



MaXi-Race Trail international du lac d'Annecy

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Annecy, 14 May

Salomon Gore-Tex® MaXi-Race 2018: Latest news

With 8500 runners, 50 nations, 500 volunteers, solo or relay, aged from 3 to 90 years old with a vast range of levels and goals, from the Ultra to the Marathon via the Vertical-Race, the Salomon Gore-Tex® MaXi-Race has a course for everyone to challenge themselves in the mountains and enjoy lake Annecy. There are 11 race formats in total, centred around lake Annecy! Not forgetting the activities on the lake in the MaXi-Lake, and the MaXi-Orientation.

The end of May in Annecy will be a celebration of outdoor activities!

Innovations for the environment are the order of the day.

MaXi-Race follows [the Steps To Nature charter](#), which encourages the organisers of outdoor sports events to take "steps" to reduce their impact on the environment, and to raise awareness of a more sustainable way of practising outdoor sports.

Right from the first edition, the team of organisers introduced such measures (water points, selective waste bins, recycling, reusable materials etc.) and is now innovating further to make the event as neutral as possible and to respect this unique playground.

A mountain of shoes?

In partnership with [l'entrepôt du bricolage and RunCollect](#), a collection of used shoes will take place in the Salomon Gore-Tex® MaXi-Race village. It will bring a second life to shoes, in any condition, that have already run many kilometres, (Trail running, road running and hiking shoes).

How does it work? Clean shoes can be placed in one of the 2 containers in the *Entrepôt du bricolage* tent in the MaXi-village.

Shoes fit to be worn will go to French humanitarian associations and be distributed to those in need both in France and abroad.

Shoes that are worn out will be recycled and their materials reused: the fabrics, soles and laces are separated for use in new production lines.

Salomon will be offering a 20 euro discount voucher* for each pair of used shoes donated, to be used for a new pair of Salomon shoes at the Endurance Shop stand during the event.

**subject to availability*

A car-free MaXi-Race? #CarFreeMaXiRace

The MaXi-Race is taking action to reduce the carbon emissions and heavy traffic around lake Annecy.

A number of measures will be in place to encourage participants to use the efficient public transport, available in and around Annecy.

Apart from the "economic" and practical reasons, parking will be prohibited in the areas surrounding Albigny Beach, the MaXi-Village and the start/finish zone.

Measures in 2018:

- All relay teams must take the bus up to the Semnoz summit.
- Shuttle buses in place for the start of the Marathon-Race, Short-Race and Femina-Race.
- If you take the bus to pick up your bib, you will receive & 50% discount on certain items from the MaXi-Race shop if you show your stamped ticket to or within Annecy during the event. The vast majority of hotels, campsites, etc are served by the [SIBRA bus network](#). The items covered by this offer are: MaXi-Shoe, headbands, sweatshirts, visors.
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- A souvenir pack with a HD video and personalized photos offered to participants attesting to an Annecy A / R train ticket composted the weekend of the event.

Races, running, and water sports: A celebration of the lake!

[MaXi Lake, on 27 and 28 May, is a fun sporting event, open to all.](#)

In the first editions, the emphasis was very much on kayaking, both for beginners and those with more

experience. Now, it encompasses a wider range of water sports, including SUP, dragon boating and rowing. And so, the MaXi-lake has become an **event** which brings together the various clubs active on lake Annecy. For each discipline on offer, races of varying distance have been arranged: from the challenging 34km tour of the lake, to a 5km race, each participant can choose the distance best suited to them.

Find out more on: <https://www.maxilake.com>

An event uniting thousands of amateur and elite athletes

The last weekend in May brings together outdoor enthusiasts who love the water, trails and nature, with thousands of passionate runners and many elite athletes. The field is of top level and includes lesser known athletes who are just as worthy! Amongst these are the 3 Super Finishers who have completed every edition for the last 7 years (6 times MaXi-Race finisher then Ultra-Race finisher every year to continue to be called a super finisher), who are once again entering this year: François Vialard and Tanguy Epale in the Ultra-Race and Pascal Thube in the MaXi-Race.

The favourites for the Ultra-Race are Julien Chorier of France, Miguel Heras and Hugo Galeote of Spain, Yan Longfei of Switzerland and Lucky Mia of South Africa. On the ladies' side, we'll once again see Mimi Kotka of Sweden and Denise Zimmermann of Switzerland.

François d'Haene, winner of the first Ultra-Race in 2017 and frankly the best trail runner of 2017, has this year chosen to enter the shorter MaXi Race format. Jordi Gamito of Spain, Mohamed El Morabity of Morocco and Germain Grangier and Rémi Berchet of France will be strong outsiders. The favourites in the ladies will be Jo Meek (UK), Katie Shild (USA) and Lisa Borzani (Italy).

In the XL-Race, the strong French contenders will be Aurélien Collet and the Camus brothers, Sébastien and Sylvain. Amongst the ladies, look out for Aude Diet (FR), Armelle Magat Saunier (FR) and Meaghan Gravina (USA).

It is looking likely that the Marathon-Race will see all-French podiums. There will be 8 French runners ranging from 843 to 799 ITRA points, including Benjamin Petitjean, Guillaume Peretti, Alexandre Pellicier, Arnaud Perrignon, Sébastien Hours, Robin Cattet. And in the ladies, Corail Brugnard, Claire Nedelec et Camille Ancy are the main contenders for the top spot!

11 race formats on offer at the Salomon Gore-Tex® MaXi-Race

- Ultra-Race - 117 km, 7360 m+ - An Ultra limited to 900 runners
- MaXi-Race - 85 km, 5140 m+ - The signature race, limited to 1500 runners
- XL-Race - 85 km, 5150 m+ - A tour of the lake in 2 days
- XXL-Race - 116 km in two days – 7140 m+
- R-Race - 85 km, 5200 m+ in relay teams of 2 or 4 - A team challenge
- Marathon-Race - 42 km, 2650 m+ - Half of the tour of lake Annecy, limited to 1400 runners
- Femina-Race - 17 km, 1090 m+ - For ladies only, limited to 300 runners
- Short-Race – 15 km, 910 m+ - An introduction to trail running, limited to 500 runners
- Vertical-Race - 4 km, 850 m+ - A vertical climb, limited to 100 runners
- Mini-Races - from 100 m to 1 km for up to 300 young runners
- MaXi- O - orienteering race

Find all the info here: <http://www.maxi-race.net/en/france-home-page/>

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Friday 25 May 2018

12.30pm: Opening of the MaXi-Village - Albigny beach Annecy le Vieux

Start of bib distribution (see times for each race) - Albigny beach Annecy le Vieux

12.30pm-5pm: Gaming in the Salomon tent with Salomon running prizes up for grabs

2.30pm Salomon - How to Trail Run, workshop open to all

5pm: Prize draw for the Gaming Salomon overall winner of the day

5pm-7pm: SALOMON TV SHOW - premiere of the film on the John Muir Trail record, François D'Haene in attendance
5.50pm: Briefing for the Vertical-Race at Petit Port – Annecy-le-Vieux
6pm: Start of the Vertical-Race every 10 seconds at Petit Port – Annecy-le-Vieux

Saturday 26 May 2018

1.30am: Start of the Ultra-Race and the XXL-Race – Albigny beach Annecy le Vieux
5am: Start of the MaXi-Race - Albigny beach Annecy le Vieux
5.10am: Start of the XL-Race day1 and the R-Races (Relay) - Albigny beach Annecy le Vieux
8.30am: Start of the Femina-Race - Menthon-St-Bernard
9.30am: Start of the MaXi-O - Summit of Semnoz
9.30am-5.30pm: Gaming in the Salomon tent with Salomon running prizes up for grabs
9.30am: Opening of the MaXi-Village - Albigny beach Annecy le Vieux
From 10am: Staggered arrival of runners until Sunday morning - Albigny beach Annecy le Vieux
1.30pm: Arrival of the 1st men in the 85km then 1st ladies (around 3pm)
1.50pm: Arrival of the 1st men from the 117km then the 1st ladies (around 4pm)
2.30pm: Salomon - How to Trail Run, workshop open to all
4.30pm - 5pm: Start of the children's Mini-Races: <http://www.maxi-race.net/en/races/mini-races/>
5.30pm: Prize draw for the Gaming Salomon overall winner of the day
5.30pm-9pm: SALOMON RUNNING FESTIVAL concert

Sunday 27 May 2018

6.30am: Start of the XL-Race and XXL-Race day 2– Doussard
7.30am: Start of the Marathon-Race – Doussard
8.30: Start of the Short-Race – Menthon-St-Bernard
10am: Opening of the MaXi-Village: Albigny beach Annecy le Vieux
10am - 2pm: Gaming in the Salomon tent with Salomon running prizes up for grabs
10.30am: Salomon - How to Trail Run, workshop open to all
11am: Start of the children's Mini-Races
2pm: Prize draw for the Gaming Salomon overall winner of the day
6.30pm: Arrival of the last runner and closing of the races
7pm: Closing of the MaXi-Village

*Find all race info,
press kit, press releases and press accreditation on:
www.maxi-race.org
HD photos → upon request from Infocîmes*

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