

IDITAROD TRAIL SWEEP TOUR TOUR SUMMARY

The Iditarod Trail Sweeps are an integral part of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Riding behind all of the competition, the Sweeps have two main tasks:

- Pick up inorganic litter. (We don't get it all but we try).
- Assist mushers who have decided that their race is over. If the end of their race comes between checkpoints, we move the dogs, drivers and gear to the closest checkpoint or the closest place a plane can land to fly them out.
- The Trail Sweeps also help break down remote checkpoints and have helped non-Iditarod travelers along the trail.

\$25,000 per person

50% down by January 1, 2010

Balance due March 4, 2010

ITINERARY which is subject to weather and trail conditions.

This is a sample itinerary showing the 'longest version' of the trip. Participants could be in Anchorage by Tuesday, March 22. We have a couple of days of no travel built into the itinerary but the pace of the race dictates the pace of the Trail Sweeps. The itinerary counts the days in Anchorage before the start. We are looking at 15-16 nights on the trail. The tentative itinerary that follows is all inclusive.

Day 1

March 4, 2010 Thursday

Arrive in Anchorage

5:30pm-10pm: Mushers' Drawing and Banquet, Anchorage

Lodging: Hotel

Day 2

March 5, Friday

Trail Sweep Team meeting, 9am-3pm

Iditarod Fund Raiser (optional) 6-9pm

Day 3 Getting on the trail - Travel approximately 80 miles on the trail.

March 6, Saturday

Iditarod Race Start, 4th Avenue, Anchorage

ITST will have VIP access to staging area, meet mushers.

12pm...depart Anchorage. Get on the Trail by 2pm

Travel through Yentna and Swentna checkpoints

Lodging: One Stone Lake

Day 4

March 7, Sunday Travel approximately 60 miles on the trail

Iditarod Race Re-start Day

ITST will be ahead of the teams at this point.

ITST will travel through Finger Lake Checkpoint and continue to Rainy Pass Checkpoint

Lodging: Rainy Pass Checkpoint, Puntilla Lake (Perhaps tent camping)

Day 5

March 8, Monday No travel

Teams will catch us at the checkpoint, frontrunners will begin arriving early in the morning and the entire field will slowly arrive at Rainy.

ITST will help Rainy Pass checkers when necessary

Lodging: Rainy Pass Checkpoint (Tents?)

Day 6

March 9, Tuesday Approximately 45 miles on the trail

All Iditarod teams should be in front of the ITST by mid-day

ITST travels over Rainy Pass, through the Dalzell Gorge, arriving at Rohn.

Lodging: Rohn Roadhouse Checkpoint...tent camp.

Day 7

March 10, Wednesday Approximately 70 miles on the trail

Travel down the Kuskokwim River, through the Buffalo Tunnels, across the Farewell Burn.

Lodging: Bear Creek Cabin, shelter cabin along the trail.

Day 8

March 11, Thursday Approximately 80 miles on the trail.

Travel through Athabaskan village of Nikolai (checkpoint) , then down the Kuskokwim to McGrath (checkpoint).

We should catch a couple of dog teams in McGrath

Lodging: McGrath Hotel...showers, laundry, McGuire's Tavern

Day 9

March 12, Friday No Travel!

R&R

Maintenance on snowmachines

Lodging: McGrath Hotel

Day 10

March 13, Saturday Approximately 50 miles on the trail

Travel through Takotna (checkpoint) and on to Ophir

Lodging: Bunkhouse at Forsgren's cabin at Ophir.

Day 11

March 14, Sunday Approximately 80 miles on the trail
Travel through the Innoko River Valley to remote checkpoint of Cripple
This is the halfway point in the race. The winner will be arriving in Nome when the ITST is at mid-race.
Lodging: Bunkhouse at Cripple

Day 12

March 15, Monday Approximately 100 miles on the trail
Travel from Cripple to the village and checkpoint of Ruby...overlooking the Yukon River
Lodging: Rose's B&B (showers again)

Day 13

March 16, Tuesday Approximately 55 miles on the trail
Travel on the Yukon River to Galena (checkpoint)
Lodging: Galena Checkpoint

Day 14

March 17, Wednesday Approximately 90 miles on the trail
Travel on the Yukon River through Nulato (checkpoint) to Kaltag (checkpoint)
Lodging: Kaltag Checkpoint

Day 15

March 17, Thursday Approximately 55 miles on the trail
Travel on the Kaltag-Unalakleet Portage to Old Woman Cabin

Day 16

March 18, Friday Approximately 35 miles on the trail
Travel to Inupiaq village of Unalakleet (checkpoint) on the Norton Sound
Lodging: Bunkhouse at checkpoint (Showers)

Day 17

March 19, Saturday Approximately 100 miles on the trail
Travel along the Norton Sound, over the Blueberry Hills to Shaktoolik (checkpoint), then across the Koyuk Bay to Koyuk (checkpoint) and then to the Quik River shelter cabin.
Lodging: Quik River shelter cabin

Day 18

March 20, Sunday Approximately 60 miles on the trail
Travel along the Coast of the frozen Bering Sea through Elim (checkpoint) and on to the Walla Walla shelter cabin

Day 19

March 21, Monday Approximately 60 miles on the trail

Travel along the coast to White Mountain (checkpoint) and then over Little McKinley and then to the Topkok shelter cabin.

Lodging: Topkok shelter cabin

Day 20

March 22, Tuesday Approximately 45 miles to the finish line

Travel through the Blow Hole, on to Safety, the last checkpoint and then 22 miles to the finish line in Nome.

Attend the Red Lantern Banquet

Lodging: Hotel in Nome.

Day 21

March 23, Wednesday

Fly to Anchorage

Depart Alaska