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Great atmosphere, great sport and over 3700 finishers at the legendary Salomon Zugspitz Ultratrail 2024 powered by Ledlenser

Almost 4000 runners from 67 nations, 46 exhibitors, a professional livestream and an exuberant festival atmosphere: the Salomon Zugspitz Ultratrail powered by Ledlenser (ZUT) from 13 to 15 June 2024 was a huge trail running festival. In the end, 3730 runners over 6 distances reached the finish line in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. The organiser has already announced a prominent addition for 2025: the premiere of the ZUT100, the first major 100-mile trail running race around Germany's highest mountain.

It was an epic atmosphere when the *Gerbirgsmusikkorps* of the German Armed Forces sent the almost 700 runners of the Ultratrail out into the night at 10.15 pm on Saturday evening with their own version of "Highway to Hell" in front of thousands of enthusiastic spectators. And for one of them, it couldn't go fast enough: In a fabulous time of 10:59:13 hours, **Pierre Emmanuel Alexandre from Salomon Running Team** Germany confidently won the Zugspitz Ultratrail by a large margin. Marcel Alexander Westenberger from Team Schamel (11:42:33) also showed a strong race and overtook the previously second-placed co-favourite Marcel Höche from Team adidas Terrex before the last VP point, who then completed the podium in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in third place.

The **Austrian Esther Fellhofer from the Asics Trail Team** secured victory in the women's race in 13:56:52 hours ahead of Dynafit athlete Maria Purschke (14:21:37) and local hero Juliane Ilgert from Garmisch-Partenkirchen (15:29:17).

Garmisch-Partenkirchen Trail: double victory for the Innerhofer brothers

The ZUT weekend began on Friday morning with the Garmisch-Partenkirchen Trail. And the **Innerhofer brothers, both competing for Salomon**, showed all their class. While Hans-Peter Innerhofer won last year, this time his brother **Manuel** secured victory in 2:12:17 hours, just 19 seconds ahead of his brother. Alex Oberbacher from Italy completed the podium. **Women's winner: Marion Leiberich** (2:38:46) ahead of Karin Hahn (2:45:09) and Lena Ritzel from the Lowa Trail Racers in 2:47:51).

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Ehrwald Trail: Ida-Sophie Hegemann unbeatable

He was the first to reach the finish line early in the morning in Garmisch-Partenkirchen: **Benedikt Ritter** crossed the finish line well ahead of ahead of schedule after 9:47:17 hours, ahead of Johannes Ostfalk from the Lowa Trailracers (10:20:12) and Daniel Huber in 11:01:19.

Ritter: "Johannes was constantly chasing me, he really pushed me and kept catching up with me at the VPs. Later I think he had a few problems, so I was able to pull away decisively. was able to pull away decisively."

Even more impressive was the performance of **Ida-Sophie Hegemann from The North Face/Volkswagen R**: On Friday morning, she hosted the **livestream** of the Garmisch-Partenkirchen Trail before setting off on the 86-kilometre course in Ehrwald at 11 p.m. in the evening. And how she did: In 10:39:57 hours, she achieved the third-fastest time of the day. Lowa Trail Racer Sandra Saitner came in second, around an hour behind, ahead of Monika Pütz.

Hegemann: "It was tough, especially the snow fields got to me. But the weather was great and it was really fast!"



Leutasch Trail: Ruth Croft aus Neuseeland once again in command

Just as confidently as in 2023 at the Ehrwald Trail, New Zealander Ruth Croft from the adidas Terrex Team won the Leutasch Trail this time in 6:49:23 hours ahead of her team-mate Kim Schreiber (7:36:21) and Simone Schwarz (7:43:03). The men's race was surprisingly won by **Sebastian Jägerfeld** in 6:40:20 hours, just ahead of the favourite American Stephen Kersh (6:41:27) and Kamil Inak (6:45:18).

Mittenwald Trail: Favorite victories for Sven Koch und Holly Page

They were both considered big favourites in the run-up to the race and fully lived up to this role: the two **adidas Terrex athletes Sven Koch (3:37:27) and Holly Page from the UK (4:13:52)** won the Mittenwald Trail. Jakob Milz (4:02:00) and Max Seybold (4:04:15) took second and third place in the men's category, while Norwegian Nora Serres (4:32:10) finished ahead of Sophie Lechner (4:37:34) in the women's category.

Grainau Trail: Top Speed of Moritz auf der Heide

It took just over an hour for Moritz auf der Heide to cross the finish line at the Grainau Trail in 1:06:28 hours. Australian Vlad Ixl came in second, just under five minutes behind, ahead of Benedikt Rindle from the Scarpa Youth Team. The **women's race was dominated by Maria Elesisa Legelli (Brooks Road Runner, 1:26:52)** ahead of Hannah Hermann and Katharina Stark (Volkswagen R).

New in 2025: ZUT100 - the big 100-mile trail running adventure

The next Zugspitz Ultratrail will take place from **12 to 14 June 2025** - and is starting with a bang, as Germany's biggest trail Running event is getting a prominent addition: 2025 there will be the **premiere of the ZUT 100, the first major 100-mile trail running race around Germany's highest highest mountain, the Zugspitze**. The starting signal for the ZUT 100 will be fired immediately after the official opening on Thursday evening in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. It covers the entire route of the Ultratrail, with an additional loop of approx. 57 kilometres from the "Hämmermoosalm" checkpoint. Runners who have successfully completed at least one 100-kilometre race listed with the ITRA since 15 June 2023 are eligible to take part.



Heinrich Albrecht, Managing Director of PLAN B: "We have been pursuing the idea of a 100-mile race around the Zugspitze for a very long time. And the trail running community has also repeatedly expressed the desire for a major alpine 100-mile race in Germany. That's why we are now offering the big 100-mile race around the Zugspitze with the premiere of the ZUT 100 in 2025."

All information about the Zugspitz Ultratrail at zugspitz-ultra.com

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