

# Tommyknockers Tale

## June 2025 Edition



We try to keep this short, sweet and entertaining. If there is anything in here that you need more information on or are curious about, just reach out to us at [dale@hardrock100.com](mailto:dale@hardrock100.com). This will be the last edition of the Tommyknockers Tale for this year. In June, we will pivot to our Monday Memo, which will keep you up to date as we get closer to July 11.

### Service Requirement

We know that you may be tired of us reminding you but...***IF YOU HAVE NOT TURNED IN YOUR [SERVICE FORM](#) BY THE 23rd OF THIS MONTH, YOUR SPOT IN THIS YEAR'S HARDROCK WILL BE GIVEN TO SOMEONE ON THE WAITLIST WHO HAS TURNED IN THEIR FORM.***



### This Month's Zoom



If you have questions or would like more info on the Hardrock course, you're in luck this month. Join us on June 19th 6 pm MDT as Chris Twiggs welcomes Hardrock Course Director Brett Sublett and Trail Work Coordinator Trevor Peterson to our zoom sessions. If you have a question for our guests, you can leave it [here](#). Join us on [zoom](#) or check out the session on our [YouTube channel](#)

### Bear Creek (Ouray) Trail Closure

As long as we are talking about the course, we'd like to remind you that the Bear Creek (Ouray) Trail is closed during the week. If you'd like to train on that portion of the course, it is open on the weekends.



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### Tailwind Results

Thanks to all of you who cast your vote for what Tailwind product you would like see on course this year. Collectively, you chose Dauwaltermelon (decaf) and Raspberry (caffeinated) as what we will serve at our aid stations.



### Maurten Info

We're sure all of you have heard by now of our new Performance Nutrition partner, Maurten. To help you get acquainted with the products they'll have on course, [here's a handy guide](#).

### Taking Care of Future Hardrockers

Thanks to the Silverton Early Learning Center and Silverton Schools for making child care available the week of Hardrock. Advance sign-up required.

For kids ages six weeks to five years, email the Silverton Early Learning Center at [info@sflc.co](mailto:info@sflc.co).

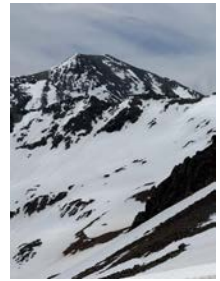
For kindergarten through fifth-grade kids, email Silverton School at [dbabb@silvertonschool.org](mailto:dbabb@silvertonschool.org).



## June Snow Report

June 1st is the start of meteorological summer and a good time to review the 2024-2025 snow year in the San Juans. The snow year of 2025 was characterized by generally near-average snowpack accumulation during the initial part of the season, followed by a significant decline due to early snowmelt and below-average precipitation. While much of the San Juans saw average peak snow water equivalent (SWE) during the accumulation season, most of the Hardrock course area experienced early melt and is now facing snow drought conditions (low precipitation and warm temperatures). The Snow-Water-Equivalent at the Red Mountain Pass SNOTEL station is only at 2.3" — so considering we use a SWE of less than 23" on June 1st to help inform the go-no/go decision for Hardrock, things are pretty dry up on the course. Typically, a low-snow Spring is followed by a vigorous monsoon season. We'll see if this trend holds for Hardrock 2025!

*Photo: Handies Peak on May 25, credit Howie Stern*



## Camp Hardrock Schedule

One of the best things about coming to Hardrock is Camp Hardrock. It is a chance to get together and get to know each other, have some fun and if you aren't careful, learn some things. Here is the [link](#) for ALL activities throughout the week.

A couple of things to note:

1. On Wednesday night of run week all are invited to celebrate the inaugural Hardrock Hall of Fame class at the [Powerhouse](#)
2. The Hardrock Awards Breakfast will be outside! We will be celebrating in Memorial Park. Please plan accordingly and bring camp chairs and umbrellas for the sun (or the rain). It's gonna be a couple hours of fun so please be sure to pack things you'll need for being outside.



## Crewing Hardrock

Just a couple of reminders for you and your crews:

1. **Cunningham Gulch** - Carpool parking will be available for vehicles who have at least two people AND two crew passes, starting from the aid station and stretching south. Vehicles who meet this criteria should continue on past the line of parked cars and aid station to this area. There will be a parking team members verifying passes. (If you're not carpooling, regular parking will be pretty obvious).
2. **Animas Forks**
  - a. Back from 2023, we will have a Crew Staging Area at Eureka Campground (3mi from the aid site). Crews will have access to public wifi and be able to follow the GPS tracking of their runners. Crews can be released to continue to Animas Forks once their runner clears the top of Handies Peak.
  - b. Crews may NOT crew at the old Grouse Gulch aid site (where you come down from Handies Peak and get on Engineer Pass Road). Crews should plan on meeting you at Animas Forks Aid Station instead.
3. **Chapman Gulch** - if your crew plans to meet you at Chapman, they will need to park in the designated lot in Ophir and walk into Chapman Gulch (+/- 2 miles) . NO parking and/or stopping on Ophir Pass Road.

See full details on all crew-access aid stations in our [Runners Manual](#)



## Hardrock Livestream

Fire up your computers and TVs! We are proud to let you know that once again Mountain Outpost will be live streaming Hardrock. Here's a [teaser](#) for what they have in store.

## Your Bio

Please take a couple of minutes and let us know a little bit about [you](#). What are you looking forward to this summer? What should we know about you? This information will not be shared or sold for any marketing or external informational use.



## Camping Hardrock

As of this writing there are still spaces available for [camping](#) at Kendall Mountain Rec Center in Silverton. Space for Sprinter/RV/Trailer set up is full but there are still spaces for car/truck camping. Permits and spaces will be issued on a first come, first served basis till full.

## Course Orientation Hikes

As you begin to plan your adventure to the San Juans, we would like to invite you to join us on our course orientation hikes starting at the end of June. These hikes are designed to allow you to see the Hardrock course up close and personal and will be led by veteran Hardrock runners. See the [Camp Hardrock](#) schedule for a bit more info and the schedule



## RHUBARB PIE!!!

After a 2 year hiatus, the famous Silverton Library Rhubarb Pie Fundraiser is BACK! If you're a fan of both amazing pie and public libraries (which conservatively covers about 99% of the world's population) and will be in Silverton by July 3, GET ON IT. [ORDER HERE](#) by June 25th.

## Ways to stay in touch with Hardrock:

Just a reminder, the best ways for you to keep up to date on what is happening with Hardrock are our [website](#), [listserv](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

*We acknowledge the land the Hardrock 100 traverses is the ancestral homeland of the Ute, Puebloan and Diné people. Information about this land is often told from dominant perspectives, without full recognition of the original land stewards. We invite others to join us in this acknowledgment to heal, renew and reaffirm the First Nations' history and continued presence in Colorado and pay tribute to these traditional homelands and its people.*

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