

“UGLY MUDDER”

12K TRAIL RUN*READING, PA*SATURDAY, FEB 7TH, 2026 * 10 A.M.

NEW FOR 2026-NOW IN EARLY FEB!

Online registration ONLY so that we have a central source of emails to use for contacting people in the case of a postponement due to weather

The late artist Prince wrote some of the greatest songs ever written. Who doesn't enjoy the toe tappers “1999” or “I Would Die For You”, and “Diamonds and Pearls” and “The Most Beautiful Girl in the World” are some of the prettiest songs of the last few decades. Prince also wrote some of the worst crap ever to invade an unsuspecting ear drum; unmelodic musical sequences that go on and on and lyrics that only make sense if you spent your entire day attached to a bong. In fact, he should have been strung up SOLEY for authoring that insipid “Manic Monday” made famous by the Bangles. Every single album/CD of his is loaded with highlights and way too many lowlights. The Ugly Mudder is much like a Prince CD. It has some beautiful sections in it that will soothe your soul. And it also has some of the worse crap for trails that we could find on Mt Penn. AND we have LOADS of rocks, roots and downed trees that will “tap your toe”, just like “1999”. The course is almost entirely different from our Chilly Cheeks course and about 25% easier, mostly due to fewer outrageous uphill and technical downhill. But that is not to say that it's EASY! You'll find out that it's VERY possible to sweat like a pig even though it's only 17 degrees outside. Yet, it can be finished by anyone who has DoorDash's phone number tattooed on their forearm. AND, like all of our trail races, it has perks like unique aid stations with alternate beverages, a course that even the “dimnest” of you could follow, tons of awards, memorable shirts, hot & cold food, a covered finishing area, a cash bar, etc. **A FUN day that normal people would spend inside sitting on their couch instead! NOTE! YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELFARE IN THIS RACE!** Get a boo-boo? Limp to an aid station so we “drive” you rather than “carry” you back. Get lost? Wear bright clothes so we can find your body in April if we can't by its smell. Those discouraged from entering include those under 14 that can't run it by themselves, folks that think that shopping with the dregs of society at Walmart beats ordering from Amazon & anyone who seriously thinks that the Dallas Cowboys are going to the Super Bowl any time in our lifetime, other than by buying a ticket.

Registration on www.pretzelcitysports.com required

(small service fee applies, closes at midnight on Wed the week of the race. Availability of race day signup highly probable)

LOCATION/REGISTRATION: Reading Liederkrantz German Club, 140 Spook Lane, Reading, PA. Reg. opens at 8:45 a.m., race at 10. **WITH LONG SLEEVE SHIRT** Fee: \$40 if entered by Sun, Jan 18, 2026. Afterwards, \$45 while shirts last; (including raceday), \$40 when gone. **WITH NO SHIRT** Fee: \$35 if entered by Jan 18, 2026. Afterwards, \$40 (including raceday). We race in rain, snow or bitter cold yet on rare occasions, we MUST postpone it. Check our site above after 6 AM the day of the race **ONLY if roads are pretty much impassable (not just a little “sub-par”). If postponed, it'll be THE NEXT SATURDAY;** same time, same place. No refunds, mailed shirts or awards, no outside alcohol allowed on site. Dogs only allowed at race if leashed and are NOT allowed inside, unless named Earnie.

YOU GET: Long sleeve unisex shirt, sizes S thru 2X, with a memorable design and no sponsors on the back, indoor toilets, lots of goodies at the finish line, WELL marked course, plenty of parking, 2 water stops with varied drinks, finish place posted immediately & results on www.pretzelcitysports.com the 1st business day after the race, EMS on site, hot & cold grub. Cash bar at the finish where you can hydrate before the race or rehydrate after the race; some people do both.

AWARDS: 1st & 2nd Top M & F plus: 0-39: 5M, 5F 40-49: 5M, 4F 50-59: 5M, 4F 60-69: 5M, 4F (top F age group is 60+) 70+: 3M Clydesdale Awards: Top 3 M & F. Men: min. of 210 lbs. or 185 if 5 ft., 9 inches tall or less. Women: min. of 160 lbs., 140 if 5 ft., 4 inches tall or less. Honor system; but wear bulky clothes to dispel suspicion!

Questions? Problems? Contact the Ugly Head: Ron Horn, rhornpcs@aol.com, 610-779-2668 day or night. But NOT while the Eagles are playing in the Super Bowl.