



Press Release
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10th anniversary of Salomon Zugspitz Ultratrail powered by Ledlenser: Start of Germany's biggest trail running event

The Salomon Zugspitz Ultratrail powered by Ledlenser which takes place from July 15 to 17 underpins its reputation as Germany largest trail running event with approx. 3750 runners from 56 nations, 5 competitions from 5 starting locations including a German championship and 36 exhibitors.

Finally, the time has come and never has this phase been so fitting as we embark on the 10th anniversary of the Zugspitz Ultratrail (ZUT). After a 2 year pandemic break (as an alternative there was the ZUT Virtual) and the current postponement to July 2022, due to the G7 Summit at Schloss Ellmau, all running fans can now breathe a sigh of relief and look forward to an event of superlatives on the ZUT weekend from July 15 to 17.

Record Participation with 3750 runners from 56 nations

With approx. 3750 runners from 56 nations, the ZUT has more registrations than ever before in its 10-year history, after starting with exactly 676 participants in Grainau, in 2011. In the past 9 years, a total of around 16,000 athletes have come to Garmisch-Partenkirchen or Grainau - where the ZUT has been based so far. Among the most strongly represented nations are Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Austria, USA and Denmark. The proportion of women is just under 30 percent with the highest proportion participating in the shorter distances opposed to the longer ones.

5 Competitions & 5 Starting Locations

For the first time Garmisch-Partenkirchen is the central event location for the Zugspitz Ultratrail and will also host the finish of all 5 competitions. The start for the ULTRATRAIL will also take place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on Saturday July 16 at 7:10 on Richard-Strauß-Platz. 108 kilometers and over 5100 meters of altitude will have to be mastered by the athletes before the lead runners reach the finish at about 19:00.

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The other competitions:

- SUPERTRAIL XL, 82 km, 3680 hm, start 8:00 a.m. in Grainau
- SUPERTRAIL, 68 km, 2800 hm, start 9:00 in Ehrwald
- BASETTRAIL XL, 50 km, 1660 hm, start 9:00 in Leutasch/Weidach
- BASETTRAIL, 24 km, 610 hm, start 8:00 in Mittenwald
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As part of the SUPERTRAIL XL, the **German Ultramarathon Championship in Ultratrail** will be held at the same time. And the BASETTRAIL is part of the **Golden Trail National Series** sponsored by Salomon.

The Favorites: Excitement on all courses

High tension is to be expected on the supreme discipline, the ULTRATRAIL which covers over 108 kilometers, as the runners listed in the ITRA (International Trailrunning Association) are ranked close together. In the men's race: Thorsten Reichert, Tobias Fritz and Matthias Baur from Team Salomon Germany. In the women's race, Switzerland's Katrin Vock is ahead of Germany's Annika Johann and Poland's Anna Makselon.

The SUPERTRAIL XL is a different story with the top favorite **Benedikt Hoffmann**, of the **Asics Trail Team**, who started her season very successfully with a 2nd place at the Eco Trail Paris and is also on the German Championship. **Markus Mingo** from the Bavarian Forest should also have something to show, as he already won the German Ultramarathon Championship in the Ultratrail, the last time it was held here on the Zugspitze, in 2017, as part of the ZUT.

Other clear favorites in the women's race is the second best ranked German in the ITRA Performance Index, **Anna Hahner from Team adidas Terrex**. She has already won the Chiemgau Trailrun this year and will be joined by Tatiana Quesada from Luxembourg, who has made a name for herself with successes in Belgium and France as well as, Anke Friedl from Germany.

In the SUPERTRAIL, victory is likely to go to **Flo Reichert of Team Volkswagen R/Arcteryx**, who is the **defending champion** on this track from 2019.

In the women's race, it's likely we will see a duel between Winner of the Swissalpine Davos 2021 (among others), **Jasmin Nunige from Switzerland (adidas Terrex)** and the **Norwegian Yngvild Kaspersen**, second in the 85k m distance at the Madeira Ultra 2022.

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Densely Packed Top Field on the Shorter Distances

Fast and tough competitions are to be expected at the BASETRAIL and the BASETRAIL XL. In the BASETRAIL XL (over 50 km) the Englishman **Robbie Simpson from the from Team adidas Terrex**, is one of the 15 best trail runners in the world. At the beginning of July he won the K32 at the **Stubai Ultratrail**. The most promising podium candidate from a German perspective is the multiple German champion in short and middle distances, **Sebastian Hallmann from Team Volkswagen R/Brooks**. Moritz auf der Heide, who was also highly touted, had to cancel at short notice.

In the women's race, **Eva Sperger from Team Salomon and Kim Schreiber (adidas Terrex)**, winner of the 2022 Madeira Ultratrail in the 42 km distance, are considered favorites.

For the BASETRAIL and thus the Golden Trail National Series, the field of favorites will be tightly packed. Among the top runners are the two Italians, **Martin and Bernard Debatters and the Spaniard Daniel Osanz**. Martin Dematteis has already won the 25k at the Innsbruck Alpine Festival and at the Garda Trentino Trail.

In the women's race, two Germans, **Lena Laukner and Suse Spanheimer** and the South African Bianca Darboten are among the favorites.

Strong Partners, Salomon as Title Sponsor From the Very Beginning

Trail running without Salomon is unthinkable. The French are probably the best-known brand in the sport of trail running and have been the title sponsor of the Zugspitz Ultratrail since its birth. When we first came here in 2011, trail running was still a niche sport, especially in Germany. And now, in 2022, several thousand athletes from all over the world, accompanied and supported by family and friends, are starting in one of the most beautiful and spectacular mountain regions in Germany.

"That makes us a little proud" says **Rainer Schlump** from Salomon, who has been with the ZUT from the very beginning and will also be on site this year.

Just in time for the start of the ZUT also comes the 6th version of the trail shoe classic "**Speedcross**" on the market.

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The Finnish watch specialist **Suunto** has also been part of the event since the beginning. At the premiere in 2011, they launched the Ambit, one of the first GPS watches available for trail runners. In the meantime, they serve the needs of all trail runners with a large range. Current flagship: the 9 Peak.

Other Long-Standing Partners:

- Lamp specialist **Ledlenser**, on board this year with their new NEO headlamp series.
- Pole professional **Leki**, on site with a new high-end folding pole
- **Compress-Sport** (socks, clothing)
- **Orthomol**, nutritional supplements for athletes
- **Volkswagen R**, indispensable with their cars for supplying the refreshment points
- **Sport Conrad**, who is organizing this years expo with 36 exhibitors

Everything a Trail Runner's Heart Desires: Expo with 36 Exhibitors

The Zugspitz Ultratrail not only hosts the largest number of participants at any trail running event in Germany, also the Expo is also unparalleled with 36 exhibitors and provides an extensive festival atmosphere.

These include: **Salomon, Ledlenser, Volkswagen R, Suunto, Orthomol Sport, Compresssport. Leki, Reality Maps, Sidas, Buff, M. Reich, Tzampas, Sporthunger, adidas Terrex, Alpina, Bauerfeind, Black Diamond, Blitz, Brooks, CEP, Dynafit, Garmin, Gorewear, Hoka, Incylene, Oofos, Julbo, La Sportiva, New Balance, ON, Powerbar, Rab, Scott, Ultimate Direction, Scarpa and Blackroll.**

The expo is run by our longtime partner Sport Conrad and opens at 10 a.m. Friday (until 7 p.m., Saturday also 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

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The Zugspitz Ultratrail in daily overview: a feast for all trail running fans

Thursday 14 July

- 19:30 o'clock: Salomon Movie Night on the Richard Strauß Square

Friday 15 July 15

- 10:00 - 19:00: ZUT-Expo on the Richard-Strauß-Platz

Saturday 16 July

- 7:10 a.m.: Start Zugspitz Ultratrail in Garmisch Partenkirchen
- 8:00 a.m.: Start Basetrail in Mittenwald
- 8:00 a.m.: Start Supertrail XL in Grainau
- 9:00 a.m.: Start Basetrail XL in Leutasch/Weidach
- 9:00 a.m.: Start Supertrail in Ehrwald
- 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. : ZUT-Expo at the Richard-Strauß-Platz
- From 10:00 a.m. : first finishes Basetrail
- From 11:30 a.m.: Start Livestream on the Richard-Strauß-Platz
- From 13:00 : award ceremony Basetrail and Golden Trail National Series
- From 14:00: first finishes Basetrail XL
- From 16:15: first finishes Supertrail
- From 17:00: first finishes Supertrail XL
- 17:30 h: award ceremony Basetrail XL
- 19:00 o'clock: first finishes ULTRATRAIL

Sunday 17 July

- 11:00 a.m.: finish Zugspitz ULTRATRAIL
- 8:30 a.m.: Award ceremony German Ultramarathon Championship
- From 9:30: Award ceremony Supertrail, Supertrail XL and Ultratrail

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