

VVX VOLVIC— VOLCANIC EXPERIENCE

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4th EDITION OF THE VOLVIC VOLCANIC EXPERIENCE
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**Both winners of the UTMB® and the UTWT 2019,
running the Chaîne des Puys – Faille de Limagne Trail Experience – 110 km – VVX**

Press release, January 2020

As the trail running elites finish planning their 2020 race calendar, the names of those participating in the 4th edition of the VVX are being announced! First, last December, the VVX organisation committee had announced that Pau Capell, elite Spanish runner, would be participating in the Chaîne des Puys – Faille de Limagne Trail Experience (110 km). Then, beginning of January, the American runner, Courtney Dauwalter, also confirmed her participation on the same 110 km race. Just like Pau, Courtney both won the UTMB® 2019 and last season's Ultra-Trail® World Tour.

This 4th edition of the VVX will therefore be hosting two of the biggest names in trail running, thus becoming one of the major events of the 2020 trail running calendar!

The Chaîne des Puys – Faille de Limagne Trail Experience has just recently joined the Ultra-Trail® World Tour circuit and yet, already attracts many of the international elite runners. For many of them, the VVX is a perfect race to start the season with. Taking place on demanding terrain, the race doesn't require extreme technicality and is therefore a perfect season debut!

All the VVX race formats, from the 15 km to the 110 km, offer a discovery of paths and landscapes beautifully shaped by mother-nature: Volvic Impluvium (water catchment area), stone quarries, and of course the famous Muletiers path that leads to the top of the Puy de Dôme. Those who take part in the VVX are therefore sure to discover this little-known area of France, still very much uncharted by most trail runner. It'll also allow them to meet the local inhabitants and artisans, all so eager and proud to share their heritage and natural landscapes.

This year's impressive line-up of international elite runners will, without a doubt, waken Auvergne's volcanoes!

WATCH OUT FOR THE OUTSIDERS!

Since the VVX's 110 km race format counts towards the UTWT's final 2020 ranking, we'll also be keeping an eye on the numerous other elite runners already registered as well!

Amongst the men, Sangé Sherpa (NEP), winner of the Chaîne des Puys – Faille de Limagne 2019 edition, who therefore already knows the race well. The American Dylan Bowman (901 ITRA index) could take us by surprise. The same goes for the Italian, Francesco Cucco, winner of the MaXi Race's Ultra race in 2018 and 5th on the Mont-Blanc Marathon in 2019 ; as well as the Spanish, Jordi Gamito (2nd on the UTWT in 2018), looking to surpass himself after a mixed review of his 2019 season. Pedro Hernandez (SPA), winner of the Volvic Impluvium Trail Experience (43 km), is now going to challenge himself on the 110 km format. Anthony Gay (FR), other VVX champion, winner of the 2018 edition, will also be back for another round.

On the women's side, the leading trio is, at least to this day, very American since two other American runners will come challenge Courtney for the first place: Charli Mckee (1st on the Javelina Jundred 2019) and Meghan Laws (5th on the Tarawera 100 Mile Endurance Run in 2019), seeking for revenge after she was forced to abandon during VVX's previous edition.

REGISTRATION STATUS, up to January 15th 2020

Elite runners aren't the only ones participating in the VVX. Many amateurs, more or less experienced, are also lining up to take part in this weekend.

However, trail running isn't their unique motivation... Sports, culture, and ambiance are the three elemental ingredients that make the VVX such a unique experience. It's an invitation to explore the region as a whole,

from the hiking paths to the most emblematic landmarks, not to forget the local traditions, craftsmanships and ambiance.

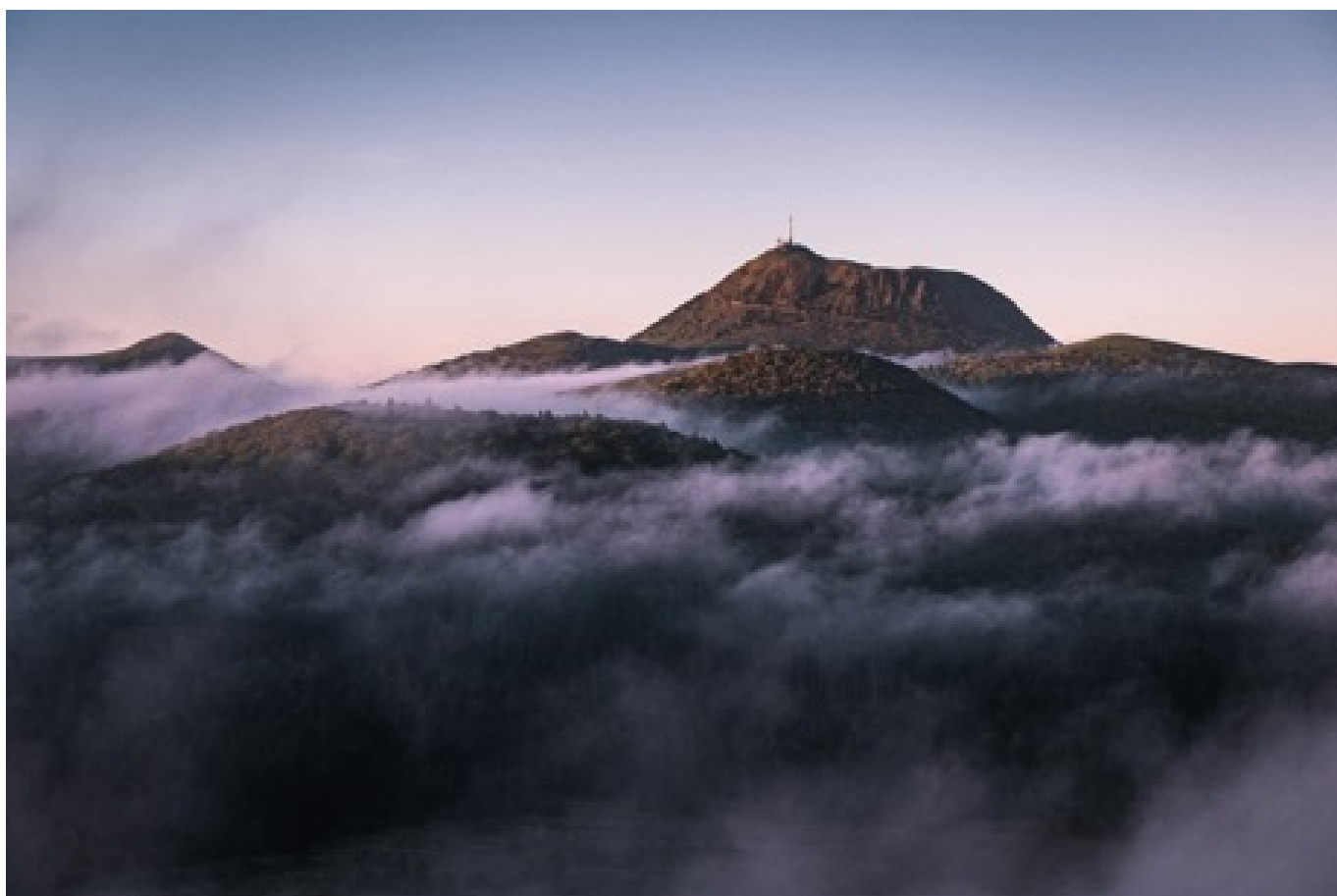
At this point in time, almost all the races are full! Approximately only 30 spots are left on the Chaîne des Puys – Faille de Limagne Trail Experience (110 km) relay version, in teams of 3.

The XGTV's solo version is also full, but 30 spots are still available for those who want to run in teams of 2. All the other races are now full!

Here, in the Auvergne volcano region, the number of registrations is intentionally limited (maximum of 600 runners / race) because one of the VVX's main goals is to protect the environment, and the local fauna and flora. Deliberately kept as a smaller, human scaled event, it boasts a people-friendly and eco-friendly environment in which everyone looks out for one another. The VVX pays particular attention to the quality of its races, the surrounding nature and the local heritage. And in order to ensure this stays true, they've put in place a partnership with the Regional Natural Park of Auvergne's Volcanoes. In fact, part of the VVX's entry earnings are given to the Park in order to ensure the trails upkeep all year-round.

Having its races located at the heart of an environment as pristine as the Chaîne des Puys – Faille de Limagne, recently designated as UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the VVX organisation committee actively works to protect its surrounding environment. Sustainable development, a limited ecological footprint, short supply chains, and social cohesion are all at the heart of the VVX's spirit.

Runners, families and friends all come for the same thing: to share a convivial weekend!



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The Great Volcanic Crossing Experience « XGTV® »

220 km - 8110 m elevation gain & 8780 m elevation loss, in teams of 1 or 2 people, limited to 30 teams of 2 (indivisible) and 30 solo competitors

Chaîne des Puys - Faille de Limagne Trail Experience

110 km in teams of 1,2 or 3 people - 3 500 m elevation gain, limited to 600 participants

The Volvic Impluvium Trail Experience

43 km - 1 700 m elevation gain, limited to 600 participants

The Volcanic Trail Experience

25 km - 1000m elevation gain, limited to 600 participants

The Lava Stone Trail Experience

15 km - 450 m elevation gain, limited to 600 participants

as well as races for children, the **VVX Kids Trail**,
various cultural and gourmet hikes, and entertainment...etc.

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