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2nd edition



Râușor, Hunedoara

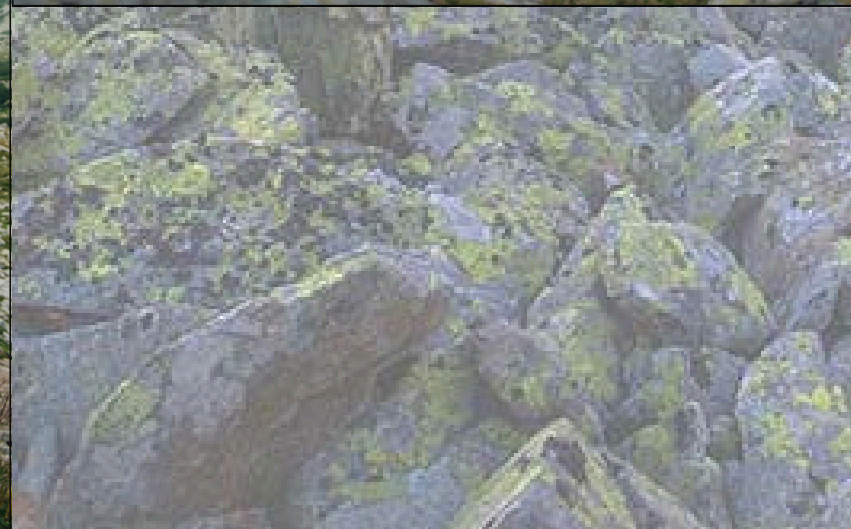


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RETEZAT
MOUNTAIN RUN

**THE ONLY RACE THAT BRINGS YOU TO
THE RETEZAT PEAK!**





WHO WE ARE ?

We are a non-profit association from Hunedoara (C.I.F. 47723560/ 28.02.2023), with members who love the mountains and mountain sports, as well as dozens of volunteers from everywhere. Our founders, who materialized our energies are Ioan Moldovan and Mihai Cherciov, both of whom are regularly present in Râușor resort, Hunedoara county.

We have a sustained activity, through volunteer projects in the Park area Retezat National, our operational center being located in Râușor. We organized so far numerous actions to recondition the tourist markings and sanitize the routes in Retezat Mountains.

But our soul project is Retezat Mountain Run, an event we will organize for its second edition on August 10, 2024. We take over the tradition of 10 years interrupted in 2020 by Retezat Maraton and we promise an exceptional event, with many other editions in the years to come.





WHY RETEZAT MOUNTAIN RUN ?

First of all, because we love this area and have invested a significant amount of time and resources here. Our dream is for our children to experience and enjoy all the wonders of Retezat!

Retezat National Park has over 38,000 hectares and spans the junction of three counties: Hunedoara, Caraș-Severin and Gorj. Forests cover over 50% of its surface, and 20% of these are virgin forests. The park is famous for having over 80 glacial lakes, 54 of which are permanent.

The largest glacial lake in the country is **Bucura** lake, the place where we will have the most important checkpoint of the route.

The park's authenticity is largely preserved because of the lack of car access, which has encouraged trekking and mountain tourism while keeping mass tourism at bay.

Sports events in nature raise awareness and unite us, strengthening the community of those who fight for nature conservation and preserving this gift of the planet.



FROM RETEZAT MARATHON TO RMR

The Retezat Mountain Run concept, initiated in 2023, introduced a new team with extensive experience in organizing similar events, marking a successful rebranding and laying out a continuity plan for the next five years.

We are currently reinventing the traditional 10-year-old event, Retezat Marathon, the sole competition challenging the greatness of its namesake peak.

We will ensure the event's organization with the assistance of dedicated volunteers, overseen by professionals specially co-opted for the race's success. Our aim is to elevate mountain running to the highest level, as it rapidly matures as a phenomenon.

We take pride in stating that for many of us, along with our friends and athletes alike, running in Retezat was a revelation that inspired us to participate in a series of other mountain races.

Regardless of competitors' goals or their training levels on race day, all our races provide the opportunity to experience the serenity and splendor of the Retezat Massif.

All races will commence from the Râușor resort, located at the base of the ski slope. Both the Marathon and Half Marathon share a common route that ascends to Retezat Peak, where the first support station will be located. From there, both races proceed to Lake Bucura, where the primary support station for the competition is situated.

The start of all races will be in the resort Râușor, at the base of the ski slope. Both the Marathon and Half Marathon courses share a route that traverses Retezat Peak, where the first support point will be located. From there, both races continue to Lake Bucura, which hosts the most crucial support station of the competition.

The cross leaves through Stevia Valley, reaching Retezat Peak and descending on Preluce Peak to Râușor.

CROSS - 12.8km/1260m

HALFMARATHON - 24.9km/1960m

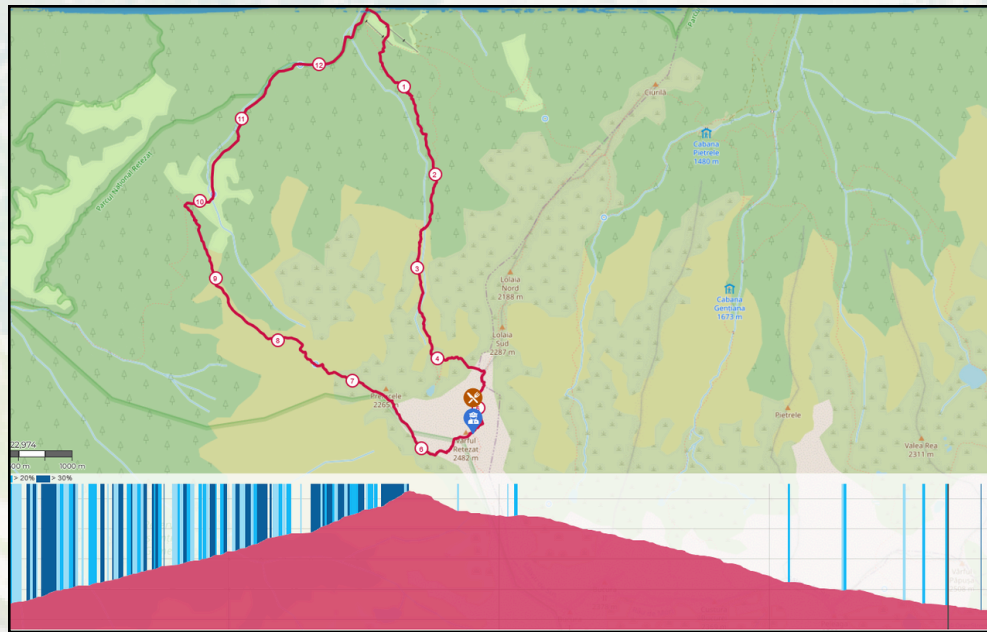
MARATHON - 39.7 km/3340m

RMR IN NUMBERS AND THE RACES

CROSS-CROSS

Distance covered 12.8 km, with an elevation gain of 1260m.

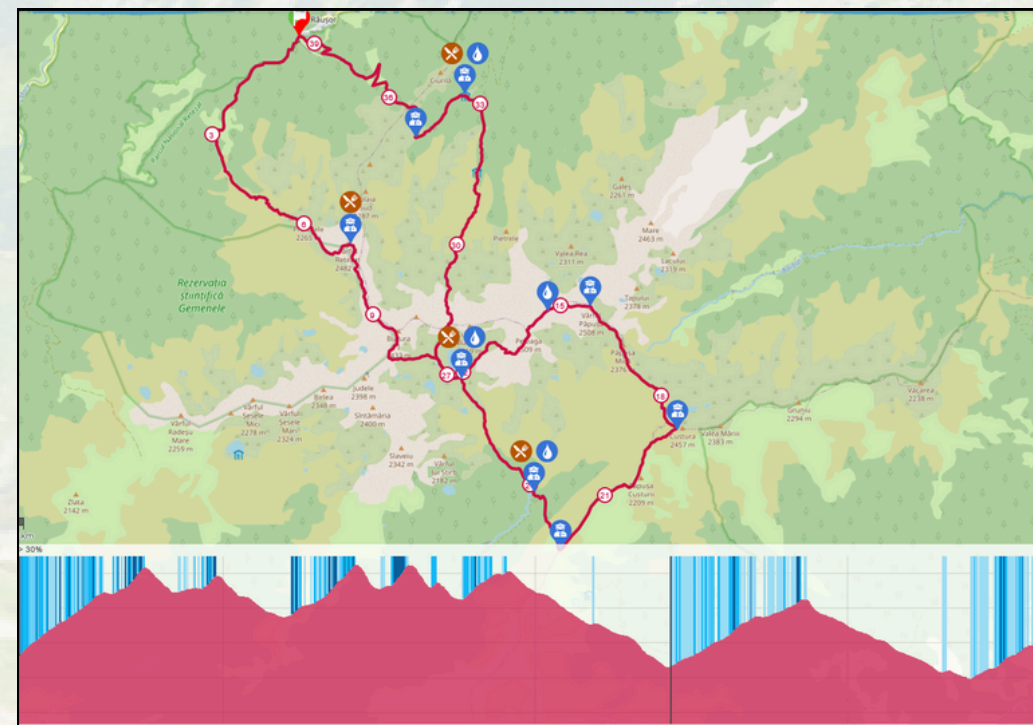
From Râușor, the route departs for Refuge Condor - Stevia Valley - Lolaia Saddle - Retezat peak - Preluce peak - Valereasca Ridge - and follows the forest road towards the finish line at the base of the ski slope.



HALF-MARATHON

Distance covered 24.9 km, with an elevation gain of 1960m.

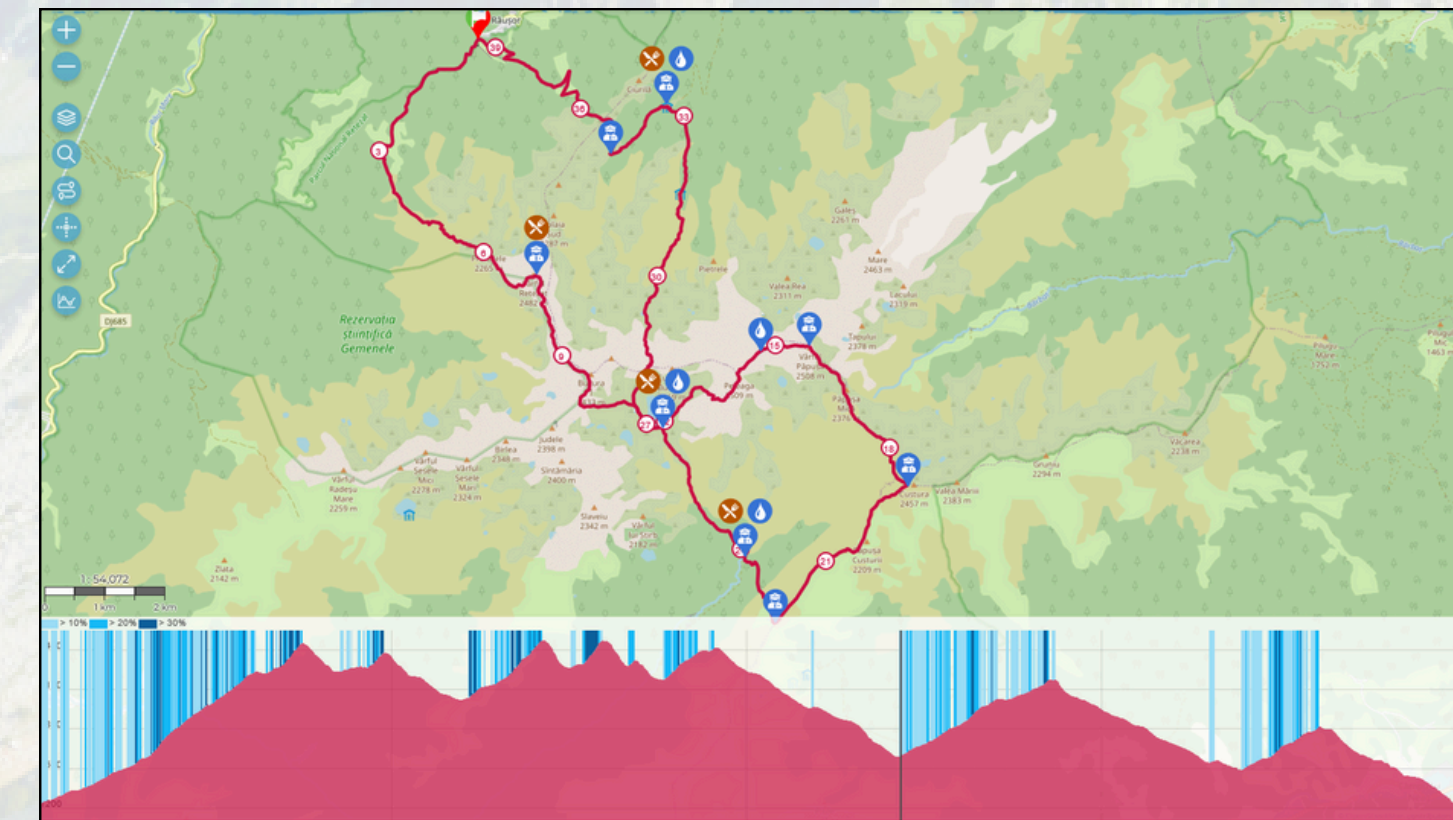
From Râușor, the route follows the forest road to Valereasca Ridge - Preluce Peak - Retezat Peak - Retezat Saddle - under Bucura Peak - lake Taul Porții - Bucura Lake - Bucura Saddle - Pietrele Lake - Pietrelor Valley - Gențiana Chalet - Pietrele Chalet - Stanisoara Valley - Ciurila Ridge - the finish line at the base of the ski slope.



MARATHON

Distance covered 39.7km, with an elevation gain of 3340m.

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RETEZAT MOUNTAIN RUN

If until now you have not realized the magnitude of the RMR operation, we say it now: it is the wildest and most difficult to reach race in Romania. 8 Of the 11 support stations on the route can only be reached by foot or air. Possibly with donkeys or horses.

Obviously we're going to carry everything with our amazing and dedicated volunteers, who will also supervise the safety of the runners.

We do not have a GSM signal, we will totally communicate with the help of the stations. Of course, we are also preparing for bad weather, which at over 2000 meters altitude can overturn any calculation.

For more details and updates about the event, you can follow us on facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/retezatmountainrunRausor>





WE NEED HELP

Like any community event, we rely on your support. We began with the essential contributions from CLIF ALPIN Râuşor Guesthouse, Lolaia Râuşor Chalet, and Râuşor Ski Resort.

Additionally, any contribution will mark a new milestone in the event's enhancement. From becoming an official partner in the competition to promoting a sponsor's name, we can establish various forms of collaboration.

We have a daily organic growing Facebook page, a website updated with all operational information, an Instagram page to showcase the area's beauty, email newsletters, and audiovisual displays at the start and finish areas. We offer these platforms to our supporters and partners.

We will provide participation kits to all participants, along with cash prizes and equipment. Additionally, food and drinks will be available at the start/finish area and the 4 main stations.

Motorized access is available at only one station; for the others, everything will be transported by our dedicated volunteers. While helicopter transport is an option, we can't afford that yet :-)

We also need to mark and secure the entire route, with support from ISU, the mountain rescue teams, and all local authorities, as required.

For exceptional cases, we will keep a private air ambulance and a mountain rescue team on standby. Naturally, all of this involves expenses.

Ultimately, we depend on your support, no matter how small. Even a simple wish for success is greatly appreciated!





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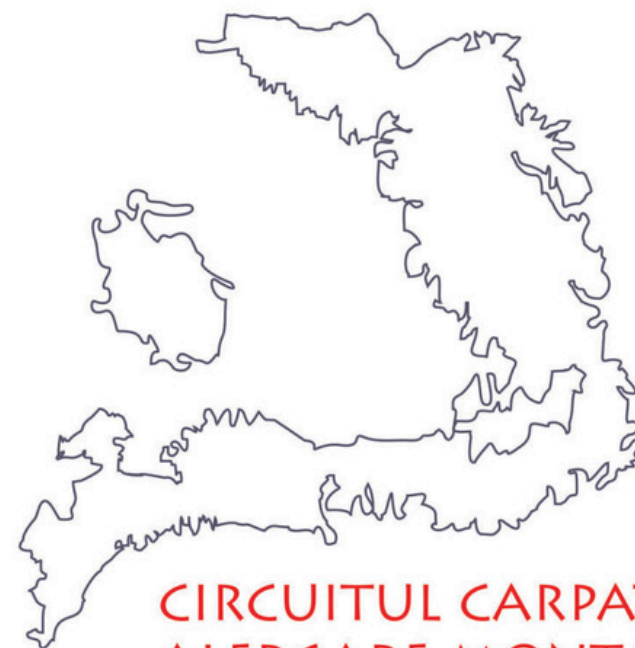
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