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**WORLD'S  
TOUGHEST**

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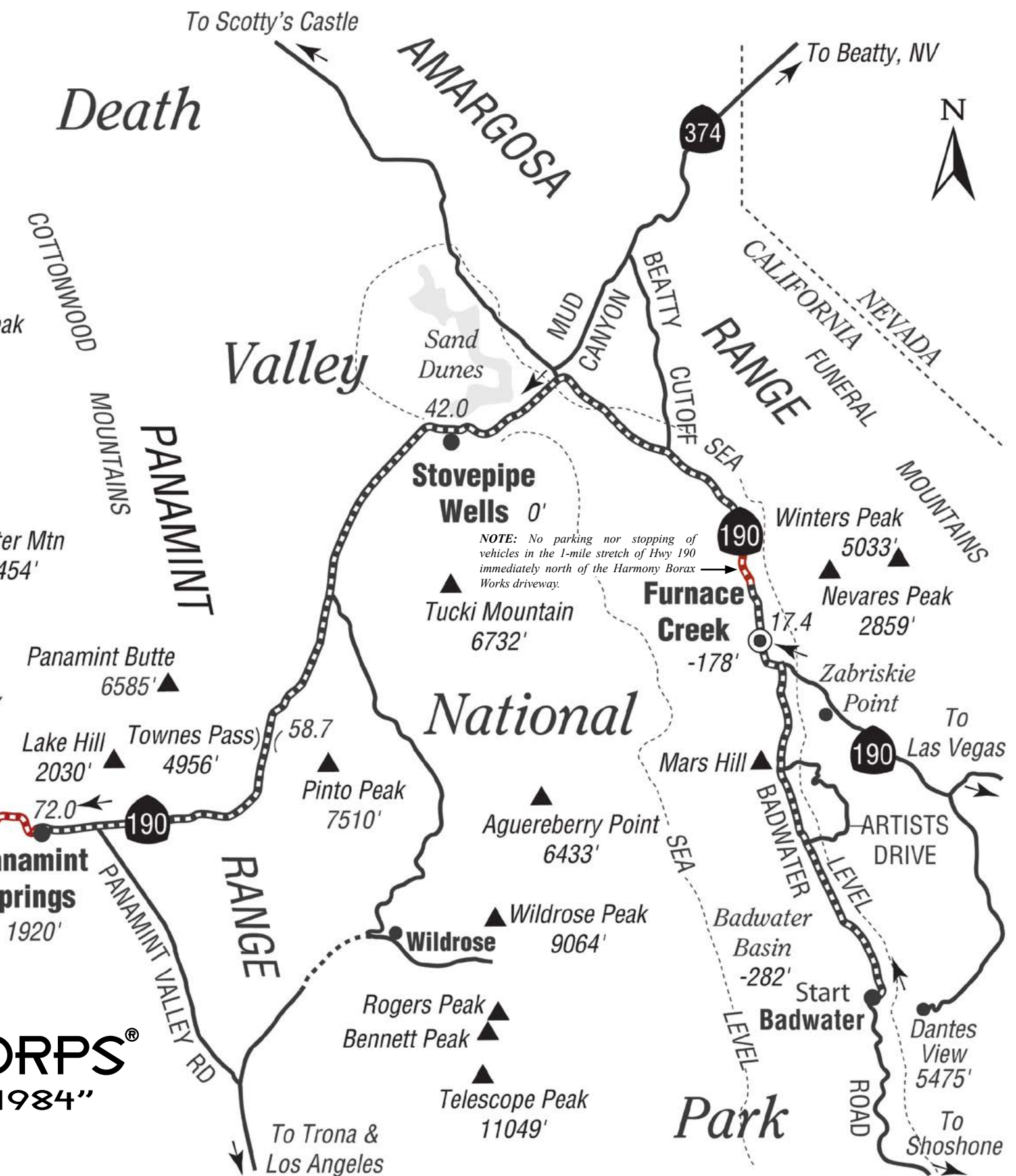
## The Challenge of the Champions



## “Out There Since 1964”







## THE OFFICIAL RACE ROUTE

| LANDMARK                                                                                                | DIST. (MI) | ELE. (FT) | MARKER  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| <b>NOTE: TL = TRAFFIC LIGHT; SS = STOP SIGN; T-INT = T-INTERSECTION; JCT. = JUNCTION</b>                |            |           |         |
| Badwater Basin: Head north                                                                              | 0          | -282      |         |
| Crews will be held for 10 minutes after each wave begins, then released in small batches.               |            |           |         |
| Former location of Telescope Peak Sign on L.                                                            | 1.8        | -200      |         |
| Wide Shoulder on Right                                                                                  | 3.1        |           |         |
| Natural Bridge turnoff on R (PACERS MAY JOIN AGE 65+ RUNNERS HERE)                                      | 3.5        | -170      | MM 13   |
| Wide Shoulder on R.                                                                                     | 3.9        |           |         |
| Devil's Golf Course on L.                                                                               | 5.6        | -165      |         |
| Artist's Drive entry on R.                                                                              | 8          | -165      |         |
| West Side Road on L.                                                                                    | 10.6       |           | MM 6    |
| Artist's Drive exit on R.                                                                               | 11.7       | -70       |         |
| Mushroom Rock on R.                                                                                     | 12.1       | -170      | MM 5    |
| Golden Canyon on R. (Toilet / Parking) (45 MPH)                                                         | 14.5       | -165      |         |
| Jct. Hwy 190 & Badwater Rd.: Go Left onto 190 north (Cell Service Begins)                               | 16.5       | 0         |         |
| Watch Speed Limit! (Don't be like that Aussie team in 2015!)                                            |            |           |         |
| Timbisha Shoshone Reservation on L.                                                                     | 17.2       | -140      |         |
| Furnace Creek Ranch on L.: Ice & Store close at 300am (Time Station #1)                                 | 17.5       | -165      |         |
| Park in lots, not along roadway, near Time Station.                                                     |            |           |         |
| Dumpsters available to dump garbage and recycling at Time Station.                                      |            |           |         |
| Furnace Creek Fuel on L. (Please do NOT dump garbage here.)                                             |            |           |         |
| Park Service Visitor's Center on L. (Run on bike path left of roadway)                                  | 17.7       | -165      |         |
| Furnace Creek Campground on L.                                                                          | 17.8       | -170      |         |
| Harmony Borax Works on L.: Park here and let runner go ahead (45 MPH)                                   | 18.2       | -170      |         |
| NO STOPPING, SLOWING, or PARKING NEXT 1 MILE! Drive beyond curves!                                      | 19.1       | -100      |         |
| Parking allowed beyond curve section, where safe.                                                       | 20.1       |           |         |
| Cow Creek on R.                                                                                         | 20.8       |           |         |
| 1st Marathon                                                                                            | 26.2       |           |         |
| Daylight Pass Rd. on R. (Cell Service Ends)                                                             | 28.4       |           | MM 99.5 |
| Salt Creek turnoff on L.                                                                                | 30.8       |           | MM 97.5 |
| Sea Level sign on R.                                                                                    | 31.5       | 0         |         |
| Sea Level sign on L.                                                                                    | 32.1       | 0         |         |
| "Summit" / end of rolling hills section                                                                 | 33.7       | 140'      | MM 94.5 |
| North Hwy / Scotty's Castle turnoff on R.                                                               | 34.9       |           | MM 93.5 |
| Sea Level sign on L.                                                                                    | 35.4       | 0         |         |
| MINIMAL PARKING NEXT 6 MILES! SOFT SHOULDERS. Do not get stuck in sand.                                 |            |           |         |
| Devil's Cornfield sign on R.                                                                            | 36.3       | -80       | MM 91.5 |
| Parking on R. (Space for 2-3 cars)                                                                      | 37.1       |           |         |
| Camera Sign pullout on R. (Space for 4-5 cars only)                                                     | 37.5       |           |         |
| Sand Dunes Parking Lot on R. (Toilet / Parking) (35 MPH)                                                | 40.2       | 0         |         |
| Approaching Stovepipe Wells (Cell Service Begins)                                                       | 41         | 0         |         |
| Stovepipe Wells Village Welcome sign: Gas / Food / Store opens at 300am!                                | 42         | 0         |         |
| Time Station #2 & Medical HQ on L. by hotel courtyard & flag (PACERS MAY JOIN RUNNERS OF ANY AGE HERE.) | 42.2       |           |         |
| It's a long climb, and a long way, to Panamint Springs, 30 miles away!                                  |            |           |         |
| It is CRITICAL to stock up on water, ice, and snacks, plus real food for the crew!                      |            |           |         |
| Also, take advantage of the low gas prices while you are here!                                          |            |           |         |
| Mosaic Canyon turnoff on L.                                                                             | 42.4       | 5         |         |
| 1000' Elevation sign on R. (65 MPH)                                                                     | 46.8       | 1000      |         |
| Short downhill (Cell Service ends on this ascent.)                                                      | 47.2       |           |         |
| DIP Sign on R. (Do NOT park in dips as you will be invisible!)                                          | 48.5       |           |         |
| 2000' Elevation sign: All racers must pass this location before 1000am                                  | 50.7       | 2000      | MM 77.5 |
| Wildrose Station (Bathroom; paved parking lot on R.)                                                    | 51.2       | 2450      |         |
| Please park neatly and use designated spaces. Don't park "haphazardly."                                 |            |           |         |

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| Wildrose Turnoff on L.                                                                                             | 51.4       | 2500      | MM 76.5 |
| 2nd Marathon                                                                                                       | 52.4       | 2800      | MM 75.5 |
| 3000' Elevation sign on L.                                                                                         | 53.6       | 3000      |         |
| 4000' Elevation sign on L.                                                                                         | 56         | 4000      |         |
| DIP sign on R. (Do NOT park in dips as you will be invisible!)                                                     | 56.4       |           |         |
| Approaching the summit of Towne Pass (30 MPH)                                                                      | 57.25      |           | MM 70.5 |
| Brake Check area on R.                                                                                             | 58.9       | 4965      |         |
| Towne Pass Summit sign on R.                                                                                       | 59         | 4965      |         |
| "Downhill Next 9 Miles - 9% Grade" - Begin descent into Panamint Valley                                            | 59.6       |           |         |
| 4000' Elevation sign on R. (55 MPH)                                                                                | 61.8       | 4000      |         |
| Vista Point (amazing view of Mt. Whitney!) / big gravel pullout on R.                                              | 62         | 3500      |         |
| Paved pullout on L.                                                                                                | 62.5       |           |         |
| Gravel pullout on L.                                                                                               | 63.7       |           | MM 64.5 |
| 3000' Elevation sign on L.                                                                                         | 64.1       | 3000      |         |
| Large Paved pullout on L.                                                                                          | 65.3       |           |         |
| 2000' Elevation sign on L. (65 MPH)                                                                                | 66.4       | 2000      |         |
| Panamint Dry Lake Bed, east edge; "Soft Shoulder" sign                                                             | 68.4       | 1640      |         |
| Panamint Valley Road to Trona / Ridgecrest on L.                                                                   | 70.2       | 1750      |         |
| Panamint Springs Resort: Gas / Mini Mart / Food / Hotel (35 MPH)                                                   | 72.7       | 1970      |         |
| Time Station #3 on L. at resort hotel, not at the gas station                                                      |            |           |         |
| All racers must pass TS3 before 800pm, Tuesday night                                                               |            |           |         |
| Free Showers and Flush Toilets across street at campground!                                                        |            |           |         |
| Get water, ice, snacks, and more at Gas Station / Mini Mart!                                                       |            |           |         |
| Get REAL FOOD quickly with "streamined Badwater Race Menu" at the Resort                                           |            |           |         |
| WARNING: Parking only allowed in designated locations for next 12.2 miles: follow odometer and route book closely. |            |           |         |
| Also watch for our "Badwater Parking Zone" signs.                                                                  |            |           |         |
| 2000' Elevation sign on L. (55 MPH)                                                                                | 73.3       | 2000      |         |
| Darwin Falls turnoff on L. / "Rock Slide Area" sign on R.                                                          | 73.7       | 2500      |         |
| Parking Allowed on R. in gravel pullout with yellow left arrow (1.8 from PSR)                                      | 74.5       |           | MM 53.5 |
| Parking Allowed on R. in small gravel pullout on right (3.4 from PSR)                                              | 76.1       |           |         |
| 3000' Elevation sign on L. (end parking allowed zone)                                                              | 76.2       | 3000      |         |
| Parking Allowed on R. in large gravel shoulder on right (4.7 from PSR)                                             | 77.4       |           |         |
| Parking Allowed in large gravel pullout on L. before left curve (5.3 from PSR)                                     | 78         |           |         |
| 3rd Marathon at 25 MPH sign with sharp left curve arrow                                                            | 78.6       | 3400      | MM 48.5 |
| 4000' Elevation sign on L.                                                                                         | 80.55      | 4000      |         |
| Father Crowley's Point on R. (Toilet) Parking Allowed in lot (7.9 from PSR)                                        | 80.6       | 4000      |         |
| Please no sleeping on the ground in parking spaces!                                                                |            |           |         |
| Parking Allowed in elevated gravel pullout via small drive on R. (8.7 from PSR)                                    | 81.4       |           |         |
| Parking Allowed in wide gravel pullout on R. (35 MPH) (10.5 from PSR)                                              | 83.2       |           | MM 44.8 |
| Summit (no sign) Parking Allowed in large gravel pullout on R. (12.2 from PSR)                                     | 84.9       |           |         |
| 65 MPH sign on right, just beyond parking zone                                                                     | 85         |           |         |
| Support vehicles may resume parking wherever it is safe to do so from here onwards.                                |            |           |         |
| Death Valley National Park sign on L. (65 MPH)                                                                     | 85.4       | 4200      |         |
| Saline Valley Rd. on R. (actual DVNP boundary)                                                                     | 86.4       | 4800      |         |
| "Adopt a Highway" sign on R.                                                                                       | 88.6       |           | MM 39.5 |
| Darwin turnoff on L.: Time Station #4 on Left before turnoff                                                       | 90.6       | 5050      | MM 37.5 |
| All racers must pass TS4 before 500am, Wednesday morning                                                           |            |           |         |
| Gravesite on right (white cross)                                                                                   | 96.8       | 4100      |         |
| "Rock Slide Area"                                                                                                  | 99.8       |           |         |
| One hundred miles! (3' wide gray stripe across road with culvert under road)                                       | 100        | 4050      | MM 28*  |
| * MM 28 is exactly at the 100-mile mark, but is on the LEFT side of the road, facing the opposite direction.       |            |           |         |
| 4000' Elevation sign on R. before "Gunsite Notch" (Cell Service Begins)                                            | 102.2      | 4000      |         |
| Jct. Hwy 136 & Hwy 190: Go straight / north onto Hwy 136 "Lone Pine 19mi"                                          | 103.4      | 3935      |         |

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| 4th Marathon                                                                                        | 104.8      | 3800      | MM 16.5 |
| "100 Sulfate Road" sign                                                                             | 106.5      |           |         |
| Keeler City sign at Cerro Gordo Rd. on R.                                                           | 108.1      | 3610      |         |
| Adopt-a-Highway sign on R. after solar panel array                                                  | 109.1      | 3605      |         |
| <b>SOFT SHOULDERS NEXT FOUR MILES: BE CAREFUL! DO NOT GET STUCK!</b>                                |            |           |         |
| Dolomite Loop Road on R.                                                                            | 113.2      | 3600      |         |
| Dolomite Loop Road on R.                                                                            | 117.5      | 3510      |         |
| Cross Owens River: View of Whitney Portal Rd. is straight ahead!                                    | 118.3      | 3500      |         |
| Jct. Hwy 136 & Hwy 395: Go Right / North                                                            | 121        | 3696      |         |
| Runners may run on right side of road into and through Lone Pine: stay well away from traffic lane. |            |           |         |
| <b>WARNING: SPEED LIMITS DROP TO 25mph as you pass through town!</b>                                |            |           |         |
| Comfort Inn on R. (45 MPH)                                                                          | 121.1      |           |         |
| Chevron / Lee's Frontier Deli / Mini Mart (Great sandwiches!) on L.                                 | 121.3      |           |         |
| Best Western on R. (35 MPH)                                                                         | 122        |           |         |
| Lone Pine City Limits sign on R. (25 MPH)                                                           | 122.3      |           |         |
| McDonald's on L.                                                                                    | 122.6      | 3610      |         |
| Dow Villa on R.: Time Station #5 & Medical HQ                                                       | 122.7      | 3610      |         |
| All racers must pass within 42 hours of their individual wave start!                                |            |           |         |
| All racers with time penalties must "check in" and serve penalty time here before continuing.       |            |           |         |
| Portal Road (the only traffic light in Lone Pine): Go left                                          | 122.8      | 3610      |         |
| Tuttle Creek turnoff on L.                                                                          | 123.3      | 3770      |         |
| <b>WARNING: Park and Drive Properly! NO slow driving; NO stopping in roadway!</b>                   |            |           |         |
| Los Angeles Aqueduct                                                                                | 123.4      | 3855      |         |
| Lone Pine Creek                                                                                     | 124.5      | 4200      |         |
| Movie Flat Road on R.                                                                               | 125.5      | 4590      |         |
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| Lone Pine Creek                                                                                     | 125.7      | 4800      |         |
| Horseshoe Meadow turnoff on L.                                                                      | 125.9      | 5000      |         |
| Cuffe Ranch turnoff on R.                                                                           | 127.1      | 5100      |         |
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| Whitney Vista Drive on L                                                                            | 127.4      |           |         |
| Olivas Ranch Road on L.                                                                             | 128.4      | 5300      |         |
| "Entering Active Bear Area"                                                                         | 129.2      |           |         |
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| Lone Pine Campground on L.                                                                          | 129.3      | 5700      |         |
| Lone Pine Creek                                                                                     | 129.6      | 6000      |         |
| "Inyo National Forest" sign on R. (Sign was missing in May, 2015)                                   | 129.8      | 6400      |         |
| 5th Marathon at Indian Creek Rd. on R.                                                              | 131        | 7000      |         |
| Time Station #6 in Large gravel pullout on R.                                                       | 131.1      | 6890      |         |
| Road makes a 180-degree switchback to L.                                                            | 132        | 7215      |         |
| Vista Point on Left at large gravel pullout                                                         | 132.8      | 7400      |         |
| "Campsites 39-44" and "Whitney Portal Recreation Area" signs                                        | 133.7      | 7700      |         |
| <b>WARNING: Park and Drive Properly! NO slow driving; NO stopping in roadway!</b>                   |            |           |         |
| Meysan Lakes trailhead on L.                                                                        | 133.9      | 8035      |         |
| Family Campground on L.: Support vehicles should drive ahead to park!                               | 134        | 8100      |         |
| Overflow Parking Lot on L.                                                                          | 134.6      | 8200      |         |
| Finish Line of the World's Toughest Foot Race: <i>Congratulations!</i>                              | 134.7      | 8360      |         |

Mile Markers (MM) noted are on R. side of road and within 2/10 of a mile of their stated location. For reference only. Official distance is 135.0 miles. Remember all car odometers have error. Distances above were GPS-measured and are accurate in a relative sense.

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**Badwater Basin, Death Valley (- 85m / 280ft)**

The race begins here adjacent to a pool of saltwater located at the lowest place in the Western Hemisphere.

**Furnace Creek Ranch (-170'), Mile 17.5 (Time Station #1)**

The first oasis in our journey. A gas station, small general store, hotel, restaurant, camping, and ice are available. Stock up here!

**Stovepipe Wells (Sea Level), Mile 42.2 (Time Station #2)**

A small general store, gas station, restaurant and motel. Location of the race's Medical HQ for most of first 15 hours of the race. Stock up here!

**Towne Pass (4956'), Mile 58.7**

17-mile long ascent with 5000' of elevation gain, then a 10-mile long descent with 3000' feet of elevation loss into the Panamint Valley. It's a steep and narrow road with limited opportunities to park. Support vehicles, crews, and runners must be cautious and extra aware of the traffic.

**Panamint Springs Resort (2000'), Mile 72.7 (Time Station #3)**

Gas station / mini-mart, plus restaurant and motel. We rent out "The Cottage" as a way station for any and all race entrants and crews to use during the race. Bring your own towel, soap, and shampoo and make a big effort to keep the room and bathroom tidy. After passing Panamint Springs, a long, steep climb follows on a steep and narrow road with limited opportunities to park. Support vehicles, crews, and runners must be cautious and extra aware of the traffic, and ONLY park in the eight designated parking zones between Panamint Springs Resort and unmarked "Panamint Pass" at mile 84.9.

**Father Crowley's Turnout (4000'), Mile 80.65**

The bathrooms and parking lot that designate this view point are not the top of this ascent, though you may hope so. The road continues to rise to 5000' over rolling hills, then eventually descends into the Owen's Valley.

**Darwin Turn-Off (5050'), Mile 90.6 (Time Station #4)**

Just a few miles to the south of our route is the small inhabited ghost town of Darwin, the website for which touts "NO broadcast TV; NO AM/FM radio, NO cell signal; NO stores; NO restaurants." This is where the race usually starts to get serious for all entrants. Look for Mile Marker 28 about nine miles ahead to indicate your 100-mile mark!

**Keeler (3610'), Mile 108.1**

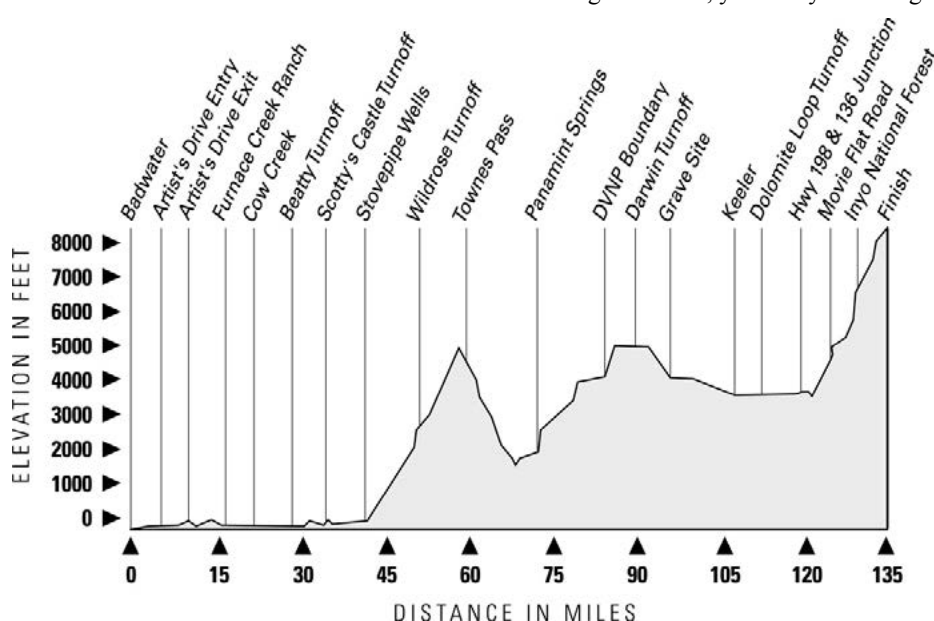
This is a small mining town with no facilities which abuts the Owens Dry Lake Bed the left of the highway. Amazing views of Mt. Whitney and the Sierra Nevada abound. A dirt road to the right ascends to Cerro Gordo, an authentic ghost town which was featured in the 2014 Badwater 135 and will be featured again in the upcoming "Badwater® Cerro Gordo" 102-mile Ultramarathon.

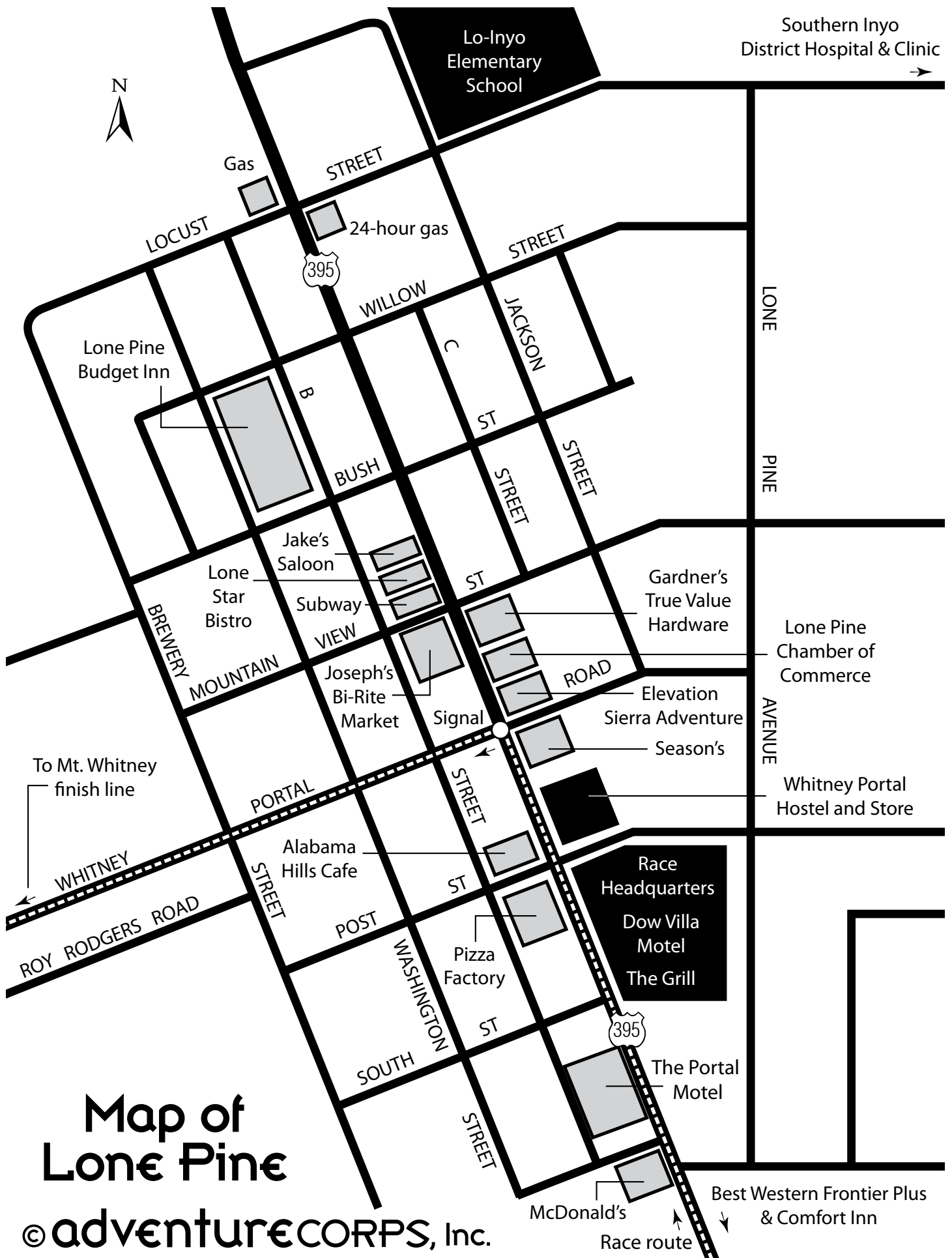
**Lone Pine (3610'), Mile 122.7 (Time Station #5)**

Lone Pine offers the weary runner and crew all the amenities of a real town: fast food, pizza, restaurants, motels, gas stations, grocery stores, and more, not to mention our Race Headquarters at the Dow Villa. Restock here for the climb to Whitney Portal. Turn left onto the Whitney Portal Road to begin the final leg, the longest and steepest climb of the race (13 miles with 5000 feet of elevation gain). After the turn from Hwy 395, it's 8.4 miles to Time Station #6, located at the start of the switchbacks. Temperatures will steadily decrease during the ascent (though depending on time of day). Be prepared with extra layers of clothing and rain gear the final few miles; at night it can approach freezing temperature. Be sure your support vehicle is always parked completely off of the road and that you do not block traffic, even for a moment.

**Mt. Whitney Trailhead, (8360'), Mile 135**

Congratulations! You have finished the world's toughest foot race! A small diner/shop are open during daylight hours. There is also a stocked fishing pond and a campground (because, of course, after running 135 miles, you really want to go fishing and camping!).







## LONE PINE: QUICK REFERENCE TO THE MOST POPULAR PLACES FOR BADWATER FOLKS

Lone Pine is located at Mile 122 of the Badwater 135 race route and is an important hub of activity before, during, and after the race. Located at 3727 feet (1136m) at the foot of Mt. Whitney and with a population of just over 2000 friendly people, it is a wonderful and appealing destination year-round and particularly important to the success of the Badwater 135.

Lone Pine meets every need, from great food to comfortable hotels, plus all enjoy the Post-Race Get-Together at the school, followed later by the traditional social hour(s) at Jake's Saloon. We hope you enjoy the town, spend lots of money there, and let everyone know how much you enjoy racing in their back yard!

Many Badwater 135 runners and crews buy race equipment and supplies at True-Value Hardware or Whitney Portal Hostel and Store, groceries at Joseph's Bi-Rite, purchase moderately priced gas in town, and/or excellent coffee, snacks, and sandwiches at Lone Star Bistro, get an excellent meal at The Grill or enjoy fine dining at Seasons Restaurant.

During the race, many support teams will go into town to pick up coffees and more at Lone Star Bistro, pizza from The Pizza Factory, to-go food from The Grill or Lee's Frontier Deli, or for ice, water, & groceries.

### **Motels / Hotels (Not a complete list! See LonePineChamber.org for more listings!)**

|                                          |              |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Best Western Frontier Hotel</b>       |              |
| 1008 S Main Street                       | 760-876-5571 |
| <b>Comfort Inn</b>                       |              |
| 1920 S Main Street                       | 760-876-8700 |
| <b>Dow Villa Motel</b>                   |              |
| 310 S Main St ( <i>Race HQ</i> )         | 760-876-5521 |
| <b>Portal Motel</b>                      |              |
| 425 S Main St                            | 760-876-5930 |
| <b>Whitney Portal Hostel (and Store)</b> |              |
| 238 S Main St                            | 760-876-0030 |

### **Popular Eateries**

**Lone Star Bistro** at 107 N Main St (Coffee drinks, sandwiches, pastries, ice cream, smoothies, and such, plus WiFi. Very popular with PCT hikers.)

760-876-1111 Open 6am-10pm daily

**The Grill** at 446 S Main St. (Located on the southern end of the Dow Villa parking lot. Great food and great location!)

760-876-4240 Open 6am-10pm daily

**Alabama Hills Cafe** at 111 W Post S  
760-876-4675

Open 6am-2pm daily

**Pizza Factory** at 301 S Main St  
760-876-4707

Open 11am-10pm daily

**Season's Restaurant** at 206 S Main St  
760-876-8927

Open 5pm-10pm daily

**Jake's Saloon** at 119 N Main St (Many runners and crews socialize here after attending the official post-race pizza party at the Lo-Inyo Elementary School at the conclusion of the race!)

### **Groceries, Gas & Mini-Mart, Outdoor Outfitters, Hardware**

**Whitney Portal Store and Hostel** at 238 S Main St  
760-876-0030

Open 7am-9pm daily in July

**Elevation Sierra Adventure** at 150 S Main St  
760-876-4560

Open 9am-630 or 7pm daily

**Joseph's Bi-Rite Market** at 119 S Main St  
760-876-4378

Open 8am-9pm daily

**Gardner's True Value Hardware** at 104 S Main St  
760-876-4208

Open 8am-6pm, Mon-Sat

**L.P. Chamber of Commerce** at 120 S Main St  
760-876-4444

Open 830am-430pm daily

**Chevron & Lee's Frontier Deli** at 1900 South Main St (This is the last business on the west side of the road on the far southern end of town. Many crews call ahead to order sandwiches as they approach town, or if making a quick run into town from the race route.)  
760-876-5844 Gas 24/7; Deli closed 2-4am only

**Exxon-Mobil & AM-PM** at 380 North Main St  
760-876-4073

Open 24 Hours a Day

