



Untamed New England  
Adventure Race

## **ATP/SALOMON WINS 2009 UNTAMED NEW ENGLAND ADVENTURE RACE**

One team overcomes the wild terrain and outshines the stiff competition

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**Dixville Notch, NH** – Untamed New England crowned the ATP/Salomon team as champions when they crossed the finish line 68 hours and 43 minutes after starting the race. ATP/Salomon, a team of 3 Canadians and 1 American, won in decisive fashion when factoring in their 16 hours of time credits they earned by visiting 4 extra “bonus” checkpoints over the course of the event. Second place honours went to Team Kinetic, a team from Quebec, Canada; Team Kinetic crossed the finish line 66 hours and 50 minutes after the race began, but did not accrue any time bonuses.

The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel made for a luxurious finish line to the arduous 3-day test that was Untamed New England 2009. Teams negotiated muddy and rocky trails on their mountain bikes; racers paddled and battled through churning white water; the event featured hours of orienteering through the mountains of the Crescent Range and the Percy Peaks Wilderness, including miles of off-trail navigation; spanning the states of New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine, the 2009 Untamed New England was a showcase of the beauty, challenge, and variety this region has to offer.

“A true world class course,” commented ATP/Salomon’s Scott Pleban, “you couldn’t let your guard down at all.” Other racers described the course as fun, but relentless: Andrew Reeder from rookie team Had No Plans explained, “I thought we’d come closer to finishing than we did. Now, I have no choice but to come back next year with the aim of doing much, much better!” Only half of the teams that started the race reached the finish line 3 days later; fatigue, injuries, and the weather forced some teams to withdraw prematurely from the course.

The field of 44 teams assembled for Untamed New England 2009 made this the biggest expedition race



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ever for the Northeast.

The official race podium results are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: ATP/Salomon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Team Kinetic
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Berlin Bike / Eastern Mountain Sports and NYARA (tie)

For more on the race, visit [www.UntamedNE.com](http://www.UntamedNE.com), follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Untamed\\_Adv](http://www.twitter.com/Untamed_Adv), or join our FaceBook group at [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=48276787017](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=48276787017). For more about the Adventure Racing World Series, visit [www.ARWorldSeries.com](http://www.ARWorldSeries.com).

### **About Untamed Adventure**

Untamed Adventure is an organization dedicated to balancing rugged endurance competition with environmental responsibility. With over 500 teams having crossed our race starting lines since 2004, Untamed Adventure's multi-sport events maximize participant return on investment by keeping our race fees affordable, but not cutting corners where it really counts. You can tell a difference. Visit [www.UntamedAdventure.com](http://www.UntamedAdventure.com) for more information.

### **About the Adventure Racing World Series**

The Adventure Racing World Series is an international circuit of premiere adventure races representing 10 countries creating a 12 month calendar of professional events around the world. These races act as qualifiers for the Adventure Race World Championship to be held in Portugal '09. Visit [www.ARWorldSeries.com](http://www.ARWorldSeries.com) for more information.