

## **Mt. Baldy 50K**

- Start on the Windsor trail #254 at the Santa Fe Ski area.
- Go to the Santa Fe wilderness boundary sign. At the sign there is a fence.
- Turn right onto an unofficial trail on the near side of the fence. Follow this trail up to where it intersects with the Skyline trail, trail #251. The trail does not follow the fence line the entire distance. There is one section where you will encounter a rock pile just shy of 2 miles in and the trail may not be obvious but continue on the left edge of the rock pile and the trail picks back up.
- The intersection with trail #251 is just short of 3 miles in and is probably not marked but it happens above tree line and you can see an obvious trail heading north to the mountain peak.
- Heading along the trail off the first mountain peak there is a narrow ridge line connecting Deception Peak with Penatente Peak. It can be difficult to follow but just remember to mostly stay on the right of the ridge. When in doubt angle slightly right and straight.
- After the ridgeline the trail can be very faint and grassy but there should be a discernible line. Trail #251 circles around the east (right) side of Penatente peak and heads across a small area of tundra and back into the forest on the north side.
- Trail #251 descends off Penatente and intersects back with Windsor trail #254 somewhere near mile 6.
- At the intersection of #251 & #254 you turn west/left and take #254 to where it intersects again with trail #251 at Puerto Nambe, which is a small open meadow near mile 6.5.
- At Puerto Nambe take #251 and ascend a series of switchbacks to the saddle at the base of Baldy at about mile 8.
- There is about a 2 mile total out and back spur to the Baldy peak.
- Rejoin #251 at mile 10 and turn north/ left descending a series of switchbacks toward Lake Kathryn at about mile 11.4.
- There are multiple trails around the lakeshore but all of them will lead north and feed back onto trail #251, Skyline Trail.
- Lake Stewart will be to your left right off Trail #251 at about mile 14.5. It is possible there could be as many as two additional small lakes on this stretch. There are a couple basins that are sometimes full and sometimes dry.

- Continue on trail #251 until you reach the spur trail at about mile 16 that angles to the left and will dead end at Lake Johnson at about mile 17.5. **This is your turn around. Take a picture of yourself at the turn around point as proof you made it and ran the full route.**
- On your return route just take #251 all the way back to the Puerto Nambe intersection of #251 and #254. SKIP the Baldy climb. At the Puerto Nambe intersection take the Windsor trail #254 back to the start SKIPPING all those early climbs. In other words, you will be running on a portion of the Windsor trail #254 that you did not run on earlier in the race. It will be a right turn from #251 to #254 and you'll then be heading west-northwest, initially.

Please check-in when you return. Look for someone at the bedraggled red Ram 1500.

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- There is about a 2 mile total out and back spur to the Baldy peak.
- Rejoin #251 at mile 10 and turn north/ left descending a series of switchbacks toward Lake Kathryn at about mile 11.4.
- There are multiple trails around the lakeshore but all of them will lead north and feed back onto trail #251, Skyline Trail.
- Lake Stewart will be to your left right off Trail #251 at about mile 14.5.  
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## **Mt. Baldy Big Brute Half-Marathon** (about 16.3 miles)

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- At the intersection of #251 & #254 you turn west/left and take #254 to where it intersects again with trail #251 at Puerto Nambe, which is a small open meadow near mile 6.5.
- At Puerto Nambe take #251 and ascend a series of switchbacks to the saddle at the base of Baldy at about mile 8. **You do not climb Baldy.**

- Continue on #251 descending a series of switchbacks toward Lake Kathryn, which is about 1.3 miles from the saddle. **This is your turn around. Take a picture of yourself at the turn around point as proof you made it and ran the full route.**
- On your return route just take #251 all the way back to the Puerto Nambe intersection of #251 and #254. At the Puerto Nambe intersection take the Windsor trail #254 back to the start SKIPPING all those early climbs. In other words, you will be running on a portion of the Windsor trail #254 that you did not run on earlier in the race. It will be a right turn from #251 to #254 and you'll then be heading west-north-west, initially.

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## Mt. Baldy “Halfish”-Marathon (about 14 miles)

- Start on the Windsor trail #254 at the Santa Fe Ski area.
- Go to the Santa Fe wilderness boundary sign and continue straight through the fence on trail #254.
- At about mile 4.5 you will reach the intersection of trail #251 (Skyline trail) & #254 in a little meadow called Puerto Nambe.
- At Puerto Nambe take #251 to your left (northerly) and ascend a series of switchbacks to the saddle at the base of Santa Fe Baldy at about mile 6.1.
- Continue on #251 descending a series of switchbacks toward Lake Kathryn, which is about 1.3 miles from the saddle. **This is your turn around. Take a picture of yourself at the turn around point as proof you made it and ran the full route.**
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