Outrun Cancer With the John Wayne Grit Series Moab Half Marathon & 10K, Benefiting John Wayne Cancer Foundation

The JWGS Moab trail run returns Sept. 26, challenging runners and walkers to put their grit to the test against spectacular landscapes in the American West.



Runners traverse the trail during the 2025 John Wayne Grit Series run at Moab, Utah.

MOAB, UT, UNITED STATES, September 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The John Wayne Grit Series Moab Half Marathon and 10K trail run returns Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026. The trail run event challenges runners and walkers to put their grit to the test against one of the most spectacular landscapes in the American West, where John Wayne filmed “Rio Grande” and “Comancheros” — while helping to fight cancer.

The event benefits the John Wayne Cancer Foundation (JWCF) and supports its mission to lead the fight against cancer with courage, strength and grit through innovative research, education, awareness and support programs. Every step participants take helps fund pioneering cancer research and programs that improve and save lives.

Set against the dramatic red-rock landscape surrounding Moab, the race gives participants an unforgettable opportunity to experience the rugged beauty and spirit of the American West. The challenging trail course showcases towering sandstone formations, expansive desert views and the unique terrain that has made Moab one of the country's premier outdoor destinations.

“The John Wayne Grit Series is about challenging yourself, getting outside and giving back,” said Ethan Wayne, Director of the John Wayne Cancer Foundation.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN MOAB

Participants of all levels — from casual walkers to experienced trail runners — will enjoy:
• Half Marathon and 10K trail run/walk distances
• Spectacular red-rock scenery and panoramic desert views
• Challenging terrain in one of the West's most iconic outdoor destinations
• A race experience inspired by John Wayne's Western legacy
• Meet & Greets with members of the Wayne family
• Post-race celebration and community festivities
• Exclusive John Wayne Grit Series shirt and finisher mug
• Opportunity to purchase Grit Series merchandise at the event

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Registration is now open at johnwayne.org. Participants may register individually or form teams — corporate teams, friends and family — and can choose to pay for registration or commit to fundraising and run for free while earning exclusive rewards donated by sponsors. Participants can also sign up for all six 2026 John Wayne Grit Series events and earn the coveted All 6 finisher medal.

PLAN YOUR MOAB ADVENTURE

Make it a destination race weekend and experience everything Moab has to offer:
• Explore Arches National Park and its world-famous sandstone arches
• Visit Canyonlands National Park and experience spectacular canyon views
• Enjoy hiking, mountain biking, off-roading, sightseeing and other outdoor adventures
• Explore the shops, restaurants and attractions of downtown Moab
• Experience the rugged Western landscapes that have made the Moab area a favorite destination for filmmakers and outdoor enthusiasts

ARE YOU TOUGH ENOUGH?

Show your grit in the fight against cancer. Register now for the John Wayne Grit Series Moab Half Marathon & 10K at johnwayne.org.

Note to Editors: High-resolution photos and additional materials are available upon request. Members of the Wayne family are expected to attend.

ABOUT THE JOHN WAYNE GRIT SERIES

The John Wayne Grit Series challenges participants to run through iconic Western landscapes tied to John Wayne's legacy while raising funds to fight cancer. All events benefit the John Wayne Cancer Foundation, ensuring every mile run helps advance lifesaving cancer research and programs.

ABOUT THE JOHN WAYNE CANCER FOUNDATION

Inspired by John Wayne's courageous battle with cancer, the John Wayne Cancer Foundation funds innovative programs that improve cancer patients' outcomes and save lives through research, education, awareness and support. The foundation continues Duke's legacy of courage, strength, and grit.

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