

2019 HL100 Crew Information

General Info

Overview:

- Alrighty, let's have an honest chat about crews. There's two main types of crews: awesome crews who have everything dialed in, and crews who are way out of their depth. Every year, we get a couple emails from crews who got lost, or missed a runner, or something else happened. Now, we listen to those complaints and do what we can to try and help prevent those mistakes from happening again, but there is only so much we can do. Before we get into the exact driving directions to aid stations, please review the follow points about being a successful crew.

How to be a successful crew:

- **PLAN PLAN PLAN:**
 - o Did we mention planning? Do it. Cover every detail, have all the stuff you need before the race starts. Don't wait until the last second to figure out where you are going, when you need to be there, or how to get there.
- Assume your phone won't help
 - o Cell coverage is spotty, so have written directions and maps. Have extra batteries, charging cables, food, and water.
- Download the google maps area so it works offline
 - o If you are going to try and use a phone, download the directions so they work offline. Google maps works well and is easy to use.
- Be self-sufficient
 - o Have everything you need from the start to the finish. Don't plan on whipping into town or finding a place to eat in the middle of the mountains. Have a full tank of gas!
- Bring a way to sleep
 - o Sleep is critical for a crew, so bring stuff to get some rest. Don't forget an alarm clock.
- Drive to the aid stations before the race to practice
 - o Visit the aid stations in the build up to the race so you know where to go.
- Don't count on volunteers for directions
 - o Okay, so you are at Monarch Pass and your runner has just left. You are going to head to Blanks, but don't have service so you walk over to a volunteer who. You ask, "How do I get to Blanks?" and they give you a blank look...Look, the point is that many of our volunteers only know one or two aid stations. Most haven't even seen the other spots. If you are absolutely lost, your best bet is actually another crew. In full out dire situations, the AS Captains can most likely help, but they are usually insanely busy so be tactful and polite.
- Drive a high-clearance vehicle
 - o While a low clearance vehicle can work, it's not wise. If you are renting, rent something with at minimum AWD and some ground clearance. You don't need a jeep, but a Subaru or Rav4 (at minimum) will get the job done.

Crew rules

- Crews are limited to ONE vehicle per runner at Raspberry and Hancock. You must have a crew pass to park at either of those.
- Crews cannot aid their runner outside of any aid station, nor can they attempt to access non-crew accessible aid stations.

Required Gear for Pacers:

- Whistle
- Emergency space blanket
- Minimum 1.5L water capacity (you don't have to have it full, just have the capacity to carry 1.5L)
- Emergency light source (keychain LED is fine, must be at least 10 lumens)
- Waterproof jacket (taped seams required), water resistant is **not** acceptable
- Collapsible cup (bottles **not** accepted). UD is donating cups for each runner.
- CORSAR card (see subsection)

Additional gear for night sections

- Two light sources (primary source + emergency source)
- Gloves
- Buff or Beanie (both would be a good choice)
- Extra layer (long sleeve T-shirt or greater. NO COTTON.)

Driving Directions

Directions from the Start to Raspberry 1 – 15-minute drive time

- **Raspberry 1 AS Coordinates: 38.689344, -106.170766**
- From the Start area, leave the field and turn South onto CR231. Drive down until the road T's into Chalk Creek Drive. Turn East and drive for 0.75 miles and turn South on CR270. Stay on CR270 for 4 miles, then turn right/West onto CR272. Drive 2 miles on CR272 before reaching the junction for Browns Creek TH. You will see a brown USFS sign (pictured below) on your left.



- Stay straight on 274 and go another 0.3 miles before turning left onto CR273. CR273 turns into a rougher road and is difficult to drive in low clearance vehicle. Continue until you reach the parking zone.
- Parking is on either side of the road, perpendicular to the road. You cannot be more than the length of your vehicle from the road.

Raspberry 1 to Cottonwood – 1-hour drive time

- **Cottonwood AS Coordinates: 38.764577, -106.336511**

- Most people won't need to get to Cottonwood before noon. Given this, we highly recommend going into Buena Vista for breakfast. The Roastery and Brown Dog Coffee both have good coffee, great food, and Wi-Fi. To make it easy on you, our directions will route you through BV.
- From Raspberry 1, turn around and go back down CR273 and turn right onto CR 274 Follow it back out (it will merge with 272 at the turn for Browns Creek TH, then turn into 270 again) all the way to highway 285/50. Turn left and head north into Buena Vista. Stop and eat some food.
- At the first stoplight, turn left and go West on CR306/Main Street towards Cottonwood Pass. Go just about 7 miles and turn left onto CR344. You will see signs for Cottonwood Lake at the junction. Drive for about 4.9 miles, passing the lake until you reach a very large field on your left. Follow the parking attendant's instructions exactly. From here you will take the shuttle up to the aid station.
- The shuttle to Cottonwood is \$10/person

Cottonwood to Hancock – 1.5-hour drive time

- **Hancock AS Coordinates: 38.639211, -106.361804**
- Since you again have plenty of time before you need to get to Hancock, you should return to Buena Vista and get some dinner. The Eddyline, Rock house, and Simple Eatery are delicious. The Eddyline also brews some of the finest beer in the state and is well worth a visit.
- To return to BV, turn around and drive back down CR344, turn right onto CR 306 and drive East until you reach BV. Get some food. Fill up on gas.
- From the intersection of Main St and HW24, take 24 South. Stay straight on 24 where it merges into 285/50. 8 miles after leaving the intersection of Main St and 24, turn right onto CR162. Stay on 162 for 15.4 miles. Now, pay attention here because the left turn onto CR295 is very easy to miss. Around 15.3 you will pass the Grizzly Gulch/Last Chance restroom on your left. It is a large gravel lot with a restroom. Slow down here as the road first bends right, then back left. At the apex of the leftwards bend, look for a small gravel road up and to your left. It is just about 0.1 miles after the grizzly gulch pull out. If you go into St. Elmo, you missed the turn. Here is a picture of the junction:



- About 30 yards up the road you will see a sign for Hancock Lake which is slightly obscured.



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- After turning onto CR295, continue for roughly 5.4 miles until you reach the parking zone. You will pass some odd driveways, but just stay on 295 until you reach the parking attendant. PLEASE NOTE, CR 295 is full of large potholes. You can, with careful driving, get to the aid station in a 2WD vehicle, but it's slow going.
- Parallel park on the west side of the road. GET AS FAR OVER AS POSSIBLE...even if your co-pilot has to crawl out the driver's side.

Hancock to Monarch Pass – 1.75-hour drive time

- **Monarch Pass AS Coordinates: 38.496236, -106.325321**
- Turn around and drive back down CR295 towards St. Elmo. Turn right/East onto CR162 and drive all the way back to Highway 50/285. Turn right and drive 15.5 miles to a large "T" in the road in Poncha Springs. Turn right to stay on HW50 towards Monarch Pass. Drive 17.5 miles up to the crest of the pass, where a large parking lot is on your left. Turn into the lot and park. If you have AT&T you may have cell service on the pass.

Monarch Pass to Blanks Cabin – 1-hour drive time

- **Blanks Cabin AS Coordinates: 38.595998, -106.199863**
- From Monarch Pass, go East on HW 50 towards Salida. Around 15.8 miles from the pass, turn left/North onto CR250. There is signage showing mileage to the Shavano trailhead. Stay on CR250 for almost 5 miles until you hit a large "Y" in the road. Stay left onto CR252. Drive roughly 3 miles to a hard-left bend and a large parking lot. The parking lot has a restroom if you need it, but DO NOT PARK THERE. Take the bend to the left and go 0.2 miles to a large field and the parking zone.
- Please note, the last 4-5 miles of this route is on rough roads, but with care can be drive in a 2WD vehicle. If you are in a 2WD vehicle, plan that it will take you longer and you might not be able to drive the whole way if the weather gets bad.

Blanks Cabin to Raspberry Gulch 2

- **AS Coordinates: 38.689344, -106.170766**
- Return the way you came on CR252 and back onto CR250. 7.3 miles from the parking zone, turn left/East onto CR140. Take CR140 until you reach HW 50/285. Turn left/North and drive 11.2 miles where you turn left on CR270. This should be familiar territory. Stay on CR270 as it turns into CR272. Drive 2 miles on

CR272 before reaching the junction for Browns Creek TH. You will see a brown USFS sign (pictured below) on your left.



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Raspberry Gulch 2 to Finish – 15-minute drive time

- **AS Coordinates: 38.741747, -106.158101**
- Turn around and go back down CR273 and CR272. At the intersection of CR270, turn left and take it all the way to CR162. Turn left, then right onto CR231. Turn right into the start area and look out for runners.