

# Boyer's Furnace 40 Miler

Boyer's Furnace is a formidable loop that combines sections of both the Old Dominion and Massanutten Mountain Trails 100 mile runs. The course is a fair challenge, and it should take between 6:30 and 13:30 to complete.

**Course:** Counterclockwise 40 mile loop that encircles the southern part of Fort Valley starting at Camp Roosevelt.

The course can be broken into the following sections:

- 17 miles of technical Massanutten East ridgeline (stay on Orange to Veach Gap)
- 6 miles of rolling dirt road
- 8 miles of tough Massanutten West ridgeline
- 9 miles of rolling dirt road

**Start/finish:** Camp Roosevelt Horse parking lot ([38.728 °N, 78.515 °W](#))

**Three aid stations:** At miles 17, 23, and 31.

It is essential that each runner carry enough food/water to make it through the first slow 17-mile section. This will take all but the fastest runners 4+ hours to complete. Several runners will need a flashlight at the end.

*In past years individuals have left cars at the various aid stations, enabling them to cut the run short. That is fine — just plan ahead and let the RD know that you plan to do so.*

## Boyer's Furnace Turn Sheet

1. Leave the parking lot and go north (uphill) on **orange-blazed Massanutten Mountain Trail** for 16.3 miles.

2. Pass little Crease Shelter and turn left onto **yellow-blazed Veach Gap Trail** along a creek, heading downhill to Veach Gap trailhead parking area.

**First Aid Station (17 miles)** in the Veach Gap trailhead.

3. Exit parking lot running on a dirt road (Veach Gap Rd/Rte 774). Run 0.9 mile to Fort Valley Road/Rte 678 (blacktop). Turn right onto Fort Valley Rd for 0.2 mile, then take first left turn onto Frenchman Pond Rd/Rte 774.

4. In 0.3 mile, take a right at the fork just past a pond (Coverstone Rd/Rt 773). After 0.9 mile, stay right at junction with Boyer Rd/Rt 771. Take a left at next intersection (0.3 mile) onto Mine Mountain Road, heading west to the Boyer's Furnace ruins! This section will be marked.

5. Stay left after 0.6 mile on Mine Mountain Road (Rte 273), heading south toward Woodstock tower. You now have a gradual uphill climb for 2.3 miles.

6. Go right at intersection with Woodstock Tower Rd/Rte 758 and begin a steep 0.7 mile climb to Woodstock Tower.

**Second Aid Station (23 miles)** just below Woodstock Tower.

7. Take the **orange-blazed Massanutten Mountain Trail** for 8.2 miles to Edinburg Gap.

**Third Aid Station (31 Miles)** at Edinburg Gap. (*Best spot to leave a pre-planted get-away car.*)

9. Continue on orange-blazed dirt Edinburg Gap Road (FR 374) for 5.8 miles to the intersection with Moreland Gap Rd/Rte 730.

10. Take a left onto Moreland Gap Rd and run 3.4 miles to the Intersection with Rte 675 and Crisman Hollow Rd.

11. Go across this intersection up Rte 675 and run 0.4 miles uphill to the finish in the horse parking lot at Camp Roosevelt.

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