



**Greenweez MaXi-Race**  
**May 29-31, 2020**  
**The new Marathon-Race**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> stage in the Golden Trail National Series**  
**Steep trails ahead!**

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New plans this year for the 10th edition!

After gaining so much popularity year after year, the Marathon format will change in 2020 by splitting into two separate races on two different courses: the Marathon Experience & the Marathon-Race. Each race offers its own unique approach.

The Marathon Experience will start as usual in Doussard, at the far southern end of Lake Annecy. The course for this new race will cover terrain and trails more accessible to a wider range of runners. The classic Marathon-Race (39km and 3200m of vertical gain) will also change, this time for the harder, covering a much more demanding course reserved for competitive trail runners looking to push their limits. This particular course, officially selected for the national race circuit, should draw several high-level athletes.

The race will start in waves on May 31, at 05:30, in the lakeside town of Talloires.

**THE MARATHON-RACE, THE 3<sup>RD</sup> STAGE IN THE 2020 GOLDEN TRAIL NATIONAL SERIES  
FRANCE/BELGIUM.**

As in 2019, the MaXi-Race figures among the scheduled races on the circuit.

The new format for the Marathon-Race makes it one of the major stages in the series.

Among the already registered competitors, 11 runners in the men's category have more than 800 ITRA points.

The list of elite racers includes several Frenchmen: the winner of the 2019 MaXi-Race, Michel Lanne (869 ITRA pts), a frequent podium finisher at the MaXi-Race. Gautier Airiau (866 ITRA pts), Julien Michelon (856 ITRA pts), Anthony Felber (839 ITRA pts), Nathan Jovet, and Alexandre Depeche figure among the favorites, as well as Gédéon Pochat (815 ITRA pts), who has participated in every MaXi-Race since 2014 and really enjoys the trails around Lake Annecy.

As of today, the women's field of elites proves much more international. Mauritian runner Marie Perrier (703 ITRA pts) and German runner Romy Mey (659 ITRA pts) will compete against Frenchwomen Anne-Lise Desjacques (654 ITRA pts) and Andrea Canaud (621 ITRA pts). American Alexandra Earle (635 ITRA pts) will also test her mettle on this new race course!

Obviously, four months before the race, the list still has time to expand!

For more information on the Marathon-Race: <https://www.maxi-race.org/en/races/marathon-race/>

## THE 2020 GOLDEN TRAIL NATIONAL SERIES FRANCE/BELGIUM: 6 RACES IN 2020

This national race circuit targets not only elite athletes, but also amateur runners who like to challenge themselves on the trails of renowned locations and during major sporting events. In 2020, six races are scheduled, from Mt. Ventoux in the south of France to the Belgian Ardennes, by way of the Southern and Northern French Alps (from the foot of Mt. Blanc to around Lake Annecy), with the national finals in Basque country, and the grand international super finals in the Azores!

### The 6 stages:

#### **46 km / Ergysport Trail du Ventoux, Bédoin (84), March 8.**

From Provence's lavender fields to the windy peaks above tree line.

<http://www.ergysport-trailduventoux.fr/>

#### **49 km / La Bouillonnante, Bouillon, Belgium.**

April 25

The 15th edition and counting! Fewer mountains but more friendly?

<http://www.la-bouillonnante.org/>

#### **39 km / Greenweez MaXi-Race**

The Marathon-Race, Annecy-le-Vieux (74), France

May 31

An incredible location from lakeside beaches to mountain ridgelines.

[www.maxi-race.org](http://www.maxi-race.org)

#### **42 km / Marathon du Mont-Blanc, Chamonix (74), France**

June 28

A legendary course through the Mont Blanc Range.

[www.marathonmontblanc.fr](http://www.marathonmontblanc.fr)

#### **42 km / Trail Ubaye Salomon Barcelonnette, France**

August 9

In one of the most beautiful valleys in the Southern French Alps, basking in the Mediterranean sun, three trail races, including a technical, demanding, and committing course for elite runners.

[www.ubaye-trail.fr](http://www.ubaye-trail.fr)

#### **21 km, GTNS Finals, the Skyrhune in Ascaïn (64), France**

September 12

The technical, committing race course combines the passion of Basque country with an elite field of runners.

<http://www.skyrhune.com>

**New for 2020! The grand finale will be held in the Azores on November 7, during the Azores Trail Run: 38 km / 2080 m of vertical gain.**

The first 3 men and women in the Golden Trail National Series France/Belgium will be invited to compete in the super finals on November 7, in the Azores, against the top runners from the other Golden Trail National Series in Italy, Spain, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Poland. The top 3 men and women in the super finals will earn a spot on the 2021 Golden Trail World Tour.



### **Race formats for everyone:**

#### **Ultra format: around Lake Annecy with a foray into the Bauges Mountains**

1 day = **Ultra-Race**, 119km and 7200m vertical gain / 5 ITRA pts, limited to 450 runners.

2 days = **XXL-Race** 119km and 7200m vertical gain / 5 ITRA pts, limited to 100 runners.

#### **MaXi format: the original race around the lake**

1 day = **MaXi-Race** 89km and 5200m vertical gain / 4 ITRA pts, limited to 1000 runners.

2 days = **XL-Race** 89km and 5000m vertical gain / 3 ITRA pts, limited to 250 runners at the start.

**2 or 4 person relay teams.**

#### **Marathon format: a half loop around the lake**

**42km and 2500m vertical gain = Marathon Experience**, limited to 1000 runners at the start.

**39km and 3200m vertical gain = Marathon-Race**, limited to 650 runners at the start. A minimum of 450 ITRA points are required to register.

#### **Short format: a quarter loop around the lake**

**16km and 950m vertical gain, all women: Fémina-Race**, limited to 350 runners at the start.

**16km and 950m vertical gain, evening start: Short-Race**, limited to 500 runners at the start.

And as always, the Mini-Race for kids and orienteering races.



For all race information,  
the press kit, press releases, and press passes:

[www.maxi-race.org](http://www.maxi-race.org)

For high-definition photos → <http://bit.ly/photos-presse-maxi-2020>

Results, favorites, and participant information posted on: <https://maxirace.livetrail.net/>

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