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Untamed New England Adventure Race Sets Attendance Record

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The 3-day [Untamed New England Adventure Race](#), North America's [AR World Series](#) Qualifier for 2009, is setting records for expedition race participation in the Northeast United States. With 40 teams and 150+ participants, Untamed New England will dwarf previous expedition races in the region with participants coming from across the US, Canada, and even Europe.

“The host resort, New Hampshire's [Balsams Grand Resort](#), is bracing for an all-out invasion of merino wool, lycra, and mountain bikes,” joked Race Director, Grant Killian. “This is an elegant resort that has partnered with us to develop their edgy and adventurous side . . . and we're bringing them the largest field of teams an expedition race has ever had in New England.”

The 200 mile race course is truly worthy of being a World Championship Qualifier. Teams will bike staggering mountain passes and narrow, rooty trails; teams will navigate alpine summits, old wood forests, and bogs; teams will paddle the crystal clear rivers and lakes fed by mountain streams; teams will dangle from sheer rock faces on the ropes course. The course travels through territory normally reserved just for New England's iconic wildlife: black bear, moose, and eagles. For a few days in July, adventure racers will share this terrain with the wild inhabitants.



Podium finishers at Untamed New England earn a spot in the [AR World Championships in Portugal](#) later in 2009. The winning team earns a free entry into the Championships and \$4000 to offset their travel expenses to Portugal. The 2nd place team also earns a free entry into the AR World Championships (but no cash for expenses). Other generous sponsor support makes for over \$15,000 of prizes on the line.

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