

**Silverton Ultra Marathon
55K Turn Sheet**

| | Go: | Total Miles: | To: |
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| Start at 12 th & Green Street | .88 miles | .88 miles | South on Green St to Hwy 550 to County Rd 31 |
| Turn Left on Cty Rd 31 (P&G Rd) | 1.23 | 2.11 | End of Cty Rd 31 (P&G Rd) at Animas River |
| Turn Left and follow river bank | .08 | 2.19 | Train tracks |
| Turn right on railroad track, cross bridge | 4.13 | 6.32 | Colorado Trail bridge over Animas River |
| Take Colorado trail to | 4.94 | 11.26 | Big pine tree just before highway 550 at the top of Molas Pass |
| Turn left off trail paralling highway | .12 | 11.36 | Paved parking lot at the top of Molas Pass. Aid 1 |
| Cross Hwy 550 at entrance to paved parking lot and go right (North) | .14 | 11.52 | To Colo Trail |
| Turn left on Colo Trail | 10.36 | 21.88 | Engineer Mountain Trail |
| Turn right on Colo Trail | .05 | 21.93 | To Aid 2 at pond |
| Continue straight on Colorado Trail | .81 | 22.74 | To unmarked Rico-Silverton Trail at base of Rolling Pass. There is a tall wood post here just past a rock band that goes down the S. Mineral Creek Drainage |
| Turn Right on faint Rico-Silverton Trail | 2.39 | 25.13 | S. Mineral Creek Rd / Bandera Mine. Aid 5 |
| Head down S. Mineral Creek Rd. | .77 | 25.9 | to a 1 car wide jeep road on your left. Turn right and head down the faint narrow trail to S. Mineral Creek. |
| Faint, steep, narrow trail | .1 | 26 | S. Mineral Creek |
| Cross S. Mineral Creek, go through the willows and climb the steep trail into the forest | 1.1 | 27 | to where the trail begins to traverse and descend down a rock field. |
| The trail contours the mountain and heads ESE. Cross several streams. | .9 | 27.9 | Porcupine Creek |
| The trees end at the Porcupine stream edge and you are looking at a steep hillside meadow. Go directly (E) up this meadow until you intersect a trail and turn right (SE). The trail passes about 100 feet to the left of two waterfalls and will take you above the hanging wall of Porcupine Creek. There, the stream is to your right and several hundred feet below you. Your target is the low saddle located directly in front of you as you come over the hanging wall. | .8 | 28.7 | Porcupine Creek and Cateract Creek Saddle. |

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| <p>Porcupine-Cataract Saddle. Look across Cataract Basin at the far ridge to the East(Peak 13,042'). The right side of the ridge is where you are headed. In the dark you may only see headlamps up there. Dropping about 50 vertical feet, angle right picking up one of the sheep trails for your traverse across Cataract Basin. Your target on the traverse is the saddle on the far side (E) of the basin between Cataract Basin and Lime Creek basin to the South.</p> | .8 | 29.5 | Base of the 13,042' mountain |
| <p>At the east end of Cataract Basin, at the saddle, turn left and begin a steep .2 mi climb up the 13,042' mountain to a well-established sheep trail just below the top of the mountain.</p> | .2 | 30.1 | trail just below the top of the 13,042 Mountain. |
| <p>Turn right on the sheep trail and head SE. Follow this trail down the ridge line to about 50 yards above the bottom of the saddle. Turn left and head north and stay on the west side of the basin as you descend to the Putnam Aid station.</p> | .4 | 30.5 | Putnam Basin |
| <p>Putnam-Lime Creek Saddle. (Note: Putnam Basin is not named on the Drake Map. It is the basin E of the unnamed Peak 13,042' at the head of Copper Gulch.) To get across upper Putnam Basin, angle left (N) on a mixture of trail/crosscountry, aiming for the flat area at 12,000' just above the hanging wall near the headwaters of Putnam Creek. The flat and stream crossing are directly E of the Peak 13,042'. Cross Putnam Creek, climb a short hill and pick up the trail, and angle off to the ENE. There are a couple of short switchbacks that take you through several cliffs and across several side streams where footing is marginal. The trail stays to the left and high above Putnam Creek as it drops into</p> | 1.6 | 32.1 | Putnam Aid Station |

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| the lower basin. The aid station is located near timberline. | | | |
| Follow the Bear Creek Trail out of the Putnam Aid Station all the way down to where the terrain flattens out and you are just above Mineral Creek and Hwy 550. As you exit Bear Creek into the Mineral Creek drainage, the terrain flattens and becomes a little hard to find. Continue to parallel Bear Creek, between it and some fence posts. Highway 550 is across Mineral Creek in front of you. Just past the last fence post, angle right (ENE) toward Bear Creek, going downstream parallel to Mineral Creek. Just above the confluence of Bear Creek and Mineral Creek, there will be a fixed rope to aid your crossing of Mineral Creek. | 3.6 | 35.7 | Mineral Creek |
| Once across Mineral Creek, work your way 20 yards down Mineral Creek past the swampy area and climb up onto Highway 550. Turn left (WNW), cross the highway, and go upstream about 50 yards. Make a hard right turn (ENE) on the Nute Chute Trail. You are going to go high to the left and parallel to Highway 550 towards Silverton. The trail follows a bench up under the electrical power line, passes a two-poled power line support, and climbs to the railroad bed at the point where you are directly across from the Silverton Bear Creek. Turn right (SE) on the railroad bed and follow this nearly level path through the aspens. After about 0.6mi, above a log building, the wide track merges into a trail across a red talus slope. At the end of the talus slope, the trail merges into a jeep road that you follow to the Shrine of the Mines road. | 1.2 | 36.9 | Shrine Rd |
| Left on Shrine Rd. Follow this road for a long .25 mile to the trail that is directly across the road from the Shrine statue. | .25 | 37.15 | single track trail down field to 10th street |

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| Turn right on single track trail across from Shrine on left | .1 | 37.25 | 10 th Street |
| Go 2 blocks down 10 th St | .11 | 37.36 | To Snowden |
| Turn left on Snowden and go 2 blocks | .14 | 37.5 | To 12 th St. |
| Turn Right on 12 th Street and go 2 blocks | .09 | 37.59 | To finish |