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**Untamed New England
Captain Communication**

#3 — July 2018

From our Race Director

This race is called the **Abenaki Pursuit** because it works on so many levels. There's the historic significance of the Abenaki people who roamed these mountains and shores long before Europeans arrived. This specific race course feels more like a *pursuit* than any before it: this is a linear course where teams will be chasing down one another for days.

For me, there's a deep emotional appeal to a race highlighting an Abenaki culture that is mostly lost to us today. We live in the moment, assigning permanence to everything when the opposite is the reality: nothing is permanent. There's old stone building foundations in the middle of these New England woods (especially around Checkpoint 42) that were vital to the people who built them; now, 100 years later, the forest has mostly overtaken all that hard human work.

I see parallels with adventure racing and, not to get too philosophical, with civilization in general. In setting this Abenaki Pursuit race course, I found almost constant reminders of how the wilderness will claw back what we *tame* and *settle* if given sufficient time. These waters, mountains, and forests are biding their time. For a week at the end of this July, though, we'll go explore on nature's terms and play by it's rules.

♪ No phone, no lights, no motor cars, not a single luxury
-- except for the Pancake Paradise, at Checkpoint 23 ♪

C'mon, I can't get too serious here. This is going to be a blast!
Thanks for trusting in us at Untamed Adventure because this one is different.



A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grant Killian'.

Grant Killian – Director, Untamed Adventure Racing

PADDLE CLINIC REMINDER

There are still spaces available for the ACA Level 3 kayak “refresher” clinics being held in conjunction with the race. Signup is open online at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Store/NH/Durham/UntamedNewEngland>

through this Sunday July 15th; after that, no further registrations for the kayak clinics will be accepted.



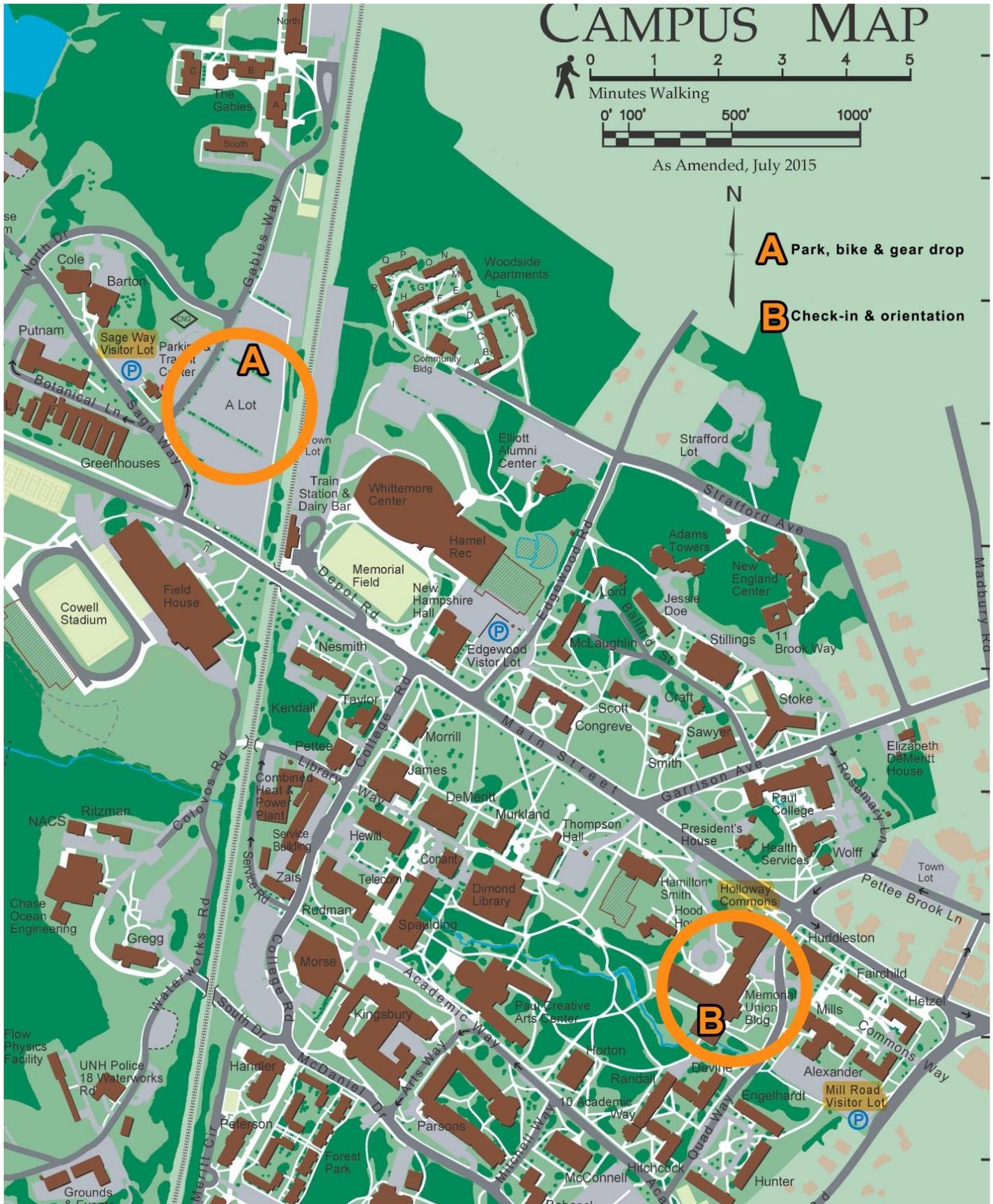
LEAVING VEHICLES AT UNH DURING THE RACE

There is a fee for leaving cars at the UNH campus lot (where it's lighted and patrolled by security). A UNH parking pass is required. The race is providing one pass per team to park one car; you'll receive this pass when your team checks-in to the race on Tuesday July 24th.

Additional parking passes can be purchased for \$50 per additional car; these can be purchased online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Store/NH/Durham/UntamedNewEngland>

Team Check-In Map (University of New Hampshire -- Durham, NH)

Refer to the map below and the instructions on the next page



Race Check-in Details

Between 8:30 AM and 12 Noon on Tuesday July 24th, official race check-in will take place at the UNH campus in Durham, NH.

Teams should park at **location A** on the map; this is the “A Lot” and it’s where we’ll have 7 UHaul trucks and staff to collect your mountain bikes and gear bins.

Before arriving, print [a temporary parking pass](#) and put it on your car dashboard. During race check-in, you’ll receive your one official long-term parking pass (or any others that you’ve bought in advance – see [here](#) to buy additional passes). This lot is lit and patrolled by security, so it’s a good spot to keep your cars for the duration of the event.

The “A Lot” is about a 12 minute walk from **location B** which is the “Memorial Union Building” where the other formalities of Untamed New England check-in and orientation takes place.

The time windows assigned to each team are in the previous Captain Communication, or you can see them [online here](#). Please be punctual.

Every team will visit stations covering the following (this all takes place at **location B**):

1. Registration – waivers & race bibs & some race loot for everyone
2. Skills verification – paddling safety
3. Skills verification - UTM plotting
4. Satellite tracking beacon safety
5. Mobile Phone verification and sealing
 - a. The fully charged mobile phone is the only gear you need to bring to the check-in
6. Media Stop (photos & interviews)
7. Bike numbers

Once you’ve completed the above stations, you’ll be given your *official bike numbers*. Return to **location A**, attach the bike numbers to your mountain bikes and ensure your team numbers are clearly labeled on your gear bins. Next, drop your assembled mountain bikes and gear bins at the UHaul trucks at **location A**.

Once you leave your mountain bikes and gear bins with race staff, they will be loaded onto trucks and you **cannot access them**. You’ll see your bins later that evening, but not your bikes. Please review the right side-bar on what can and cannot be attached to the bikes when you leave them with race staff.

Note: if teams want to complete bike and gear drop at location A before their designated check-in time, they can go to location B to collect *just* their bike numbers and then they can drop bikes and gear ahead of their official scheduled time window. Please don’t arrive before 8:30 AM (*cough: Alex Provost*).

WHAT CAN I LEAVE ON MY BIKE WHEN I LEAVE IT WITH RACE STAFF

For simplicity, the following rules apply to *any* time that racers leave mountain bikes with race staff for transport. This applies at race check-in and during the race.

We will allow seat-post pouches and other attachments to the bike frame and handlebars that are products designed to attach to a bike (like bottle holder, bike computer, map-board, pump, etc) and that weigh no more than 5 pounds.

Please don’t sling a Jansport backpack over the seatpost and call it a “MTB-Carrier-X (*cough: Alex Provost*)”. That doesn’t count.

You can leave a maximum of one non-empty water bottle attached to each bike.

The race is not responsible for anything that comes loose during transit.



WHAT’S FOR DINNER ON TUESDAY NIGHT?

We’ve arranged for pizzas for each team on Tues night and you can order what you like. Use the online Team Center (<http://www.UntamedNE.com/teams.aspx>) to make your choices and please do this by Saturday July 14th or else you’ll be stuck with plain cheese or “adventure nuggets.”

For Weds morning, we have a breakfast arranged of fruit, oatmeal, bagels, etc.



1:30 PM Official Race Welcome

After all teams have completed their race check-in on Tuesday July 24th, we have a short break and then we move straight into the Official Race Welcome. This takes place in **location B** on the UNH Campus Map.

There are scheduled remarks from a number of people, then we immediately transition into the work of transporting teams to the race region.

Come to the Official Race Welcome ready to head into the bush. Each racer may bring a small bag or pack with food, water, a book (no maps!), etc – plan to be in transit until 8 PM that evening. Be wearing your race bibs for identification purposes and bring no additional electronics or maps with you. You may choose to bring your one phone we sealed during the check-in in case of emergency, but if you leave it in the gear bin you leave with race staff at **location A** that's fine too – you'll be reunited with all your gear bins on Tuesday evening.

Live Race Coverage

The race website at <http://www.UntamedNE.com/> includes a "Race Live Coverage Site" that will be the hub for all news, photos, videos, live GPS tracking of teams, and much more.

Share this link with friends and family who can follow your progress during the race, and we will be delivering Trail Mail to racers at a couple junctures on the course, so if they send you Trail Mail their cheers can really lift your spirits!

We're on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/UntamedNE> and Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/untamednewengland/> and Twitter at https://twitter.com/Untamed_Adv

Fund Raising for ShelterBox During the Race

We're in the process of updating the live race website to encourage online spectators to support the teams by making a contribution to ShelterBox. The race has generous prizes from Ultimate Direction, Mammut, MadAthlete.com, and others for the top fund-raising teams through this effort, so help us spread the word by sharing your team bio page and the main race website with your family and friends.

Important consideration: even for teams that don't raise money for ShelterBox, you can raise *awareness* and *name recognition* which can go a long way to advancing the disaster relief efforts of this great charity!

OFFICIAL RACE SHIRTS

Teams will not receive their official race shirts at the race check-in. Instead, they'll receive them at the post-race awards.

We **will** have a special run of shirts distributed pre-race just for the first 10 teams who were "earliest adopters" in the ShelterBox fundraising effort. Sincere thanks to these first 10 teams for helping us get off the ground with this:

- Rootstock Racing
- Chaos Machine
- Nerdquist
- Untamed New England
- Goose Adventure Racing
- Pain Syndicate
- 361 Adventures
- Mercators
- Team MONARX
- Team YERT

3 Captain Communications

For reference purposes, these are the three Captain Communications in advance of the 2014 Untamed New England race:

1. February 2018:
http://www.untamedne.com/media/CaptainComm1_2018.pdf
2. June 2018:
[http://www.untamedne.com/media/CaptainComm2_2018 .pdf](http://www.untamedne.com/media/CaptainComm2_2018.pdf)
3. July 2018 (this Communication):
http://www.untamedne.com/media/CaptainComm3u_2018.pdf

Concluding Remarks

While the above is all important information, we know what you're most interested in . . . so without further delay, let us share below our visualization of the 2018 Untamed New England expedition race. On the pages that follow, we have a much more detailed course overview with estimated timings and lots of information to help you pack and prepare these final couple weeks.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Durham, NH in 2 weeks!

-Grant Killian and the staff of Untamed Adventure

Untamed New England 2018 Course Visual





2018 COURSE OVERVIEW

THE ABENAKI PURSUIT



“Without adventure, civilization is in full decay.”

-Alfred North Whitehead

Leg 1	Stats	Time Estimates
 TREKKING	17 miles (27 km) distance + 5,150 ft (1,570 m) ascent -6,000 ft (1,829 m) descent	Fastest estimate: 8:30 hours To finish full course estimate: 12:00 hours
Transition Area #1 at end of leg has . . .		Notes
Personal racer gear bins	Mountain bikes	CP 1-9, concludes at TA 1 (CP 9) Team gear bins will be present at CP 4. For CPs 1-4, a mandatory race gear amendment is in effect; the only mandatory gear for CPs 1-4 are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal gear <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Official race bib b. Whistle 2. Team gear <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. First aid kit b. Sealed mobile phone c. Compasses d. Race provided GPS tracking device

Leg 2	Stats	Time Estimates
 BIKING & CANOEING	61 miles (98 km) distance + 2,600 ft (792 m) ascent -3,000 ft (914 m) descent	Fastest estimate: 11:00 hours To Finish estimate: 15:00 hours
Transition Area #3 at end of leg has . . .		Notes
Team paddle gear bins	Mountain bikes 	Biking precedes canoeing. Team paddle bin present mid Leg at TA 2 (at start of the canoe sections). CP 10-18, concludes at TA 3 (CP 18) Approximate 50/50 split between biking and canoeing

Leg 3	Stats	Time Estimates
	70 miles (113 km) distance	Fastest estimate: 10:30 hours To Finish estimate: 15:00 hours
	+ 6,500 ft (1,981 m) ascent	
	-5,900 ft (1,798 m) descent	
Transition Area #4 at end of leg has . . .		Notes
 Personal racer gear bins		CP 19 – 32, concludes at TA 4 (CP 32) CP 27 has the MTB-O relay course and “Pancake Paradise” where we have fresh pancakes for sale as a ShelterBox fundraiser; \$10 per person or 2 people for \$15. Electrical outlets and potable water will be available at the location of the MTB-O relay course. *Teams must complete this leg by 3 AM on Friday July 27 th or be routed onto a short-course

Leg 4	Stats	Time Estimates
	18 miles (29 km) distance	Fastest estimate: 5:00 hours To Finish estimate: 8:00 hours
	+ 4,600 ft (1,402 m) ascent	
	-4,500 ft (1,372 m) descent	
Transition Area #5 at end of leg has . . .		Notes
 Mountain bikes		CP 33-35, concludes at TA 5 (CP 35) No gear bins will be present at TA #5.

Leg 5	Stats	Time Estimates
	64 miles (100 km) distance	Fastest estimate: 10:00 hours To Finish estimate: 14:00 hours
	+ 4,200 ft (1,280 m) ascent	
	-5,550 ft (1,692 m) descent	
Transition Area #6 at end of leg has . . .		Notes
 Personal racer gear bins	 Team paddle gear bins	CP 36-53, concludes at TA 6 (CP 53). Bikes will be dropped at CP 50 Approximate 75/25 split between biking and trekking
		

Leg 6	Stats	Time Estimates
	24 miles (39 km) distance + 140 ft (43 m) ascent -320 ft (98 m) descent	Fastest estimate: 4:30 hours To Finish estimate: 8:00 hours
Transition Area #7 at end of leg has . . .		Notes
 Personal racer gear bins	 Team paddle gear bins	CP 54-55, concludes at TA 7 (CP 55).
 	 Mountain bike (one per team – bike & tie starts next leg)	

Leg 7	Stats	Time Estimates
	59 miles (95 km) distance + 4,550 ft (1,387 m) ascent -4,120 ft (1,256 m) descent	Fastest estimate: 11:00 hours To Finish estimate: 18:00 hours
Transition Area #8 at end of leg has . . .		Notes
 Personal racer gear bins	 Team paddle gear bins	CP 56-71, concludes at TA 8 (CP 71). Approximate 75/25 split between biking and other activities
 		

Leg 8	Stats	Time Estimates
	20 miles (32 km) distance + 0 ft (0 m) ascent -0 ft (0 m) descent	Fastest estimate: 4:00 To Finish estimate: 7:00
Dark Zone		Notes
For safety, a “dark zone” is in effect for this leg of the race from 3 PM to 3 AM. No team may start on this leg between 3 PM and 3 AM; they will be held at TA 8 until 3 AM. Time credit will be given for any wait at this “dark zone” – if one arrives at 11 PM, for example, one can’t leave until 3 AM the next morning and the team will receive a 4 hour time credit to their overall finish time.		CP 71-74, concludes at FINISH LINE (CP 74).