

YOUNGSTOWN ULTRA TRAIL-CLASSIC

A DAY IN THE PARK | by bob combs

The third annual YUT-C 50 km ultra run was completed on Saturday, September 22, 2007. The race took place on a scenic course in Youngstown, Ohio in Mill Creek Park. The course winds around the park and passes by three lakes, streams, and numerous waterfalls. Also part of the scenery is a historic grist mill, a covered bridge, and many Civilian Construction Corps buildings and pavilions.

The weather was perfect for a day in the park, starting on the cool side with the temperatures in the upper 50s, progressing to a high in the mid 80s. The runners came from ten different states, including Jim Simpson from California, who is touring the east and running as many ultras and marathons as he can get to. After finishing the YUT-C race, Jim was off to Illinois for a marathon on Sunday. Also participating in the race was 12-time Hardrock finisher John Dewalt from Pennsylvania.

Mill Creek Park is one of the larger urban parks in America, and even though northeast Ohio is not known for its hills, the course proved to be challenging, as 51 out of the 60 starters finished the run. The course is comprised of mostly winding, dirt single track trail, with about 15 percent smooth but scenic pavement over the 31

miles. There are rocks and roots along the trail and a sturdy shoe is recommended for protecting the feet. Over the history of the race only three people have broken five hours, and many runners are really surprised by the difficulty of the route.

This year, a new course record was set by Mike Shuster from Virginia, who covered the course in 4:25. In second place was Jay Layshock, who improved his position from last year by one place, finishing in 4:55. Rounding out the podium on the men's side was Mike Price in 5:12. On the women's side in first place was Bonnie Hartman from Ohio in 5:40. In second place was Sabine Kane in 5:55, followed by Candice Lockard in 6:11.

All runners received a long-sleeved, technical T-shirt along with a packet that was well-stocked with gear from the generous race sponsors. There was pizza and soup at the finish line along with a lot of camaraderie amongst the runners. This is an event that is put on by ultrarunners for ultrarunners.

The race date will be moved into October next year to accommodate local options for distance running in the Northeast Ohio area. For more information on the YUT-C and local trail running, please go to www.TeamPR.info.

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YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

SEPTEMBER 22 - TRAILS

1. Mike Schuster, 34, VA	4:25:46!
2. Jay Layshock, 43, OH	4:55:33
3. Mike Price, 48, PA	5:12:20
4. Ron Ross, 49, OH	5:15:50
5. Bonnie Hartmann, 42, OH	5:40:26
6. Greg Buzulencia, 25, NY	5:41:22
7. Dave Peterman, 45, OH	5:42:19
8. Mitch Pfeifer, 42, OH	5:44:40
9. Jim Harris, 42, OH	5:45:00
10. Rob Truscott, 44, OH	5:46:20
11. Aaron Alford, 32, OH	5:47:37
12. Jerry Brandt, 34, OH	5:48:28
13. TJ Hawk, 49, OH	5:55:38
14. Sabine Kane, 47, PA	5:55:53

15. Theodore Breault, 38, PA	6:01:05
16. Dave Bintler, 39, OH	6:08:25
17. Roy Heger, 53, OH	6:09:24
18. Candice Lockard, 35, PA	6:11:24
19. Wayne Heffelfinger, 46, MD	6:20:42
20. Derick Fletcher, 36, OH	6:21:42
21. Rob Reed, 48, OH	6:21:42
22. John Armstrong, 47, PA	6:36:42
23. Damian Nathaniel, 41, IN	6:41:41
24. Christoph Koehler, 33, OH	6:44:06
25. Chris Basich, 26, OH	6:45:29
26. Brian Musick, 27, OH	6:51:50
27. Mark Anson, 54, OH	6:51:52
28. Bryan Parry, 42, GA	6:55:25
29. Ed Pierson, 42, OH	6:55:25
30. Tanya Cady, 54, OH	6:57:36
31. Robert Haywood, 31, OH	6:57:54
32. Bruce McMurray, 49, OH	6:57:58
33. Kimberly Rapp, 43, NY	7:08:18

34. Brian Hart, 40, OH	7:13:34
35. Bruce Purdy, 51, MI	7:13:34
36. Bob Engel, 52, OH	7:14:19
37. Joseph Vasil, 39, OH	7:22:49
38. John DeWalt, 71, PA	7:23:35
39. Brandon Russell, 35, OH	7:25:40
40. Mike Kazar, 48, OH	7:35:30
41. Jeff Burke, 45, OH	7:35:41
42. Matt Mistor, 43, MI	7:36:49
43. Paul Lefelhocz, 38, OH	7:45:45
44. Josh Dillingham, 21, OH	8:13:54
45. Bob Johnson, 53, OH	8:18:28
46. Kim Love-Ottobre, 41, OH	8:26:38
47. Richard Bauer, 34, MO	8:30:54
48. Connie Fellman, 41, MI	8:34:03
49. Tonya Banghaf, 33, OH	8:51:29
50. Mike Halkovich, 35, OH	8:51:29
51. James Simpson, 65, CA	8:59:10



Jerry Brandt kicks it in



Roy Heger enjoying some shade



TJ Hawk and Brian Musick