

THE 2025 HERO UCI MARATHON WORLD CUP: THE BLACK FOREST ULTRA BIKE MARATHON, THREE DAYS OF UNBRIDLED MTB

There's not long to go now until the 25th edition of the Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon. Since its debut in 1997, this German race has been testing the cyclists on its 118 km and 3,550 hm track – a perfect challenge for one's endurance and strategy. The 2025 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup's fourth round will be complemented by a satellite calendar bursting with events, leading the way to the race on Sunday, 13 July.

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Only a few days to go until the start of the **Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon**, the **2025 HERO UCI Cross-Country Marathon World Cup's** fourth stage in Kirchzarten in Germany. On Sunday, 13 July, cyclists will take on the race's 118 km and 3550 hm which will put their endurance and strategy to the test. The circuit focuses on the Feldberg mountain which, at its 1,492 m, makes it the tallest Mittelgebirge in Germany. Cyclists will race across the Dreisam valley and the Upper Black Forest in an event which attracts around 5,000 passionate mountain bikers year in, year out. 126 cyclists from 19 countries will take part in the qualifying race for the 2025 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup.

The Black Forest is preparing to welcome HEROes as well as all those who've flocked there to show their support. A dedicated programme will kick off on Friday, 11 July, at 16:00 at the **Kirchzarten Sports Stadium** and the Expo area. The **Biker Party** will start at 18:30 to welcome everyone – passion, friendship, and adrenaline will take centre stage.

The event continues Saturday, 12 July. The Expo area will open its doors between 10:00 and 19:00. THE **ULTRA Bike 25th Anniversary Party** will start at 19:00 and celebrate a race which has been the beating heart of the Black Forest for a quarter of a century. The event segues into the **Biker Chill out Party** at 20:00 – the last moment of respite before the race on Sunday.

Don't forget to set your alarm on Sunday, because it's an early start if you want to see the start of the 25th **Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon!** Head to the pedestrian zone in **Kirchzarten** at 07:30 – this is when the Elite men will kick off, followed by the Elite women at 7:40, and the Master category at 7:45. If you don't want to miss a moment of the race and cheer on the cyclists as close as it gets, take the train to Hinterzarten or the bus to Todtnauberg to cheer them on as they race by (see exact timings at www.ultra-bike.de). The first in the Elite men category should arrive at 12.00 at the **Sport Stadium Kirchzarten**, followed by the Elite women one hour later.

To round the event off, the HWC Award Ceremony will celebrate the winners of this 25th edition, which doubles as the fourth round of the **2025 HERO UCI Marathon World Cup, at** 13:30 for the Elite cyclists, and the Awards Ceremony at 15:30 for the Master Licence category.

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On Saturday, 12 July, you'll be able to get a taste of what awaits during the Press Meeting. The Elite cyclists will share their ambitions and takes on the race at 17:15 in the Black Forest Lounge. **Rosa van Doorn**, Team Buff-Megamo and leader of the Women's category, will be there – she'll be ready to face **Sandra Mairhofer**, from Italy, who's just won the HERO Südtirol Dolomites and is right behind her in the overall ranking. **Adelheid Morath** will be looking for an opportunity to show us what she's got after her Capoliveri success. Among the men, **Leo Paez**, from Colombia, and **Wout Alleman**, from Buff-Megamo, are going to be in a neck and neck race for the top podium. Joining them at the press conference will be **Simon Stiebjahn**, Team Singer KTM Racing.

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