

Race Around Birds 2021

About the Race

The Birds of Vermont Museum is hosting both an On-Your-Own “virtual” and a group trail race this fall. Runners (and walkers) will use our trail system here at the Museum, on Sherman Hollow Road in Huntington. You may compete in one or the other or both!

There is no charge for this, but donations are certainly appreciated. There are boxes and QR codes on kiosks at the trailheads.

The On-Your-Own (Virtual) Race

From October 23 – November 5, you will keep track of your own start and finish times. You may run (or walk) the course multiple times on different days, in order to improve your times, and you may enter both the short and long race (see below). You may run in groups of up to three or four if you distance yourselves (as normal runners do).

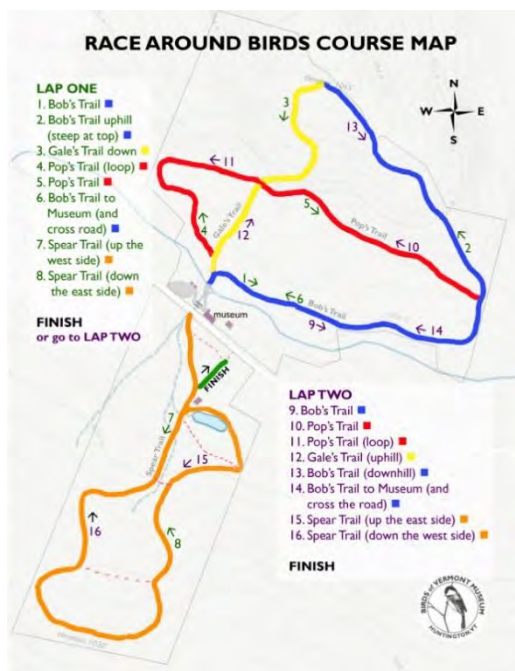
Runners and walkers may come to the Museum at any time from daylight to dusk. No dogs and no nights.

Registration forms will be in a marked box to the left of the Museum’s front door. Fill out a form for each time you race. Then, when you’re ready, mark your starting time, leave your form, take a map and GO. At the end, record your time and leave your form in the box for finishers.

The Group Race (Race Day)

On November 6, the Museum is hosting a more traditional trail run. Race time is at 10a.m. Please carpool.

The Course



This is a trail race with some steep uphill climbs. Some segments are more like single-track mountain trails. This is a HARD course.

There are two separate options, using the same course (trails): a one-lap 3.6-mile race, and a two-lap 7.2-mile race (distances are approximate).

The course is well-marked and you will return to the Museum in the middle of each lap. There are no supplies and no first aid stations on the course.

The course is essentially a loop on each side of the road. Think of it as a figure 8 (although the loop on the north side of the creek is a more convoluted than a simple loop).

Dates

Run or walk on your own any time from October 23 to November 5. Trails are open sunrise to sunset. Dogs are not permitted on our trails. Come on Race Day November 6th to run with other people.

Race Options

3.6-mile and/or 7.2-mile; walk or run. You can choose your distance for both Virtual and Group races.

If you are doing the short distance, you will cover each trail loop once. For the longer race, you run them twice, but on the second pass you run the opposite direction.

Birder option

Birding while walking is highly encouraged! All participants who contribute to a citizen science project during their run/walk will be entered into a drawing at the end of the race period.

Classes

Classes are by runner/walker, and by age (sort of) and gender (generally):

Ages:

Kiddos

Youngish

Middlish

Oldish

Genders:

Female

Male

Non-binary

Prefer not to say

How to Sign Up

Paper registration forms will be in a marked box to the left of the Museum's front door. Fill out the form and when ready, mark your starting time, leave your form, take your map and GO. At the end of the on-your-own (virtual) race, record your time and leave your form in the box marked for this.

Online registration is available as well. Visit <https://birdsofvermont.org/event/race-around-birds-2021/> (you may find this link also works: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/race-around-birds-2021-registration-168591502723>)

There is no charge for this, but donations are much appreciated! There are boxes for cash or checks on kiosks near trailheads. Or use this link: <https://birdsofvermont.org/donate/> or scan the QR code at the kiosks. **Thank you!**

Course Map and Trail Notes

RACE AROUND BIRDS COURSE MAP

LAP ONE

1. Bob's Trail ■
2. Bob's Trail uphill (steep at top) ■
3. Gale's Trail down ■
4. Pop's Trail (loop) ■
5. Pop's Trail ■
6. Bob's Trail to Museum (and cross road) ■
7. Spear Trail (up the west side) ■
8. Spear Trail (down the east side) ■

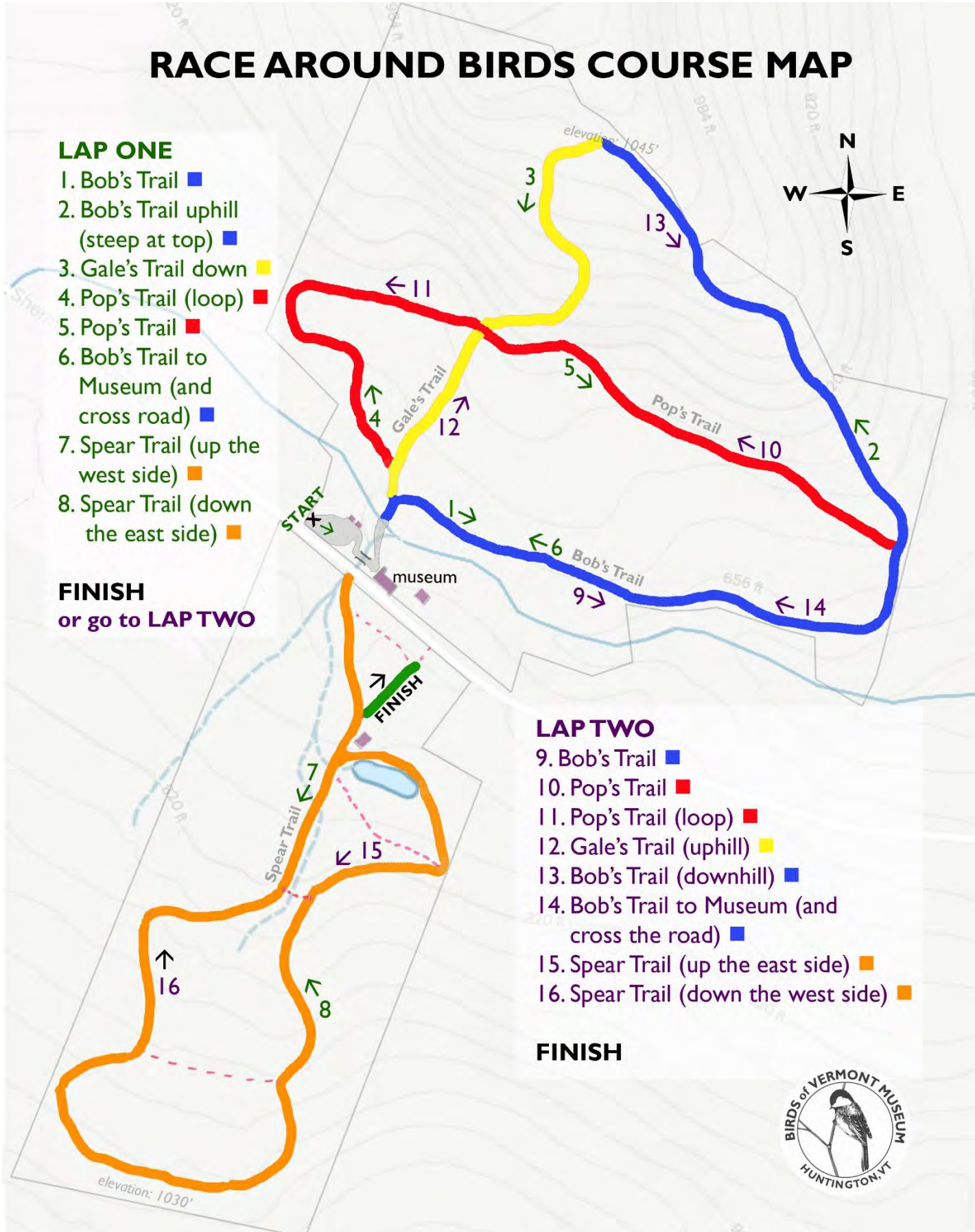
FINISH

or go to **LAP TWO**

LAP TWO

9. Bob's Trail ■
10. Pop's Trail ■
11. Pop's Trail (loop) ■
12. Gale's Trail (uphill) ■
13. Bob's Trail (downhill) ■
14. Bob's Trail to Museum (and cross the road) ■
15. Spear Trail (up the east side) ■
16. Spear Trail (down the west side) ■

FINISH



Racers' Notes

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The course is well-marked and you will return to the Museum in the middle of each lap. There are no supplies and no first aid stations on the course. Bathrooms and water are available only if the Museum is open (Weds-Sun, 10am – 4pm).

The course comprises a loop on each side of the road. Think of it as a figure 8 (although the loop on the north side of the creek is more convoluted than a simple loop).

The START is at the west end of the Museum’s parking lot (self-timers, use the parking lot sign that is further from the Museum).

The FINISH line is a side trail off the Spear Trail and you will only take this bit when you are ending your final lap.

If you are doing the short race, you will run the course once (labelled in green on the map). For the longer race, you cover the course twice, but on the second pass you run the opposite direction (labelled in purple on the map).

At the end of the On-Your-Own (Virtual) race, record your time and leave your form in the box for finishers.

On Race Day, we will have timing devices.

Results will be announced in November.

If you share photos or comments online, we encourage you to use these hashtags:

#RaceAroundBirds #RaceAroundBirds2021 #birdsofvermontmuseum #runningisforthebirds
#trailrace #virtualrace #huntingtonvt #trailrunning #trailrunner