



2025 **5km | 13km**
ATHLETE GUIDE



Saint John Trail Running

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Welcome to the 2025 Poley Peak Pursuit!

YOU DID IT! You signed up for the Poley Peak Pursuit - and we love you for that! Race day is coming up on Saturday, October 11 at 11:00am!

Long known as the local ski hill in the winter, Poley Mountain transforms into a world-class downhill mountain biking destination in the summer. Their investment in summer activities has yielded some fun single-track trail full of unique features for both mountain biking and running/hiking.

The route consists of primarily single-track trail with some extra fun on the 'Chute' at the end of the 13km. Don't worry, you will get lots of encouragement from the crowd at the lodge for your efforts. Most of it is flowy, with a few gut punches along the way for the 13km.

This event is perfect for the whole family. The Fall Festival gives you and your family (with the purchase of a lift ticket) an opportunity to ride the chairlift and get the full panoramic view of the fall foliage. ***Your chairlift pass is included in your registration.**

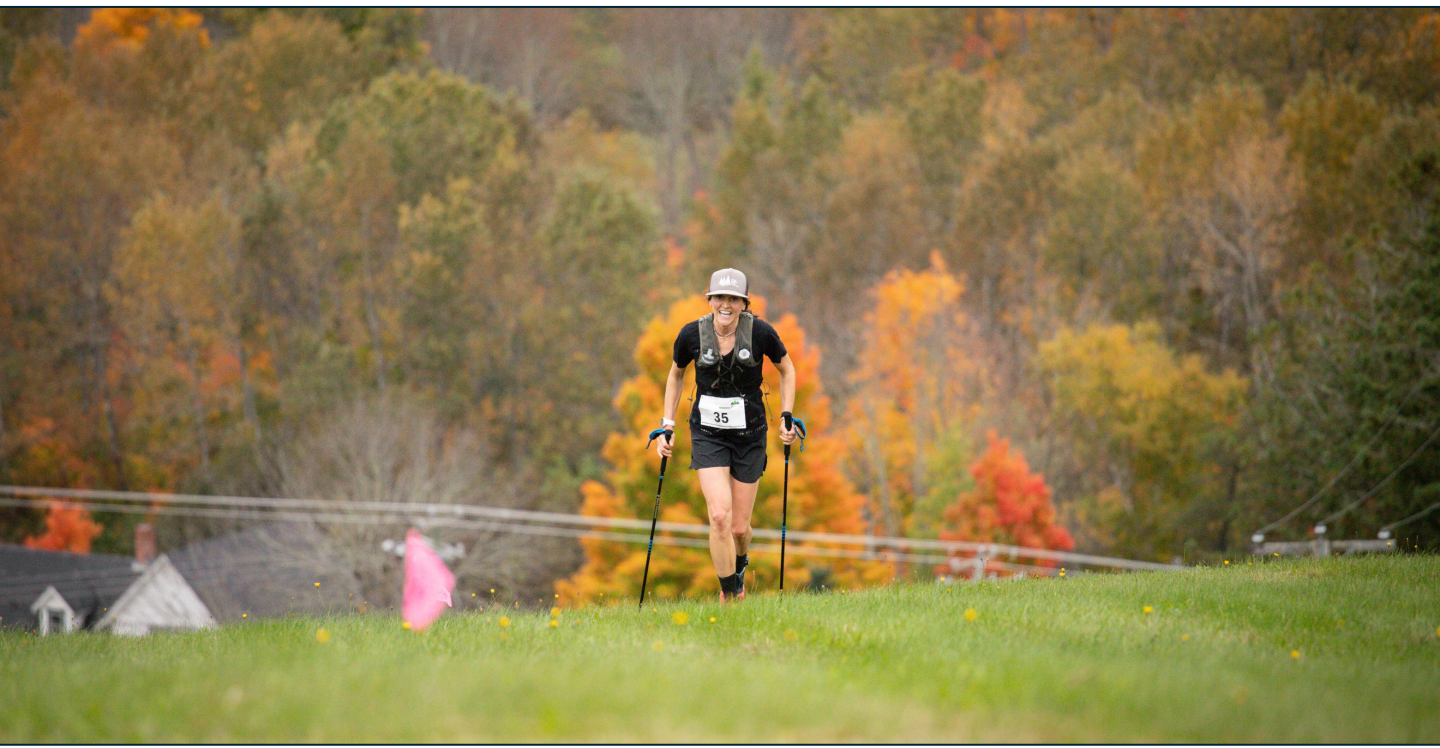
Lastly, **\$5 from every entry will be donated to a local Sussex charity.** In 2024, the community donated \$600 to [S.O.S - Strays Of Sussex](#).



EVENT SCHEDULE

RACE DATE: SATURDAY, October 11, 2025

- **9:00am to 10:30am:** Racer check-in
- **10:45am:** Pre-race briefing
- **11:00am:** **RACE START**
- **11:45am - 12:45pm:** Awards
- **11:00pm – 5:00pm:** Happy Hour in the lodge + Fall Festival





PARKING

There is ample parking on site, just a few short meters from the action. It's recommended to leave your personal belongings in your car, as there will be lots of foot traffic around the lodge. You will have easy access to your car, if necessary. Post-race, you're welcome to change in the lodge.



PET FRIENDLY

Poley Mountain is pet friendly and welcomes your on-leash, supervised pets at the following locations:

- Patio
- Hiking Trails
- Parking Lot / Lawn
- Slope Side RV Park

Pets are not allowed at the following locations:

- Chairlift
- Downhill Mountain Biking Trails
- Skills Park

PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RACE



HEADQUARTERS

The race takes place at Poley Mountain, in Waterford NB. With the recent expansion into mountain biking, Poley has some of the flowiest trails around.

At headquarters you will enjoy:

- A full-service lodge
- Plenty of clean washrooms
- Restaurant and Bar
- Fall Festival Vendor Market
- Check-in/Race kit pickup
- Plenty of lawn and deck space
- Post-Race Awards

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CHECK-IN & RACE-KIT PICKUP

The Check-in & Race-kit pickup will be just inside the wooden fence at the end of the parking lot, right next to the lodge. The check-in is also where you will receive your lift ticket for the day.

Check-in

9:00am to 10:30am

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RESULTS & TIMING

Poley Peak Pursuit is chip timed by Saint John Trail Running. **Live timing will be available on our [website](#) during the event.** To help with accuracy, please wear the bib on the front of your body.



AWARDS



Awards will start soon after the top 3 in each category have finished.

Estimate
5km: 11:45am
13km: 12:45pm

*Based on 2024
results. Subject to
change on race day.

Prizes for the top three in each gender category



MEDICAL SUPPORT

A paramedic will be on-site with basic medical supplies. **As a participant, if you see something, say something.** In the unlikely event that you come across a safety or medical issue, please inform the next volunteer you see. Please save our phone number in the event of an emergency: 506-645-0780 (call or text)

All points on the route have cell coverage.



THE ROUTES

All routes will be clearly marked with flagging and signage. Volunteers will also be stationed at specific spots. Most of the routes consist of single-track trail with some extra fun on the ski hill itself at the end of the 13km.

5 KM, 150m

UP 'Climb Trail', **DOWN** 'Huckleberry' to the finish

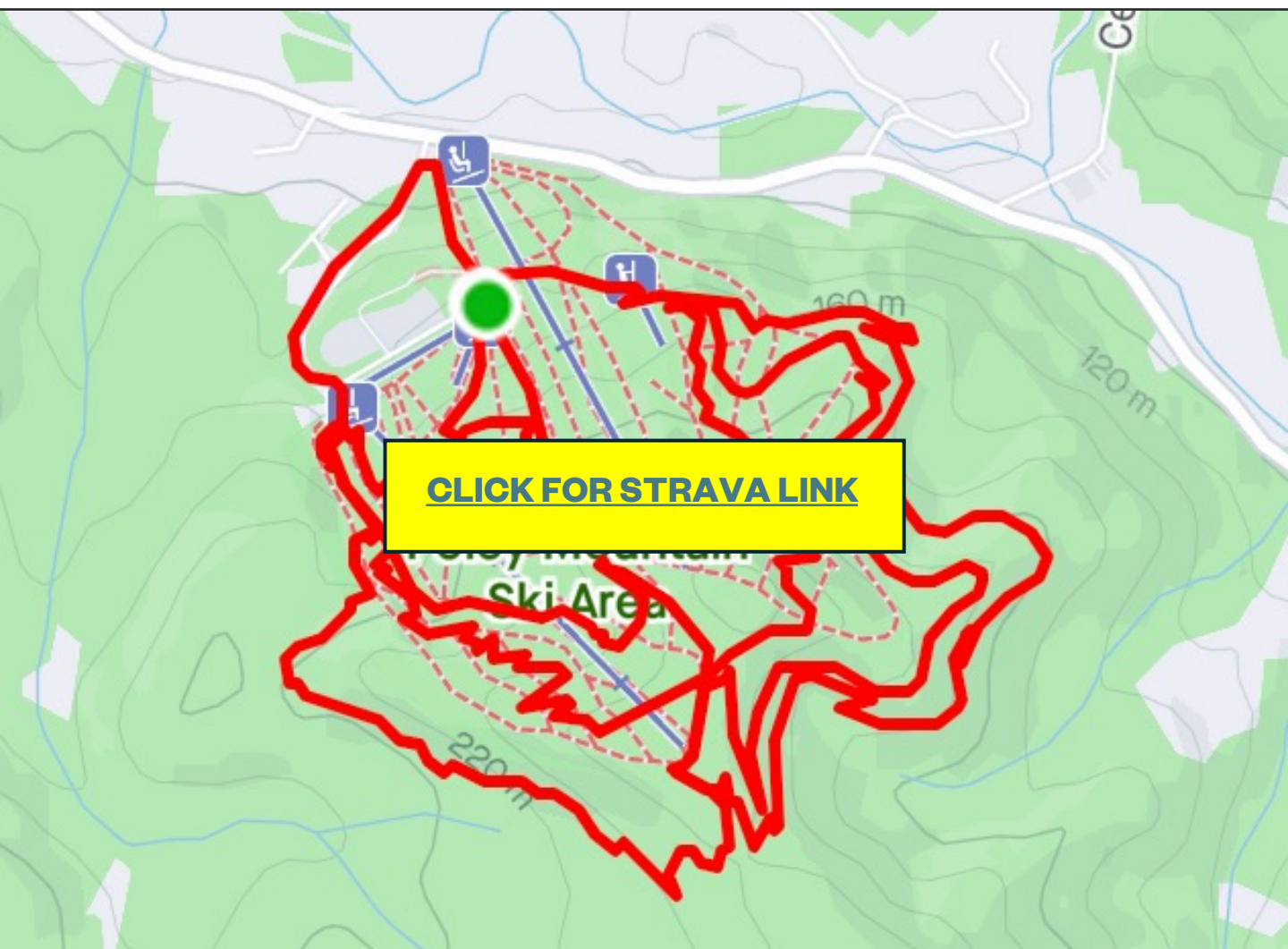




THE ROUTES

13 KM, 570m

Up: Climb Trail, **Down:** Huckleberry, **Up:** 'Balistic' and across to Bear Necessities at the top, **Down:** Fox Trot, **Up:** Huff & Puff, **Down:** Goat Path **Down:** Road to Quad Chair **Up:** To top of Chute, **Down:** '99' **Right:** On 'Tribute' to Finish





AID STATIONS

The summit aid station will be located near the top of the Alpine Chair, which sits at roughly 1500 meters. Both distances will pass this aid station. For the 5km, it will be once. For the 13km it will be three times

This is a cup-less event.
Please bring your own vessel



SJ TRAIL SERIES

The 2025 Poley Peak Pursuit is the third race in the newly established SJ Trail Race Series. This series of trail running events includes all five of our races that are held from May to November.

NO SIGN UP REQUIRED!

YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY ENTERED WHEN YOU FINISH A RACE

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PRE & POST-RACE HANGS

Pre-race, the cafeteria will be open at 9am with coffee and pastries for purchase. All proceeds go to our Mountain of Fun Fund, which subsidizes ski/snowboard participation for youth.

Post-race the restaurant and bar will be open with live music on the patio from 2-5pm. Grab a drink and some food – You deserved it! The lodge will be full of local vendors, showcasing their crafts. The chair lift will also be running if you'd like to check out the foliage while sitting down. (Lift ticket included for all participants. Available for purchase for family and friends)



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

For us it is important to work with companies and causes that believe in what we do and are passionate about their community. **We can confidently say that our partners are those type of people!**

Read more below, and please consider supporting them in any way you can. It's easy when you're working with some of the best!

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At **Stoke Resorts**, we're not just hoteliers; we're dreamers, adventurers and nature enthusiasts. Our journey began with a simple childhood dream to own a slice of paradise next to our beloved local ski resort.

Today, that dream has blossomed into Stoke Resorts, a testament to our passion, dedication, and love for the great outdoors.

Our team, made up of fellow adventurers, is committed to ensuring that every guest experiences the magic we felt as children.



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Hey there! Let me introduce you to **Made with Local** – the planet-friendly, socially conscious, gluten-free real food bar company that'll become your snacking sidekick! Hailing from beautiful Nova Scotia, Canada, we are known for turning nutritious nibbling into a flavour-packed fiesta while being kind to the Earth. With our commitment to using fresh, locally sourced ingredients, we've got your taste buds doing the happy dance.



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Made with Local isn't just about bars; it's about redefining snack time and giving back. When you're on the move or need a quick bite, these bars have your back. Supporting local farmers and producers while indulging in these goodies makes it a triple win for your taste buds, the community, and the planet. Go on, join us in this snacking adventure, where every bite is a step towards a better world!

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A T R A I L R U N N I N G P O D C A S T

The Chasing Trails Podcast is a podcast for the everyday trail runner. Chasing Trails was created and hosted by two lifelong friends that wanted to share some of the everyday trail running joys and struggles that we all face and to have a lot of laughs along the way.

With a down to earth relatable feel and local running scene focus Chasing Trails always brings a unique perspective to the trail running podcast scene. Sprinkle in a healthy dose of great special guests and some great discussion and you have a podcast that can help you pass the time as you keep chasing the trails.

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Big shoutout to some amazing Sussex businesses that teamed up with us this year — we're super thankful for their support! Because of them, we're able to offer cash prizes for all our winners



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