

THE 6633 ULTRA - 2008



Race Information

The 2nd 6633 Ultra
A true Arctic Race
15th – 23rd March 2008

Eagle Plain to Fort McPherson – 120 miles
Eagle Plain to Tuktoyaktuk – 350 miles

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Welcome

What a fantastic honour it is for me to have the pleasure of organising this 2nd Edition of the 6633 Ultra. As you probably all know, I have a great passion for extreme ultra Marathons having wobbled around various races in a wonderful variety of climates over the past 8 years, but it has been the cold races that I have particularly enjoyed possibly because these races tend to be that bit purer as far as testing the athlete to the extremes.

On that basis, I am confident that the 6633 Ultra will live up to your expectations and will test all of you to your very limits.

The location of the race is simply stunning. The Dempster Highway in Canada that crosses from the Yukon Territory through the Arctic Circle and into the Northwest Territories has got to be one of the most magical places on the planet. But don't be fooled, I am very much of the opinion that it is one of the harshest most unforgiving environments that you are ever likely to encounter. Temperatures in the minus 40's are to be expected and incredible winds are a real threat. In a slightly twisted way, I hope that we encounter a bit of both so that in years to come when your grandchildren are sat on your lap it will still send a shiver down your spine as you recount your adventures.

I have little doubt that this event will become known as the toughest, coldest, windiest extreme ultra on the planet – and I trust that that you will feel some pride in being one of the athletes to have participated.

Whilst I will undoubtedly over the next few weeks or so publicly and privately thanks many who have helped me get this show on the road, I want to now thank you the athletes for entering. I know many of you personally and those that I don't, I believe I have got to know you very well already through emails, telephone calls etc. I can hand on heart say that I really couldn't have wished for a better bunch of athletes to share this race with.

Have a safe and pleasant flight over and I look forward to meeting you at the airport in Whitehorse.

THANK YOU.

Itinerary for the 6633 Ultra 2008

Date	Time		Yellow shading = high importance
March 12th	2.00pm – 5.00pm	Organiser, Medic and others on hand to answer questions in respect of such matter as the Trail Description, Checkpoint procedure and Etiquette, Safety and First Aid – High Country Inn	
March 13th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Organiser, Medic and others on hand to answer questions in respect of such matter as the Trail Description, Checkpoint procedure and Etiquette, Safety and First Aid – High Country Inn	
	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Mandatory Kit Check (See page 4.)– High Country Inn Compulsory for all athletes.	
	5.00pm – 7.00pm	ALL Packed Sleds to be loaded onto Trailer outside the High Country Inn.	
	7.30pm.	Pre Race informal Party in the bar at the High Country Inn	
March 14th	8.00am	Depart from Whitehorse – coffee break en route	
	Approx 1.30pm	Snack Lunch at Klondike Corner (at own expense)	
	Approx 7.30pm	Arrive Eagle Plain – accommodation provided by the organiser on a shared room basis. If any athlete requires a single room, the organiser can arrange this for you, but you will be required to pay for the room.	
	8.00pm	Evening Meal Eagle Plain (at own expense)	
	Evening	Drop bags for Fort McPherson, Inuvik and Tuk to be deposited with the Organiser	
March 15th	8.00am	Race Commences Eagle Plain	
	pm	Athletes cross the line of the Arctic Circle	
March 17th	8.00am	120 mile race finishes at Fort McPherson	
March 23rd	8.00am	350 mile race finishes at Tuktoyaktuk	
	8.00am or earlier	Depart Tuktoyaktuk	
	1.30pm	Lunch Stop Eagle Plain - (at own expense)	
	8.00pm	Arrive Dawson – accommodation provided at the Downtown Hotel – (food and drink at own expense)	
	8.30pm	Post race Party – sourtoe cocktail provided by organiser.	
March 24th	8.00am	Early departure for athletes and support crew catching flights out of Whitehorse on the 24 th . Arrive in Whitehorse early afternoon.	
	11.00am	Departure for remaining athletes and support crew.	
	5.00pm	Arrive at High Country Inn, Whitehorse.	

The Route for the 6633 Ultra 2008

Checkpoint	Name	Miles (km) from Start	Miles (km) from last C.P	G.P.S reference	Elevation
Start	Eagle Plain	0 (0)	0 (0)	N 66:22:20.7	726m
				W 136:43:04.9	
1	Arctic Circle	23 (37)	23 (37)	N 66:33:55.0	712m
				W 136:18:27.0	
2	James Creek	69 (111)	46 (74)	N 67:07:56.6	677m
				W 136:02:01.5	
3	Fort McPherson	116 (187)	47 (76)	N 67:25:57.2	31m
				W 134:52:57.1	
4	Tsiigehtchic	154 (248)	38 (61)	N 67:26:33.5	28m
				W 133:44:36.0	
5	Caribou Creek	205 (330)	51 (82)	N 68:05:13.7	20m
				W 133:29:35.0	
6	Arctic Chalet (Inuvik)	235 (378)	30 (48)	N 68:20:23.1	10m
				W 133:41:41.2	
7	Swimming Point (Ice Road)	305 (491)	70 (113)	N 69:06:40.9	1m
				W134:21:52.2	
8	Tuktoyaktuk	352 (567)	47 (76)	N 69:26:37.9	0m
				W 133:01:16.7	

Compulsory Kit List

The following items are **MANDATORY** for **ALL** athletes. This is not a complete list of what is required

SLEEPING

- * Sleeping bag suitable for an Arctic environment but at least rated to -30.
- * Bivi Bag or Tent.
- * Thermarest, Foam pad or similar.

EMERGENCY FOOD

- * In addition to your anticipated food requirement, additional Rations for at least 24 hours must be carried and packed separately..... and in the case of such rations requiring cooking, the means with which to prepare and cook the food.

MISCELLANEOUS

- * First Aid kit.
- * Stove and appropriate quantity and type of fuel.
- * Appropriate cooking and eating utensils.
- * Waterproof matches and windproof lighter.
- * Compass

LIGHTING

- * Headtorch (preferably with remote battery pack) with spare batteries.
- * Flashing beacon for rear of Pack, Sled or Bike with spare batteries. A rear bike light would be suitable.

PLEASE NOTE - A compulsory kit check will take place in the High Country Inn between 1.00pm and 3.00pm on Thursday 13th March – **ALL the above items must be presented for inspection.**

Emergency Numbers (during the race only)

Martin Like (Race Organiser)	+8816 3151 8869
Scott Graham (Medical)	+8816 3163 5236
Murray Fuller (Chief Support)	t.b.a

Messages of Support

From the 8th March I can be contacted via the following temporary email address
the6633ultra@hotmail.co.uk

This address can also be used to send messages of support to the athletes. All messages will be forwarded to the athletes at the earliest opportunity.

However, please note – the race takes place in an extremely remote location and access to the internet will be limited. It is probable that no access to the internet will be possible during the first 36-48 hours of the race and currently the internet access at the finish line at Tuktoyaktuk is broken and may not be repaired in time.