

ABBREVIATIONS:

CR = County Road (metal, typical Colorado road signage)

FSR = Forest Service Road (typical brown, plastic forest service free-standing signage or, white and green signage attached to wooden posts)

FST = Forest Service Trail (same as for FSR)

TCMM = Total course mile mark



25-MILE LOOP (Clockwise) / 50-MILE LOOP (Counter-clockwise)

Beginning from the Community Center, follow dirt/gravel road toward river. Road will turn **NORTH** as it leads down to the river. Continue following the road past the foot-bridge that leads across the river. **DO NOT** turn onto the foot bridge. From the foot-bridge, road continues up a very short rise where it begins to turn **LT/WEST** – At that point, you will see a foot-path leading **NORTH** along and above the river – follow this. At approx 1 mile total distance from Community Center, you will come to an intersection on the foot-path. Turn **LT** and you should see the beginning of a paved road approximately 100 yards out – head for that pavement.

This paved road is CR 372. Follow CR 372 approx. 200 yards until it intersects (ends) at CR 371. Turn **RT** onto CR 371. From here, directions are as follows:

- CR 371 approx 2 miles to CR 375. Turn **RT**. (If you reach tunnels, you just passed 375 – go back!)
- CR 375 up hill approx ½ mile until road appears to have fully topped out (“plateaued”). At this point, road should take a hard **LT** turn. Continue straight off road into a very small natural parking area (space for 2-3 cars). You should almost immediately see sign for, and beginning of, FST 6037.
- FST 6037 to FSR 376; Turn **RT**. Go about 50 yards and look for FST 1415 beginning on left side of the road.
- FST 1415 to CR 375C.
- CR 375C to CR 375 (approx TCMM 6). Turn **RT**. Go approx ¼ mile to FSR 375A.
- FSR 375A to FSR 373 (At this point, 375A is ending/intersecting at 373. If you are simply running along, you should transition correctly onto 373 without any actual turn - without even realizing it. However, for those of you really who do see the signage, **DO NOT** turn right onto 373).
- FSR 373 (or still “375A” for those of you who didn’t realize the transition) – follow several miles until intersecting/ending at FSR 311. Near the bottom of a hill in the trees, FSR 373A will continue straight, while FSR 373 takes a right turn. Stay on FSR 373. **Note:** As you are heading towards the intersection with FSR 311, you will pass by a natural stone archway up in the rocks to left of the course somewhere around TCMM 10.8 to 11.2. The best view is at the top of the first very steep hill. TCMM at intersection with 311 is 11.7. Turn **RT** onto FSR 311.
- FSR 311 to FSR 376; turn **LT**.
- FSR 376 to FSR 376A (This interesting section is approx 3.5 miles in length beginning with a trek through a usually very sandy area and concluding with the famous/infamous two-mile climb up Lenhardy Hill (all runnable, but for most, a bit of a grind). Top of hill is race elevation high point of about 9400ft and on race day, a welcome fueling station! (approx TCMM 17.9). Turn **RT**.
- FSR 376A **DOWNHILL**, then a rolling downhill, to the intersection with Sausage Links Trail, heading towards the Midland Trail.
- Follow Sausage Links (using the “easy route” options) to its end at the intersection with the Midland Trail, about 1.9 miles. Turn **RT** on the Midland Trail (towards the mountains).
- 1450/Midland Trail approximately 0.2 miles to CR 304 and Aid Station 5 (approx TCMM 22.1). Continue straight forward onto CR from trail – **DO NOT** turn left on 304.
- CR 304 approx 2 miles – where you will see trails leading off the road - both to the right and to the left. To the right is FST 6032 – **DO NOT** take this trail. Instead, take the South trail on the left marked with Midland Trail circle on post. This is a steep 0.9 mile descent down to the river and to the foot-bridge that you passed when starting out some 3 hours earlier.