

19.0 Course Addition to DRB50K To Create the TARC 50M

Mile	Marker	Description
	NM	You've just completed the DRB50K course and now are standing at the concession stand at the end of Houghton's Pond parking lot. Head out clockwise around Houghton's Pond.
	NM	About half way around the far side of Houghton's Pond, you will come to a Y. Go left over a grassy area to the paved road – Blue Hill River Rd (this road leads to picnic area if you go left – DON'T go left).
	NM	Take a right on the paved road and then a left on the next paved road (Blue Hill St), which will take you over the highway 93 to the Ponkapoag loop. After passing through the gate where the reservation map is posted, take your first left on to the green dot trail. Take the green dot trail all of the way around Ponkapoag in a clockwise direction. This will take you past an AMC camp and a golf course. You will need to cross a par-3 fairway, so please be respectful of the golfers teeing off. This course attracts mostly high-handicappers, so be on the look out for stray tee shots!
	NM	Upon arriving back at the Ponkapoag entrance gate, return to Houghton's Pond by the same route, i.e. take the paved road across the highway, take your first right onto the paved road (Blue Hill River Rd) heading into the reservation, and take a left back over the grassy area. This will return you to the same spot on the yellow dot Houghton's Pond loop from which you left to go over to Ponkapoag. Finish the clockwise loop around the pond.
	NM	Continue running through the starting line of the race in front of the concession stand until you pass the bath house. Bear right to stay on the trail closest to the pond. Upon reaching the end of the pond, cross the dirt road, staying to the left of the picnic tables, and go straight into the woods. This is the same way you entered the woods at the beginning of the race after the initial counterclockwise Houghton's Pond loop.
	NM	Take the first left. Generally stay to the right on this trail, although don't take any <u>sharp</u> right hand turns until you get to 2092.
	2092	At 2092 go right onto Angle Path (NM); then take 1 st left (NM) eventually joining the white triangle trail. Stay straight until 2132
	2132	Go right onto Beech Hollow Path (NM) then take the 2nd left (2146) which runs along side of the old Route 128 (paved road)
	2163	At the top of the hill, take a right to rejoin the white triangle path
	2176	Reach the grassy pipeline path; go left towards the road and small parking lot. Cross the road and pick up the pipeline trail briefly
	3005	Take 1 st right off pipeline trail after cross the road.
	3044	Be sure to stay to right at the Y at 3044. Do <u>NOT</u> go to the left up the steeper, rocky trail.
	3072	Go left at 3072 onto the Braintree Pass Path (NM)
	NM	Take the 2 nd right. This turn is immediately <u>before</u> you enter the major trail intersection at 3042. After this turn, take another quick right turn onto Bouncing Brook Path.
	3073	At Y stay left going up Side Notch Path up the hill (NM)
	3090	Another confusing intersection of multiple trails. Stay straight and go down hill towards the road. At the Y stay left to road. Take left on road, cross the street at parking area and enjoy the view of downtown Boston. At the first break in the stone wall after the viewing area, go right down the Cedar Rock Path (NM). At 1 st Y <u>stay to the left</u> and at second intersection stay to the right. Take this fairly wide trail all the way down the hill to the pipeline.
	4012	Upon arriving at a T at the pipeline trail at 4012 go right onto the pipeline trail (also called Headquarters Path) (NM)
	4048	There is NM for 4048 so look for a small white sign on the left "To CCC" and take that left onto an overgrown trail (Sassaman Path) (NM). This trail is the cross country part of the course. Lots of downed trees to hop over. You'll feel like you are running in a river bed.
	4023	As you come into a clearing with grass, you will be tempted to go straight towards 4042 - <u>but DON'T</u> . Instead take left at the Y towards 4043 (NM) on an overgrown trail. Notice the bronze marker in the stone on your right marking the Conservation Corps HQ from years ago. This too is a cross country course with lots of downed trees.
	4010	At 4010 you've reached the NE most point of the run. Take a right at 4010 and the next right again onto the Sawcut Notch Path (NM).
	4042	Stay left at 4042 continuing on the Sawcut Notch Path which eventually crosses the pipeline path again at 4066
	4083	Stay left at 4083. You're tracing the perimeter of the Blue Hills so you will see a tall fence with netting on your left, a cell tower in the distance. Stay straight on this trail. You'll pass through an area that feels like a mini rock canyon with rocks on either side of the path. Follow this path all the way to the road (Wampatuck Rd) where just before reaching the road you will cross the blue blaze Skyline trail again.
	NM	Cross the road and go through the gate. At next intersection stay straight. You will run in-between the two ponds on a path.
	NM	After passing the pond on the right take the first immediate right into the pines – this is marked by a blue blaze. You remain on this trail which goes clockwise around the pond. DO NOT go left onto the Skyline trail (blue blaze) when it splits in the pines. You come upon a wooden footbridge over a creek bed that then leads up to a small steep hill, coming out on a pipeline path.

NM	At the pipeline path goes left towards the green exhaust pipe with a green dot on it. Follow this path up a small hill to an intersection where there is a post with a green dot and "4202" written in black market above it.
4202	Take the right at the 4202 post onto Murphy's Path (NM). Stay straight at next intersection and left at the next, following this path to 4220 where you first entered the ponds after crossing the street.
4220	At this 4-way intersection go left on the gravel path heading back up a slight hill towards the road and the gate. Before reaching the gate take the left onto a small trail (NM). This trail is marked with green dots. Cross the road, where you will see a granite post with "Quarry Trail" on it. Go past this post, keeping right at the first intersection,, staying on the green dot trail. Shortly thereafter, the Skyline Trail (marked with the familiar light blue blazes) comes in from the right, and for a short stretch the trail will be marked with both green dots and blue blazes. After a short stretch, the Skyline Trail diverges to the left – FOLLOW the Skyline. The Skyline winds around a mini-quarry and over some short ups and downs until you reach the stone steps going up Rattlesnake Hill. At the top of the steps, take a left OFF OF THE SKYLINE TRAIL and scramble to the top of the rocks for a great view, rivaling the view from Buck Hill as the best in the race. Several metal poles in the rocks will validate that you are in the right place. This detour is a REQUIRED part of the course! After enjoying the view, scramble back down to the Skyline Trail, go left, and head down the other side. Be VERY CAREFUL, as this may be the most treacherous downhill in the race, especially after some 40 odd miles of running! Continue to the bottom until you come to a T.
NM	Take a right at the T, OFF of the Skyline Trail, which goes to the left.
4151	Go past 4153 on your left, staying straight. At the T at 4151 take a left.
4142	After 4151 take your 1 st left at 4142.
4120	At the T go right onto 4120 (Indian Camp Path) (NM)
4090	Just before reaching 4090 where there is a sign showing the new green dot trail, take the hard left onto a NM small trail that is overgrown. <u>DO NOT</u> miss this! This path can be hard to follow at times – it is single track, narrow and overgrown – but it IS there. Periodically there are faded orange blazes on the trees – these will help you stay on course.
4073	At 1 st T at 4073 take a left onto Pine Tree Brook Path (NM)
NM	Take the first right back onto a small, overgrown trail. This heads towards the road which you'll hear and eventually see ahead. You'll cross a brook/stream and the trail continues straight up a steep hill on the other side. Here again there are some faded orange blazes on the trees, which can be very useful in staying on course. Upon reaching the road which is elevated in front of you, follow the trail to the right next to the road. It eventually comes out at the road and then the trail immediately makes a sharp right turn back into the woods.
NM	At the next intersection take a left, heading back up towards the road again. Cross the road here and find the trail directly across, heading to the right up a slope. Follow up slope to a Y staying straight and heading up the slope. (i.e. don't take right back down hill)
NM	Take the next right onto a very small trail (NM) that is marked by a large granite rock on the right. This trail will follow along the base of the rock (looks like a deer path). Stay on this trail until you see a picnic table. Before reaching the table take the trail on your left heading up a small hill into the pines.
3075	This trail leads you between the stone tower at Chickatawbut and a covered stone picnic pavilion. After crossing in-between, you'll reach an intersection at 3075. go left up a slight slope and then take the first right onto another small NM trail. This trail too can be hard to follow. At the crest of the first climb, bear right and follow the trail all the way up to a fence and then go right at the fence until it reaches a paved road.
NM	Cross the paved road and pick up the trail again continuing to follow the fence line for a while and eventually down a hill. You'll hear the road in the distance. Follow this trail (NM) all the way down to the road. It leads you to the pipeline path again. Go straight across the pipeline path and pick up the trail again taking a slight right and then an immediate left (orange dot?). this will bring you out to the road.
NM	Cross the road to the old abandoned brown barn. At the barn find the trail on the left. Follow this down as it parallels Chickatawbut Road. Follow this as it parallels the road all the way to the Ranger station. The white triangle trail follows some of this part of the course but be sure to stay on the trail that parallels the road. As you emerge onto the paved road stay to the left on the trail paralleling the road running towards the aid station used at miles 13,16 and 26 across from park headquarters.
	Just as you did at mile 26, bear left to follow the dirt road into the woods (briefly hooking up with the Skyline trail) until you reach the paved road. Turn right this time (you turned left here at mile 26) and follow the pavement then dirt road 0.3 miles to the bath house at Houghton's Pond. Turn right on the main trail next to Houghton's Pond, following 250 yards to the start/finish line in the parking lot.