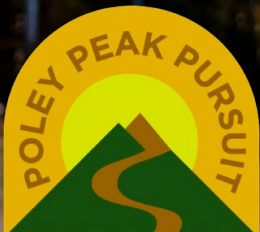


2026 ATHLETE GUIDE





Saint John Trail Running

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Welcome to the 2026 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 10, 2026!

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 the Canadian Cancer Society in honor of Amber's mom, Susan Hachey.**



EVENT SCHEDULE

RACE DATE: SATURDAY, October 10, 2026

■ **9:00am to 10:30am:** Racer check-in for the 13km

■ **9:00am to 11:00am:** Racer check-in for the 5km

■ **10:45am:** Pre-race briefing 13km

■ **11:00am:** **RACE START 13km**

■ **11:15am:** Pre-race briefing 5km

■ **11:30am:** **RACE START 5km**

***New in 2026**

■ **12:30pm:** Awards for both distances

■ **11:00am – 5:00pm:** Poley Mountain 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:

- Charlift
- Downhill Mountain Biking Trails
- Skills Park

PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO RACE



START/FINISH

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 the start/finish you will enjoy:

- Check-in/Race kit pickup
- East Coast Roasts Coffee
- A full-service lodge
- Plenty of clean washrooms
- Restaurant and Bar
- Fall Festival Vendor Market
- 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

13km: 9:00am to 10:30am

5km: 9:00am to 11:00am

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RESULTS & TIMING

Poley Peak Pursuit is chip timed by Trail Time. You will be provided with a timing chip attached to the back side of your race bib. It is important to not crease or fold the timing chip and wear on the front of your body to ensure your finish time is read.

Live timing: saintjohntrailrunning.com/poleypeakpursuit



AWARDS



This year we are doing the awards at the same time, so we can all share in the celebration.

Estimate
12:30pm

*Based on 2025 results. Subject to change on race day.

Cash prizes for the top three in each gender category + free entry to 2027 for setting a new Course Record.



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: 'Ballistic' and across to Bear
Necessities at the top

Down: Fox Trot (**New entrance in 2026**)

Up: Huff & Puff

Down: Goat Path (**New entrance in 2026**)

Down: Road to Quad Chair

Up: To top of Chute

Down: '99'

Right: On 'Tribute' to Finish

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Poley Mountain
Ski Area





AID STATIONS

The summit aid station will be located next to the top of the Alpine Chair. 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 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

East Coast Roasts will also be on-site from 9am to 1pm with coffee for sale.

Post-race the restaurant and bar will be open with Jacob Chevarie Live Music on the Patio from 2-5pm. Grab a drink and some food – You deserve 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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Sustainability is part of our approach across design, sourcing, manufacturing, and packaging, with materials such as recycled nylon, recycled down, and innovative fibers incorporated across our collections.

We're excited to support the Saint John Trail Running community and be part of Poley Peak Pursuit.

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Anyone who has spent time on the trails knows it's about more than running. It's about community, trust, encouragement, and showing up for each other.

DR Docusafe is proud to support Saint John Trail Running and the people who make the trail community so special.

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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.

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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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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