

0.0 The Start/Finish area for the Yakima Skyline 50k & 25k are on private property just south of the Umtanum Recreation Area.

0.3 From the private property you'll run about 0.3 mile to reach the Umtanum Rec Area driveway near Canyon Rd. You'll then run about 0.2 mile to the bridge across the Yakima River.

0.5 Cross the Yakima River Bridge, after crossing the river you'll immediately turn right then turn left and go under the railroad tracks and turn left, run along the tracks for about 100 feet and then turn right into the brush heading into Umtanum Creek Canyon.

0.7 At a fork in the trail go left and start climbing up a side canyon(some places refer to this trail as Umtanum Ridge Crest Trail).

1.3 Continue up the side canyon(don't take trails to the left or right).

2.8 Reach the top of the first climb and turn left onto a dirt road that runs along the ridge(Durr Rd).

5.5 Durr Rd Water Only Aid Station. From here you'll leave the road and get back onto single track trail continuing to head down towards Roza Creek Valley.

7.7 At the bottom of "Buttslide Hill", a short but steep section of faint single track with some loose rocks on the surface, you enter a dry creek basin just before the trail gets to the large Roza Creek Valley. The Yakima Skyline Trail continues across this dry creek bed and up the other side of the drainage on an old roadbed through the big sagebrush bushes. BUT instead of following the main trail here instead turn left and stay on the north side of this dry creek basin and take a faint trail/old roadbed towards the river.

7.8 Roza Aid Station is by the railroad tracks just above river, after leaving the aid station re-trace your footsteps back to the Yakima Skyline Trail

7.9 Turn left on to the Skyline Trail, you'll climb up through a little sage brush and up a small rise and then start wrapping around and down into the main Roza Creek Valley which is pretty wide and pretty flat.

8.4 The Skyline Trail crosses an old road and continues into a field and heads towards the creek(the trail tread is not very visible through this field but there should be a few old fence posts leading the way towards the creek).

8.5 Cross Roza Creek. The trail still can be hard to follow through here but there is a trail that winds its way through the flat sagebrush valley floor heading south/southeast towards the base of the big ridge that is south of the creek.

8.9 Start climbing up the big ridge on a distinct single track trail.

11.1 You reach the first top of the second mountain, from here the trail contours and gradually drops down into a high saddle way up above the dam on the river.

12.0 You'll drop off the east side of the ridge briefly and cross through a tiny batch of trees where there is a small spring feeding into a stock trough. If you're super desperate you can drink this water but you probably won't want and you might be sick but at least you won't die of dehydration :) Then you'll climb back up to the ridge. Over the next half mile or so you'll come to a few trail intersections, at each of these intersections stay straight, don't take any of the trails that go off to the right.

12.8 Continuing along the ridge you'll start climbing up the south side of the saddle and go up about 200ft over about a half mile to the second top of the second mountain.

13.3 You'll reach the second top of the second mountain and start dropping down towards the Buffalo Rd Aid Station. The trail down from here is super rocky and will be slow going.

15.4 You reach the end of the Yakima Skyline Trail at Buffalo Rd. Turn right and go uphill on Buffalo Rd.

15.5 Buffalo Rd Aid Station. From here turnaround and re-trace your steps all the way back to the finish.

23.0 Roza Creek Aid Station

25.5 Durr Rd Water Only Aid station

31.0 Finish at Private Property next to Umtanum Recreation Area.