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# Record field of starters at the 12th Salomon Zugspitz Ultratrail powered by Ledlenser

With over 4,400 registered runners from 67 nations and 44 exhibitors, the Salomon Zugspitz Ultratrail powered by Ledlenser (ZUT) from 13 to 15 June 2024 is solidifying its reputation as the biggest trail running event in Germany.

The Salomon Zugspitz Ultratrail powered by Ledlenser (ZUT) has been fully booked since the beginning of April with over 4,400 runners from 67 nations, in comparison from the premiere year in 2011 where there were exactly 676 participants. The most represented nations include **Germany**, the **Netherlands**, **Austria**, **France**, **the USA**, **Switzerland**, **Belgium and China**. The proportion of **women is 32 percent** which is slightly higher than in 2023 and in the shortest competition, the Grainau Trail, there are significantly more women (417) than men (367). We also see the women are younger than the men, with an average age of 39 for women and men 41.

# 6 competitions from 5 starting locations

Garmisch-Partenkirchen has been the central event location for the Zugspitz Ultratrail since 2022 and the finish location for all **6 competitions**. The start for the ULTRATRAIL also takes place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, on Friday evening at 10.15 pm, so that the majority of participants will reach the finish in Garmisch-Partenkirchen on Saturday when it is light. During this time, 750 participants who compete in the supreme discipline will have to cover 106 kilometers and 5080 meters in altitude. The other competitions:

- Ehrwald Trail, 86 km, 4080 altitude meters, start: 14 June, 11 p.m. in Ehrwald
- Leutasch Trail, 68 km, 2870 m elevation, start: 15 June, 9 am in Leutasch/Weidach
- Mittenwald Trail, 44 km, 1860 m elevation, start: 15 June, 7 a.m. in Mittenwald
- Garmisch-Partenkirchen Trail, 29 km, 1535 m elevation, start: 14 June, 10 a.m. in Garmisch-Partenkirchen
- o **Grainau Trail**, 16 km, 760 m elevation, start: 15 June, 12 noon in Grainau

The Garmisch-Partenkirchen Trail is also part of the **Golden Trail National Series**, which is supported by our title sponsor Salomon.

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## The favourites: Excitement on all routes

#### **Ultratrail:**

- Men:
  - Marcel Höche (adidas Terrex, GER), Winner of the K85 at IATF 2024
  - Johannes Löw (Salomon, GER), Winner Stubai Ultratrail/K31
  - Andre Purschke (Dynafit, GER), 3. At ZUT 2023; 8. at TDS/UTMB 2023

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- Women:
  - Esther Fellhofer (Asics Trail Team, AUT), 2023 Winner KAT 100
  - Maria Purschke (Dynafit, GER), 2023 3rd at K39 Mozart 100.

#### **Ehrwald Trail**

- Men:
  - **Tom Evans** (adidas Terrex, UK), 2023 Winner Western States Endurance 100 Meilen Run
  - Johannes Ostfalk (Lowa Trail Racers, GER), 2024 2. at K35/ IATF
- Women:
  - Ida Sophie Hegemann (The North Face/Volkswagen R, GER), 2024 Winner K111/IATF
  - Sandra Saitner (Lowa Trail Explorers, GER), 2023 3. at Madrisa Trail Klosters

#### **Leutasch Trail:**

- Men:
  - **Stephen Kersch** (adidas Terrex, USA), 5. at Black Canyon Ultras
  - **Constantin Leinekugel** (The North Face, GER)
  - Alex Gepp (Gepp's, GER)
- Women:
  - Ruth Croft (adidas Terrex, Neuseeland), 2023 Winner Ehrwald Trail and 2024 Winner Transvulcania Ultramarathon
  - Kim Schreiber (adidas Terrex, GER), 5. at Garmisch-Partenkirchen Trail 2023, 2024 3rd at Transvulcania Marathon















#### **Mittenwald Trail**

- Men:
  - Sven Koch (adidas Terrex, GER), 2024 2nd K42/ IATF
  - Markus Mingo (XC-Run, GER), 2024 Winner Kaitersberg Trail, 2022 German Champion at ZUT
- Women:
  - Holly Page (adidas Terrex, UK), 2023 winner of the Marathon du Montblanc

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- **Nora Serres** (adidas Terrex, N)
- Eva Aschaber (TRT Vorarlberg, AUT)

#### **Garmisch-Partenkirchen Trail**

- Men:
  - Manuel Innerhofer (Salomon Österreich, AUT), 2023 Winner Pitz Alpine Glacier Trail (P30)
  - Lukas Gasser (Scarpa, ITA), 2023 second at this race
  - **Alex Oberbacher** (La Sportiva, ITA), 2023 Winner Transpelmo
  - Lukas Mangger (Dynafit, ITA), 2023 Winner Gletscher Trailrun
  - Maximilian Zeus (Salomon, GER), German Vice-Champion Mountain Running
  - Christoph Lauterbach (Brooks, GER), 2023 Winner Engadin Ultratrail ET23
  - Thomas Wanninger (XC Run, GER), 2023 Winner Osser Trail/Ultratrail Lahmer Winkl
- Women
  - Anna Plattner (AUT), 2024 Winner K35/IATF
  - Silvia Schwaiger (Salomon Austria, SVK), 2024 Winner K15/ IATF
  - Laura Hampel (Salomon, GER), Winner Chiemgau Trailrun
  - Simone Troxler (Salomon, SUI), 2023 3rd. Trail Verbier
  - Flavia Stutz (SUI), 2024 3rd Transgrancanaria Starter
  - Lisa Wimmer (Salomon, GER)
  - Nadja Fässler (Zubi Terrex, SUI)

#### • Grainau Trail

- Men:
  - Moritz auf der Heide (GER)
  - Vlad Ixel (AUS)
  - Philip Stuckhardt (Lowa Trail Explorers, GER)
- Women:
  - Marina Sauer (GER)

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# Strong Partners and a large expo

Trail running without **Salomon** is unthinkable. The French brand holds a reputation as the best-known brand in the sport of trail running and the birth of the Zugspitz Ultratrail and title sponsor of the event.



Other long-standing partners include lamp specialist Ledlenser, watch specialist Suunto; Leki, Orthomol, Volkswagen R, ClimatePartner, Sidas, Snowline, Buff and Sport Conrad

The Zugspitz Ultratrail is not only the largest trail running event in Germany, the expo is also unrivalled with 44 exhibitors and ensures an extensive festival atmosphere.

These include: Salomon, Ledlenser, Volkswagen R, Suunto, Sport Conrad, Sidas, Leki, adidas Terrex, CEP, Garmin, Lowa, Madrisa Trail Klosters, Mammut, New Balance, Hoka, M. Reich, AOK, Aquion, Rabbit Fuel, Scarpa, evil eye, Archmax, Tzampas, Altra, Sporthunger, Craft, Bauerfeind, Blackroll, Karpos, Buff, Bayrische Kartoffel, Asics, Julbo, La Sportiva, Black Diamond, Dynafit, Holyfat, Oofos, 361, Pillar Performance, Scott, Arzt, Snowline & Gepp's.

### **ZUT Livestream and Live-Center**

The Garmisch-Partenkirchen Trail/Golden Trail National Series will be streamed live on YouTube on Friday, 14 June from 9:50 am and hosted by Trail-Magazin editor-inchief Denis Wischniewski and top runner Ida-Sophie Hegemann. All other races can be followed from Friday in a live centre at zugspitz-ultratrail.com.



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