

I think I am still on an Ultra Marathon high after completing Holiday Lake, my first Ultra!!! If someone had told me 2 years ago that I would run an ultra marathon one day; I would have laughed and said NO WAY. On March 2, 2011, I ran my very first race and my longest distance...The Monument **10K**. Before this I had never run before, and considered myself the farthest thing from a "runner". I realized during the race, that once I set my mind to something I could achieve almost anything. That same year, I completed my first marathon, and the rest is history! I was recently introduced to trail running and the beautiful trails of RVA; and fell in love with the amazing feeling of running out in nature (off the roads!). With a bit of peer pressure from Mark Guzzi, I signed up for Holiday Lake. Now I realize it was one of the best decisions I've made. Dr. Horton, you put on a great race and the weekend provides such a welcoming environment. Walking into the pasta dinner, I instantly felt part of a huge running family! The course was wonderful and parts truly took my breath away with its beauty. I loved hearing the shouts of encouragement from other runners as we passed each other along the way, some headed on their second loop others finishing their first. The feeling of community, love, and support was unlike any other race I have been a part of. I will recommend Holiday Lake to everyone, and cant wait to return next year!!!

I'm also looking into Promise Land!!!

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