

Expanded Bus Service This Year

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Due to the huge increase in the Equinox field, we have added bus service to the traditional Ester Dome summit shuttle. Here's the scoop.

Three buses will depart the UAF Patty Center not later than 8:15AM. The buses will be parked on the road to the south of the SRC athletic field. These buses are open to second and third leg relay runners. Others can ride the buses on a space-available basis.

These buses will go from UAF to the Ann's Greenhouse pullout and drop off passengers, then will travel up Ester Dome Road to the point where it intersects with the north end of Henderson Road.

At that point two of the buses will run a shuttle loop from the Ester Dome Road-Henderson Road intersection to the second relay exchange zone at approximately mile 16.5. These buses **WILL NOT STOP** at Ullrhavn Summit (the top of the Chute). I repeat, these buses **WILL NOT STOP** at Ullrhavn Summit (the top of the Chute).

The third bus will run a route from the Ester Dome Road-Henderson Road intersection, back down Ester Dome Road and stop at Ann's Greenhouse pullout to drop off or take on passengers, then continue to the Patty Center at UAF, drop off or take on passengers, then return to the Ester Dome-Henderson intersection, stopping at Ann's Greenhouse pullout along the way. That bus will make 3-4 round trips. This bus **WILL NOT** run **ALL DAY**.

So, if you are a member of a relay team, you should be able to get to where you start your leg, or from where you finish your leg back to the Patty Center without too much difficulty.

We would like to thank Rick Winther of the Salmon Bake for providing us with buses and drivers, and also to thank his Transportation Manager Mike Smith who manages the shuttle bus effort. Without their generosity, this shuttle service would not exist.

If more details become available, we will publish them here and on our website.