



## Tommyknocker's Tale

### February 2026 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).

#### (Please) Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! "How Bad Is It?"

In a word, it's bad. At the end of January, the snow cover across the Western US was the lowest in the MODIS satellite record dating back to 2001 with many sites at less than 50% of historical averages. In Silverton, the total season snowfall of just over 30" is the lowest amount recorded since the first year of the Hardrock 100 (91-92 snow season). Silverton typically has 90" of snowfall at the end of January. For reference, the only time the run was cancelled due to fire danger (due to the Missionary Ridge Fire near Durango) was in 2002 when the total snowfall in Silverton at the end of January was 48" (vs 30" this year). Since "hope dies last" we can look back in the historical record for some solace: the second-lowest snowfall total on Feb 1 was in 2000 but heavy snows in March and April (120" !) brought the total up to near normal. Typically, Silverton sees 40" of snowfall in March. So, all eyes are on the possible breakdown of the current La Niña pattern. And yes, there are some signs that the current weather pattern will change by the end of February. There is still hope for a "March Miracle" in the San Juans!

#### Hardtalk Podcast

If you haven't listened to our Hardtalk podcast, we strongly encourage you to check us out. This month, we are featuring a great conversation with Hardrocker Katharina Hartmuth as well as some training musings with Dan and Chris about their 2026 runs on the latest edition of Hardthoughts. Checkout Hardtalk wherever you get your podcasts.



#### Say hello to Silverton

Each month, we'd like to give our communities a chance to say hello to you. Let's start with Silverton!

*Silverton, Colorado sits at 9318' elevation, nestled high up in the heart of the San Juan Mountain Range. This little mountain hamlet is home to the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Race and hosts the start and finish line. Silverton is your basecamp to adventure and offers all high alpine endurance sport activities year around. Welcome to life at 9318'!*

#### Hardrock Zoom Sessions

Please join us for monthly Zoom sessions to help answer questions and share information leading up to your Hardrock experience. Join 17x Hardrock finisher Chris Twiggs as he and his guests share their knowledge and experience about becoming Hardrockers. This month's panel is our [Veterans Panel](#) on Thursday, 2/12. Check your email for the Zoom link as well as the link to submit questions. Here's the complete schedule:

Feb. 2/12	6 pm MST	<a href="#">Hardrock Veterans Panel</a>
March 3/12	6 pm MDT	Preparing and training for Hardrock
April 4/9	6 pm MDT	The Hardrock community-the towns of Hardrock, Camp Hardrock
May 5/14	6 pm MDT	Crewing and aid stations
June 6/11	6 pm MDT	The Hardrock course (conditions, marking, etc.)





### Fido a Hardrocker??

We all love our pets and many of us have spent many a mile on the trail with them. For the health and safety of all during the race, on-course runners AND pacers are only allowed to run with their pets (and family if you like) from Kendall Mountain Rec Center (about 1.2 miles). Here's our complete [pet policy](#)

### Camping at Kendall Mountain

Still looking for a place to stay in Silverton? Thanks to the town of Silverton, we are able to offer camping at Kendall Mountain Rec Center again this year. We'll open signups in April for both tent and Sprinter-type camping.



Check out these details from one of our great partners!

#### Squirrel's Nut Butter

Get 20% off all products on our US website. This offer is good through the end of 2026. Use code [HARDROCKLUBE2026](#)

### Happy Trails Esther!!

We'd like to wish Esther Kendall, our North Face liaison happy trails as she begins her new adventures. Esther has been a great friend of Hardrock as well as a driving force behind the women's running weekend and women's panel during Camp Hardrock. Don't be surprised to see Esther in July and be sure to say hello when you do!

good luck  
we will miss you

### Fun Fact

*In the history of the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run there have been fewer than 1100 individuals who have kissed the rock*

### 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](#), and [Instagram](#).

*Hardrock is conducted on public lands under special permit from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service. Thank you to both for helping make Hardrock possible.*

*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 their people.*

***That'll about do it for this month. If there is anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to reach out.***