

These habitat impact control measures are the result of a thorough analysis of the environmental issues that may be present or may become apparent because of activities associated with the 100k, 50k and 25k mountain races. Runners are to familiarise themselves with the environmental aspects and the impact controls and in signing up for the race agree to abide by the controls laid out below.

Environmental Aspect	Habitat Impact Controls
1. Accessing mountain terrain (comprising, among others: large boulders, rocky surfaces, loose rocks, cliff edges, steep slopes (inclines and declines), slippery grass, hidden holes, crevasses, and boggy ground). 2. Encountering livestock and wildlife (e.g., sheep, cattle, badgers, hares, deer, birds, foxes etc). 3. Running through and past vegetation (plants, grassland, and trees) 4. Crossing boundaries (e.g., walls and fences) 5. Encountering farm and forestry traffic on trails and tracks. 6. Encountering other mountain users and their pets (e.g., walkers, non-competing runners, mountain bikers). 7. Racing in changeable and potentially severe weather conditions (which, during a single event, could among other conditions alternate between high winds, rain, hail, thunder and lightning, sunshine, mist or fog, snow, and ice). 8. Responding to emergencies 9. Driving and parking in race vicinity (e.g., at road crossings, lanes leading to start line and on short sections of road).	General Principles - The race organisers primary responsibility is, if appropriate in consultation with the landowner, to identify and agree to avoid any including habitat sensitive areas during race route planning. - Runners will be instructed to avoid entering identified habitat sensitive areas in their race instructions. - Races routes are designed to avoid any known breeding/ hatching areas. - Runners are to take responsibility for their actions relating to protection of the mountain environment. - Habitat sensitive areas (where appropriate) will be announced early, specifically where it is inappropriate for runners to recce those section(s) of the route before the race. - Runners flouting race organisers instructions and/ or the habitat impact controls will be disqualified and may be refused entry to future races. - Race organisers do not support the use of single-use plastics or disposable drinking cups. Pre-race - The race directors are to determine whether the race is to be cancelled or diverted to an alternative route if severe weather, which could damage any habitats, is forecast. - The race routes will be marked, using environmentally sensitive markers. - The race organising team will mark and arrange for marshals to be located at any identified habitat sensitive areas. - Runners are to familiarise themselves with the terrain and avoid running in any habitat sensitive areas. - Runners are to familiarise themselves with and ensure that they comply with the 'On the Day' Race Rules. - To minimise the impact of cars in the vicinity of the race runners are to use designated parking areas (parking in accordance with the Highway Code, avoiding parking on grass verges, where possible). - To minimise traffic impact car share were possible. - Runners must attend pre-race briefings and make themselves aware of any route changes or identified habitat sensitive areas that are to be avoided during the race. During Race - Runners are to respect the environment by minimising negative impact on terrain, flora, and fauna. - Runners are to retrieve all waste (including for instance, wrappings, fruit peelings, chewing gum), leaving no trace, avoiding damage. - Runners are to use established paths (when available) and are to cross boundaries using gates and stiles. - Running on wall tops is not permitted - Runners are to be sensitive to habitats that may support fragile or protected plants and animals (http://www.habitas.org.uk), such as: Forests, Rocky outcrops, Scree, Rock gullies, Bogs and Upland heath. - Runners are to remain vigilant for, minimise noise levels and steer clear of any livestock and/ or wildlife encountered. - Runners are to avoid straying into habitat sensitive areas to pass other mountains users who share the space. - Runners are not to bring their pet dogs (or cats or any other pet animal) with them on the race. - Where emergency response vehicles need onto the race route, they are to follow their own designated environmental controls but are to be made aware of this habitat impact assessment. Post-Race - All race route markings are to be removed as soon as practical after the race. - Runners and marshals are to dispose of any litter or waste collected during the race in the appropriate recycling/ waste bins. - Marshalls, and sweeper runners are to keep an eye out for and collect any runner discarded litter on their return to race HQ/ finish line.

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Appendix – Additional Race Specific Habitat Impact Controls

Name of Race:	Granite Peaks Ultras (25k, 50k and 100k)		
Date of Race:	16 th and 17 th April 2027		
Race Co-Directors:	Matt O'Reilly and Ciarán McAleenan		
Impact Assessor:	Dr Ciarán McAleenan		
In the week leading up to the races the Race Co-Directors and the habitat impact assessor are to review the course against the controls listed above and add any necessary additional habitat impact controls.			
Signed on behalf of the Race Directors		Date	16 th October 2026
Name of Race Co-Directors	Matt O'Reilly and Ciarán McAleenan		
Signed by habitat impact assessor		Date	16 th October 2026
Name of races habitat impact assessor	Dr Ciarán McAleenan		