

Puppy Creek Challenge

25K and 10K Trail Races

Saturday - October 18, 2025 - 8 AM

Start Time: 8 AM **Time limit:** All runners will have 5 hours to complete the race.

Organized by: Port City Pacers Running Club [Information: www.portcitypacers.com or (251) 473-7223]

Location: Puppy Creek Ranch, 14350 Mason Ferry Road, Citronelle, AL 36522

Distance: 25K (5 loops on 5K course) and 10K (2 loops on 5K course). The beautiful 5K course is a true cross country course which includes woods, meadows, creeks, and hills.

Course Support: Take advantage of the water station at the start/finish area. There will be two comfort stations along the course providing water, Gatorade, and light snacks. Participants will have the opportunity to put up small tents/canopies and other supplies in a field close to the race course.

WELCOME: This is the first year of this event put on by the Port City Pacers and the Puppy Creek Ranch. Please go to the Port City Pacers web site for pictures and video of the course.

Directions to Puppy Creek Ranch:

From Mobile: Schillinger Rd to Lott Rd. Lott Rd to Wilmer/Georgetown Rd. (Turn between mile marker 15 & 16). Go past dollar General and turn right on Mason Ferry Rd. Take Mason Ferry for 8.4 miles (2.8 miles on gravel road). Puppy Creek Ranch is on the right.

See enclosed map of the start and parking area. Please park as indicated on the map and proceed to the start area where the registration will also be. You can set up day tents and place your drop bags in the area indicated as day tents. Note that overnight camping is available in the area indicated as tent camping. The fee is \$20 for Friday night only and the fee will be collected Saturday morning at the registration area near the start. Please proceed to the camping area as indicated and the area is self-selecting camping spots. Water and restrooms are located in the covered deck area. There are no showers or hookups available.

The Course

The course is a 5k loop (approximately) and the 10k runners will complete two loops and 25K five loops. Each runner will have a number and the event is timed. Your number will be marked for each loop that you make and at completion of your race please pull the tab and hand it to the person at the finish.

Cautions

This is a running event, on trails. Some of it is a nice and easy trail, some a little gnarly with roots and rocks. Some trails have uneven embankments; there is a water crossing. Use your best judgment and be careful. This is a wild space. There will be animals, possibly a snake, some squirrels, a few birds and there are also will be insects. Lastly, it will most likely be hot and humid, please carry a water bottle or camel bag throughout the day to stay hydrated.

Medical/Injury Issues

Medical/Injury Issues If you are experiencing any medical issues, let us know immediately, and take a break! We will have some experienced medical staff on hand. Please use your best judgment. Don't hurt yourself. Know when to stop.

Amenities/post-race

At the completion of your run, we will hand out finisher's medals and awards for the top three male and female finishers for the 10k and 25k. After your race, please proceed to the covered deck area where there will be hot dogs, Cammie's Old Dutch Ice Cream, and other refreshments.

Thank you to you, the runners and all our volunteers. Without you, these two groups of people, there would be no race. A big thank you to Puppy Creek Ranch for allowing us to use the trails and facilities. And thank you to our 2025 sponsors: Poarch Creek Indians, Old Dutch Ice Cream, Butch Cassisy's Café, Bay Business News and Yard Art.



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