughout the race.
- Paddling gear is provided. If you bring your own, you'll be told where to stage it at check-in. Tip: Don't pack food in paddle bags—the raccoons will find it.
- For the paddling sections, teams of 1–3 will use one canoe, teams of 4 will use two canoes, and soloist will use kayaks.
- Race vests must be worn at all times during the event.
- Red blinking bike lights on the rear of your bikes are **mandatory for the entire duration** of the event (while riding), this includes during the daytime. Check your batteries to ensure they'll last for the entire race.

## CELL PHONES

- All teams must carry at least one cell phone. While you may not use the phone for navigation, you are welcome to take photos to share on social media, etc. Please #tag us! Due to spotty cell phone reception in the mountains, we recommend placing your phone in airplane mode to conserve battery life.
- Protect your phone from the water! A simple zip-lock bag will save you a lot of distress if your pack goes in the water.
- Reception can be inconsistent in the mountains. If you're having trouble getting a signal, try moving to higher ground—service is often better on hilltops.

## DURING THE EVENT

**Missing CP:** If you come across a missing CP and are absolutely certain you're in the correct location, take a photo of the spot. We'll compare it against our records when you return. If multiple teams report the same CP missing, it's likely the flag was re-appropriated by the locals for the greater good. But if you're the only one claiming it's gone, chances are you need to brush up on your navigation—because you weren't in the right place.

**Rescues: If you have a serious emergency, call 911 immediately.**

If you have a mechanical breakdown or want to leave the race due to injury, please contact the team at one of these numbers:

**Rescue:** 706-286-4008.

**Jeff:** 904-477-5067.

We will figure out where you are and how to extract you safely. You may need to make your way to a trailhead or road crossing for us to reach

you. If you drop out of the race with mechanical issues, you may need to wait at a TA or other location for a while until we get a vehicle for you.

Please remember that we deal with the same spotty cell service as you, so if it takes a little while to reach us, it's likely due to reception issues.

**RACE FINISH**

**Racers must be present to receive awards.**

Pace yourselves, finish strong,

and arrive safely. Don't miss our first-ever raffle, held just before the awards for each race—featuring great Warrior merch and free race entries. Be sure to stick around!

Thank you so much for joining us for the Blue Ridge Adventure Race! We cannot wait to see everyone at the finish line.

\*If you have any questions, please email [info@warrioraces.com](mailto:info@warrioraces.com).