

June 20, 2020

Hello Kesugi enthusiast,

Great news: The Kesugi Ridge 30-mile Traverse will happen on Aug. 29! Thanks to Alaska State Parks/Denali State Park for permit approval.

Key details:

- Lottery registration will open at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 22 and close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 28; registration is free. A randomized lottery will be conducted June 29 and the roster will be announced on Tuesday, June 30.
- Only the Kesugi Ridge 30-mile from Little Coal Creek to Byers Lake will be held. There will NOT be a 15-mile Half Traverse in 2020.
- 85 *qualified* entrants will be accepted; there will NOT be a waitlist in 2020.
- Non-Alaskan entrants may enter but they must adhere to the state of Alaska's COVID-19 testing and quarantine mandate. See this website <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/> and search for more information at adn.com
- Qualifiers are required of all applicants by the close of registration on June 28 (see list on race website or Ultrasignup page); Please do not register without a qualifier; your registration will be denied. It will NOT be possible to hold a spot and qualify later in the summer. Contact the race director if you are uncertain of your qualifier.
- A 15-mile training run on the Turnagain Arm Trail (roundtrip between Potter and Rainbow trailheads) in 3:45 or faster has been added as an acceptable qualifier.
- There will be two mass starts at Little Coal Creek Trailhead with 35-40 runners each. Wave 1 will begin at 9 a.m. and Wave 2 will begin at 9:30 or 9:45 a.m.
- There will be no official race shuttles. Pre- and post-race transportation will be the sole responsibility of the racers and they will be expected to carpool given the limited parking.
- More information will be posted at [kesugiridgetraverse.com](http://kesugiridgetraverse.com) and the Ultrasignup Kesugi race page as a COVID-19 mitigation plan is created.