

Saturday 11 April 2020 - Hessdale Half Marathon

On the way to running a half-marathon in the Flint Hills near Hessdale Kansas.

Drove possible [marathon track](#),

passing a mini-waterfall on a branch of Snokomo Creek near where Boothill Rd joins Snokomo Rd.



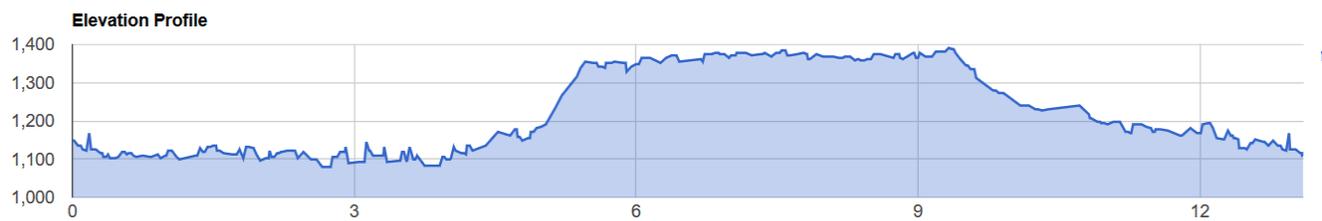
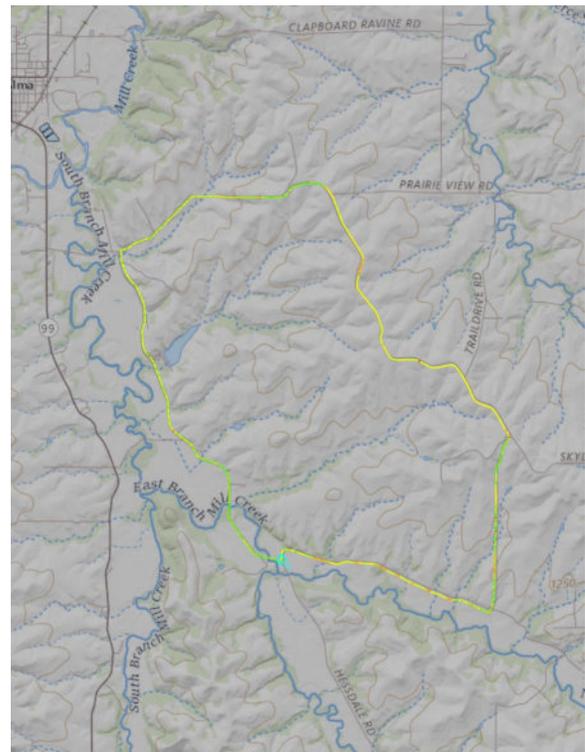
Along the way, found some 'roads' are not even gravel (Minor Road, Soil) and also discovered...



Then drove by Hessdale (aka Halifax, aka Bismarck), which is 3 miles south of the start of the half.



Parked at the intersection of Nehring Branch Road and Hessdale Road (green dot along the East Branch of Mill Creek) and started the [half marathon](#) at about 5:15, heading clockwise north along Mill Creek.



After ascending the hill from Hessdale Road next to Mill Creek up to Skyline Drive, about 90 minutes and 8 miles in saw that there was a storm that was going by to the south... an excuse to stop for a bit...



Impressive lightning flashes, but the storm was passing by farther to the south that I was running...

About 2 miles and 25 minutes later, after descending from Skyline Drive along Christy Road (another 'soil' road) saw this windmill against the dark skies



A bit further on from the windmill, the storm looked even more impressive... but still further south that I was going...



The last two miles on Nehring Branch road were tough. Even a slight uphill meant 'walk.'

Finished about 8 o'clock (just before the end of twilight) as the tail of the storm passed by so got a few drops of rain wet.

Results:

Distance:	13.10 mile
Ascent:	695 ft
Descent:	666 ft
Time:	2:45:11