



MaXi-Race Trail international du lac d'Annecy

du 25 au 27 Mai 2018

Annecy, May 25, 2018

Salomon Gore-Tex® MaXi-Race: Last-minute info before tomorrow's early-morning start!

The ephemeral MaXi-Race brand village, where 45 exhibitors and partners will spend the next three sunny days, is taking shape. Almost everything is in place, with event volunteers ready to go. Starting tomorrow morning, 8500 participants and just as many visitors will be along the shores of Lake Annecy, at Albigny Beach in Annecy-le-Vieux, to enjoy a festive weekend celebrating outdoor sports!

11 race formats, long live trail running for all!

Following the final trail check by race organizers, current conditions require a couple of last-minute course modifications. There are 2 changes for the Ultra-Race and the XXL-Race:

- **Bauges Mountains Natural Regional Park, km 49:**
Due to considerable avalanche debris, this section of trail is unsafe. Race organizers rerouted the course between kilometers 49 and 52 near "Les Ails du Nant" chalet. Runners will meet up with the originally-planned route 2km further.
This detour adds 1km and 100m of vertical gain to the course. The cutoff times after Combe d'Ire have subsequently been extended an additional 20 minutes.
- **Mt. Veyrier, km 110:**
Due to rock fall, the "Tour du Mont Rampignon" section of the race has been altered. This change shortens the course by 1.5km (removing a 170-vertical-meter descent and a 60-vertical-meter climb). In spite of the now shorter course, the 20-minute extension will also apply to the finish-line cutoff time.

A new overpass for runners to reduce traffic

For the last 4 years, race organizers have been dreaming of setting up an overpass for runners to safely cross the road where D909 turns at "Petit Port" marina, to avoid disrupting traffic, right before the final 800-meter stretch to the finish line. Today, the dream has come true, *"not only did we finally have the budget, but we also received support from city councilman, Mr. Basse, as well as from Annecy-le-Vieux's mayor, M. Bernard Accoyer,"* explains race director Stéphane Agnoli.

It took two days to assemble the 10 tons of scaffolding into a 12-meter long and 6-meter high overpass. From late Thursday night through early Friday morning, a huge crane lowered the span onto the scaffolding! The entire structure will be taken down late Monday night.

Runners at the bottom of the Mt. Veyrier descent will climb the staircase, cross the bridge, and descend on the lake side of the road. The construction company Contat & Fils, now a MaXi-Race partner, hopes to participate in more events in the future.

Last-minute info, elite runners competing

A few slight changes just hours from the start.

Miguel heras (ESP) has decided not to participate, creating a great opportunity for China's Yan Lonfei. For the 85km race, François d'Haene will have to keep a close eye on two-time MaXi-Race winner (2014 and 2017) Sébastien Spelher, and former triathlete, David Hauss, in top form this year; both just confirmed they will be competing.

For the women, no last-minute changes!

Tracking runners in each race

Throughout the entire weekend and for each race, several options to track runners:

- Runners can have an automatic SMS sent to friends and family when they pass through a checkpoint (option, additional fee): <http://vu.fr/xkZ>
- Using a TrailConnect® application to geolocate runners along the course: <http://vu.fr/x6n>
- Split times automatically posted to the Facebook page of a runner: <https://apps.facebook.com/livetrail-net/>
- Tracking runners by checkpoint split times and their estimated time of arrival at the next CP: <https://maxirace.livetrail.net/>

Remember to check the MaXi-Race's Facebook and Instagram pages (<http://vu.fr/x10>) to enjoy live event coverage all weekend long.

- Watch the Marathon-Race live and follow race frontrunners on 8 Mont-Blanc on Sunday morning from 07:15 to 08:00 and from 08:30 all the way to the finish line. Coverage includes a team of cameramen with a drone, an electric MTB, runners on the course, and a TV crew at the finish line...

[The Salomon Gore-Tex® MaXi-Race includes 11 race formats](#)

- The Ultra-Race - 117km, 7360m vertical gain – the Ultra, limited to 900 runners
- The MaXi-Race - 85km, 5140m vertical – the Original, limited to 1500 runners
- The XL-Race - 85km, 5150m vertical – Around the lake in 2 days
- The XXL-Race - 116km in two days – 7140m vertical gain
- The R-Race - 85km, 5200m vertical gain, as a 2 or 4-person relay team – A challenge to share with others
- The Marathon-Race - 42km, 2650 vertical gain – A half loop around Lake Annecy, limited to 1400 runners
- The Femina-Race - 17km, 1090m vertical gain – 100% for women only, limited to 300 runners
- The Short-Race – 15km, 910m vertical gain – The gateway to trail running, limited to 500 runners
- The Vertical-Race - 4km, 850m vertical gain – A single climb, limited to 100 runners
- The Mini-Race - from 100m to 1km for 300 young runners
- The MaXi-O orienteering race

For all detailed info: <https://www.maxi-race.net/en/france-home-page/>

RACE SCHEDULE

Friday, May 25, 2018

12.30: MaXi-Village opens – Albigny Beach, Annecy le Vieux

Bib pick-up starts (see specific times by race) - Albigny Beach, Annecy le Vieux

12.30/17:00: Games in the Salomon tent to try to win prizes and Salomon running gifts

14.30: Salomon free trail-running workshop, "How to Trail Run"

15h30: Introducing the elite runners, on the podium in the village, interviews upon request

17.00: Super drawing/raffle to determine the Salomon Games winner of the day

17.00/19.00: SALOMON TV SHOW, a sneak preview of the film on running the John Muir Trail in record time, with François d'Haene

17.50: Vertical-Race briefing at Petit Port – Annecy-le-Vieux

18.00: Vertical-Race, runners start every 10 seconds from "Petit Port" marina – Annecy-le-Vieux

Saturday, May 26, 2018

01.30: Start for the Ultra Race and the XXL Race – Albigny Beach – Annecy-le-Vieux

05.00: Start for the MaXi-Race – Albigny Beach – Annecy-le-Vieux

05.10: Start for day 1 of the XL-Race and for the first leg of the R-Race (Relay) – Albigny Beach – Annecy-le-Vieux

08.30: Start for the Femina-Race – Menthon-St-Bernard

09.30: Start for the MaXi-O (Mt. Semnoz summit)

09.30/17.30: Games in the Salomon tent to try to win prizes and Salomon running gifts

09.30: MaXi-Village opens – Albigny Beach – Annecy-le-Vieux

Starting at 10.00: Runners finish (staggered finishes through Sunday morning) – Albigny Beach – Annecy-le-Vieux

13.30: First men's runners finish the 85km, first women at 15.00

13.50: First men's runners finish the 117km, first women at 16.00

14.30: Salomon free trail-running workshop, "How to Trail Run"

16.30-17.00: Kids' Mini-Race: <https://www.maxi-race.net/en/races/mini-races/>

17.30: Super drawing/raffle to determine the Salomon Games winner of the day

17.30/21.00: SALMON RUNNING FESTIVAL concert

Sunday, May 27, 2018

06.30: Start for day 2 of the XL-Race and XXL-Race – Doussard

07.30: Start the Marathon-Race – Doussard

08.30 – Start for the Short-Race – Menthon-St-Bernard

10.00: MaXi-Village opens – Albigny Beach – Annecy-le-Vieux

10.00/14.00 Games in the Salomon tent to try to win prizes and Salomon running gifts

10.30: Salomon free trail-running workshop, "How to Trail Run"

11.00: Start for the kids' Mini-Race

14.00: Super drawing/raffle to determine the Salomon Games winner of the day

18.30: Final runners finish, races close

19.00: MaXi-Village closes

For all race information,
press kit, press releases, and press passes:
www.maxi-race.org

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