

# HERO SERIES 2024

## THE 2024 HERO SERIES: THE NEW INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BIKE CHALLENGE

*The 2024 HERO Series registrations are officially open. The Series is the international mountain bike marathon circuit which will see all marathon lovers test their skills during three races. These demanding events are part of the UCI calendar: the HERO Südtirol Dolomites (Italy), the Black Forest Ultra Bike Marathon (Germany), and the National Park Bike Marathon (Switzerland).*

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The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the HERO Südtirol Dolomites has barely finished, yet we're already back to announce something all mountain bike enthusiasts had been waiting for: the international HERO Series marathon circuit is back in 2024!

The HERO Dolomites Organising Committee has always strongly believed in this project, aiming to create a network of off-road cycling races, part of the UCI calendar, which are united by the tracks' difficulty and the stunning mountainous backdrop they take place in.

In 2024, the HERO Series will comprise the HERO Südtirol Dolomites, the Black Forest Ultra Bike Marathon in Germany, and the National Park Bike Marathon in Switzerland.

A trifecta of challenges for whoever is ambitious enough and spurred on by a passion which goes beyond sports: it's a true lifestyle.

Gerhard Vanzi, creator of the HERO Dolomites, says, *"We're overjoyed we can announce the 2024 HERO Series circuit, which will unite three legendary European marathon races. The passion for this discipline and its world – starting with its close contact and respect for nature – is what makes us believe in this great challenge, now back with a brand new series of races."*

Three events, the toughest on the international scene, which take place in unique, breathtaking natural areas. Areas which have been protected by each Organising Committee by implementing important green initiatives.

Register now at [www.heroworldseries.com](http://www.heroworldseries.com)

## **THE DATES**

The dates for the 2024 HERO Series are nothing like the previous editions: things kick off with the HERO Südtirol Dolomites (13-16 June 2024), hopping across the border to Germany in July at the Black Forest Ultra Bike Marathon (12-14 July 2024), and end in August in Switzerland at the National Park Bike Marathon (24-25 August 2024).

Boasting a total length of 345 km and a good 12,000 hm, the 2024 HERO Series is one of the toughest challenges ever for both UCI affiliated athletes and teams as well as amateur cyclists.

## **THE THREE RACES**

### HERO SÜDTIROL DOLOMITES



The toughest mountain bike marathon for pros and amateurs, It's the namegiver of the Series, and the first race to kick off the 2024 calendar. Its two courses have become the stuff of legend (86 km and 4,500 hm, and 60 km and 3,200 hm) on the Dolomites, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, crossing Val Gardena, Alta Badia, Arabba, Val di Fassa, and Seiser Alm. To be considered for the final 2024 HERO Series ranking, you'll need to complete the "long" track of the HERO Dolomites.

For further information visit [www.herodolomites.com](http://www.herodolomites.com)

### BLACK FOREST ULTRA BIKE MARATHON



This fairy-tale setting is deceiving, for the Black Forest ULTRA Bike Marathon boasts 118 km and 3,550 hm, making it a veritable challenge only for true heroes! The "ultra distance" track will be the second leg of the 2024 HERO Series: cyclists will start from Kirchzarten, and crest the highest summit of the Black Forest, the Feldberg, to then continue until Menzenschwand via Hofgrund, to then finally return to the finishing line at Kirchzarten.

For further information visit [www.ultra-bike.de](http://www.ultra-bike.de)

## NATIONAL PARK BIKE MARATON



The final leg of the 2024 HERO Series will be the National Park Bike Marathon, the largest cycling event in the Grigioni Canton. The event features races on different tracks – to qualify for the final HERO Series ranking, cyclists will have to compete on the 141-km track. The race starts in Scuol and crosses breathtaking Val S-charl until Val Müstair; from here it will cross into Livigno, and return to Switzerland via the Chaschauna pass, and end in Engadina.

For further information visit [www.bike-marathon.com](http://www.bike-marathon.com)

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