

Burning River 100 Course Description

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Start at front of the Castle. Right turn out onto Chagrin River Road. Follow road to the first aid station at Old Mill Rd.

4.8 Miles

No restrooms.

Continue back out to Chagrin River Road. Follow Buckeye Trail (BT) marking and turn left on South Woodland Road and right into the Polo Fields aid station.

9.6 miles

Restroom available.

Go around the Polo Fields and follow BT. There is a small kiosk marking the new trailhead at the south end of Polo Fields. Follow the BT except near the construction area at mile 13.45 where we follow the old BT through the construction area. Continue to Harper Ridge shelter aid station.

15.1 miles

Restroom available.

Leave Harper Ridge shelter and turn left on paved multi purpose trail about 300 meters, cross the Parkway and rejoin the BT. Follow BT to Shadow Lake aid station.

18.4 miles

Restroom available.

Leave Shadow Lake aid station and follow BT around the lake and past Waste Management. Turn left on Richmond Rd (follow BT blazes) go over Tinker's creek, turn right, cross the street, to paved multi purpose trail, then an immediate right off onto single track BT along the creek. Follow BT to Egbert Shelter aid station.

23.4 miles

Restroom available.

Leave Egbert Shelter aid station on the Buckeye Trail. At mile 25.9 follow bridle trail for .23 mile and rejoin the Buckeye Trail. Continue to Alexander Rd. aid station.

26.8 miles

No restrooms.

Leave Alexander Rd. aid station on Hike and Bike Trail for 300 meters and turn right down a short, steep single track trail marked with blue blazes. Continue on Buckeye Trail to Sagamore Grove Picnic Area. Due to flood damage on this section, go west on Sagamore Rd. (not on Buckeye Trail) and follow past the horse trailer parking area to Canal Rd. Turn right on Canal Rd. to Frazee House. At Frazee House cross Canal Rd. and join the Towpath Trail. Turn left (south) and run 2.47 miles ending at Station Rd. aid station.

30.3miles

Restrooms available.

Exit Station Rd. Aid Station and cross over bridge back to the towpath. Turn right and follow the Towpath Trail to the 3.5 mile Carriage Trail loop on the left. Complete the loop back to the towpath and turn right. Return to the Station Rd. aid station.

36.3 miles

Restrooms available

Exit Station Rd on the All Purpose Trail and cross Riverview Road. About 1/4 mile past Riverview Rd you will cross over Chippewa Creek. Bear right for about another 200 meters onto the single track trail on the right. Cross over the small suspension bridge. Continue for another 1/2 mile . Then at the trail intersection bear left on the wooden boardwalk and continue up the gorge.

This trail continues for about another mile until you reach the Kiosk in the parking lot at Rt. 82. Circle the Kiosk and go back on the All Purpose Trail for 300 meters. Cross the road and get on single track trail. Bear right and continue down

and back up some stairs. Bear left at the top and continue down another set of steps. At the bottom bear right and go back up another set of steps. (Do not go to the left up the stairs to the Visitor Center.) At the top of the steps turn left. The meadows will be on your right. Turn left onto the Bridle Trail for about 200 meters and the single track trail will be on the right. Take the single track trail for about 1/2 mile and it connects with the Bridle Trail and turn right. Continue on the Bridle Trail for a mile or two keeping to the left. You will cross 3 stream crossings and then climb a steep hill that takes you to the Valley Parkway where Oak Grove will be to your left. Cross the

Park Road and continue on the Bridle Trail for about another 1/2 mile where it connects with the Buckeye Trail. The Buckeye Trail shares this part of the Bridle Trail. Stay on this Bridle Trail and it crosses the Meadows Rd. at the Stables. Cross the road and continue on the Bridle Trail past the stables and turn left at the first trail after crossing the road. This trail will continue through the woods. Cross the Meadows Rd. again and come out on Parkview Road where the road is closed to traffic at the aid station.

42.6 miles

No restrooms

Leave Parkview Road aid station and follow the abandoned road to the Buckeye Trail. Turn right onto single track and follow Buckeye trail to the Snowville Road aid station.

46.5 miles

No restrooms

From Snowville, continue to follow the Buckeye Trail across Columbia Rd. and Boston Mills Rd., past the Armory. Cross Riverview Rd. staying on the Buckeye Trail to the Boston Store #1 aid station.

51.7 miles

Restrooms available

Leave Boston Store #1 on the towpath north .5 mile, turn right on the Stanford Hostel Trail to Stanford Road. Turn left onto Stanford Road (this portion of the road is also Valley Bridle Trail). Follow Stanford past the intersection with the Valley Trail and up the hill to where the road dead ends. Turn left on the Brandywine Gorge Trail and follow it across the creek and up to the Falls Viewing area. At the Falls Viewing area sign, turn right, pass the Champion Electric Company ruins and follow the boardwalk until it ends. Turn right at the end of the boardwalk and rejoin the Stanford Trail back to the SYH driveway. Follow the driveway to the road and turn left to enter the Valley Bridle Trail. Continue on the Valley Trail to Boston Store #2 aid station.

56.5 miles

Restrooms available

Take the Towpath south over the footbridge and turn right onto the short paved section where all three trails share a common path (Valley, Towpath, and Buckeye). Turn left on the Buckeye/Valley Trail and follow it to the single track Buckeye Trail on the left. Stay on the Buckeye to Pine Lane aid station.

60.8 miles

Restroom available

Leave Pine Lane aid station on the Valley Bridle Trail, turn right on the abandoned section of old Akron Peninsula Road and follow it to Boston Mills Road. Turn right on Boston Mills Road and right again onto the Bike & Hike Trail. Stay on the Bike & Hike for 1.5 miles and turn right on a small trail through to pines to the Boston Run Trail. Go left on Boston Run Trail and follow it to the Happy Days Visitor Center aid station.

65.7 miles

Restrooms/porta-potties available.

Pacer Access #1

Follow the perimeter of the parking lot to the Visitor Center sign and turn right to the tunnel under SR 303. Exit the tunnel and climb the stairs to the driveway where a left turn will take you past the Visitor Center to the trail past the Mater Dolorosa Cemetery. Turn right on the Haskell Run Trail and follow it to the connector trail to the Ledges Trail on the left. Go left again at the top of the short steep connector trail onto the Ledges Trail. Stay on Ledges Trail keeping the

cliffs on your right until you reach the Ledges Shelter Access Road. Turn right and follow the access road past the Ledges Shelter (water fountain and restrooms). Make a left turn onto the gravel path just past the shelter and continue around the field to the Overlook. From the Overlook the Ledges Trail will take you again to the base of the cliff. With the cliffs on the right, continue on Ledges Trail to the unmanned Octagon Aid Station.

68.3 miles

Restrooms and self serve water available

Leave the Octagon on the access road south for one quarter mile and turn right at a small flight of stairs. Take the Pine Grove Trail to the right, pass the Butler/Manatoc Trail and turn right onto the trail leading to Kendall Lake. Cross Truxell Road and make an immediate right on the Lake Trail. Keeping Kendall Lake on your left, follow the Lake Trail around the lake. Turn left upon exiting the tunnel onto the connector trail (still keeping the lake on your left) to the Kendall Lake Shelter Aid Station.

71.2 miles

Restrooms available

Depart Kendall Lake Shelter Aid Station in the direction of Truxell Road. Turn right at the parking lot onto the Cross Country Trail. Stay on the Cross Country Trail past the gas well, into the woods and stay to the right where the trail forks. Follow the trail to an open field and down the hill to the wooden post at the base of the hill. Turn left at the trail post and follow the connector trail up the hill and down the other side toward the "sound of Music" hill topped by the Pine Hollow Aid Station #1

73.96 miles

Restroom and phone available

Pacer access #2

Exit Pine Hollow #1 and follow the Salt Run Trail into the woods and down the hill in the direction of Kendall Lake. Stay on Salt Run to Akron Peninsula Road and turn left. Enter Valley Bridal Trail and turn left at Wetmore Bridle Trail junction. Run up Wetmore Bridle, cross Quick Road and enter Pine Hollow Aid Station #2

78.46 miles

Restroom and phone available

Pacer Access #3

Exit Pine Hollow #2 Aid Station. Head south in the grass in front of the parking area, past Crow foot Gully parking lot and on to the Little Meadow parking lot. Turn right at the last post. Cross the small parking lot and Quick Road to a short single track connecting to the Wetmore Bridle Trail. Turn left on Wetmore Bridle trail and continue to the Wetmore parking lot. (This is not an official aid station but depending on conditions there may need to be self serve water, there is a restroom and the mileage is about 81.5 miles) Turn left on Wetmore Road for 1/8 mile to a right turn at Butler Trail. Butler ends at Robinson Field. Leave Robinson across Akron Peninsula Road (my wife and her friend will be camped there with horsies for unofficial aid and to help runners cross if needed) rejoining the Valley Trail to the Bolanz Road Aid Station.

83.5 miles

Restroom

Leave the aid station to the north for a short distance on Towpath Trail, cross the iron bridge and go left onto Valley Trail, cross Akron Peninsula (again) and proceed to Covered Bridge. Cross the bridge and turn left on Oak Hill Road. You will be on a pleasant road section that passes by through Hale Farm and Village leading to Ira Road. Enter the Buckeye Trail to the right off of Ira Road ending at O'Neill Woods Picnic Area Aid Station.

88.3 miles

Restroom available

Enter the Deer Run Trail from the aid station parking lot. Cross Bath Road and continue on the Deer Run loop until it intersects Bath Road again. Turn right for a short distance to another right onto the Towpath Trail. There are more

restrooms on the trail at Botzom where we cross Akron Peninsula, this time there is a cross walk and permanent warning signs on the road. end at Big Bend Aid Station.

91.3 miles

Restroom is about .25 mile off course.

Leave Big Bend Aid Station on the Towpath Trail toward the City Of Akron Compost Facility(Pew!)ending at Memorial Parkway Aid Station.

95.8 miles

Restroom available

Pacer Access #4

Cross the Cuyahoga River on Memorial Parkway and turn left on the brick road, then left again on Cuyahoga St. Turn right into the Chuckery entrance road where the Chuckery Trail intersects the entrance road on the left. The Chuckery Trail takes the course around the Signal Tree to High Bridge Trail. Highbridge Trail runs up a flight of stone stairs to a scenic ridge overlooking river rapids and leading under High Bridge.

Keeping the water on the left follow the trail towards the old Ohio Edison Power Plant and into the little Gorge Parking Lot(Could be water here if needed at about 98.7 miles as it is easily accessible from the finish on Front St.)Leave the parking lot to the left on the sidewalk across a bridge and turn right at the crosswalk to the Glens Trail. Glens is the last trail section and ends at Front Street. Turn Right on Front Street to the finish line.

100.7 miles

More information available at www.burningriver100.org