

# CRW-Devo Climbing Challenge FAQ

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**Q:What is CRW-Devo?**

A: CRW-Devo is a group within Charles River Wheelers that focuses on performance and skills development. Its activities are free and open to all members. Some of the activities are open and welcome non-members as well.

**Q: What is the CRW-Devo Climbing Challenge?**

A: CRW-Devo ran a very successful climbing challenge in 2021 to prepare some members to take part in the [Mt Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb](#). However, the challenge can prepare **any** cyclist to be a stronger and more confident rider when the hills come up. To make it more “fun” and provide extra motivation, we came up with a challenge:

- Climb an Mt Everest—29,029ft or 8,848m—in 100 days (**Aug 15 thru Nov 22**). The prize? An exclusive pair of Polka Dot socks that can't be bought, only earned!

**Q: How do I sign up?**

A: Join one of the Strava Challenge groups. You will be invited once you [register](#) and follow “Martin Hayes (CRW)” on Strava.

**Q: How can I see people who aren't in my Strava group?**

A: A [compiled leaderboard is available](#) to view showing all the participants. This will be manually updated on a periodic basis during the challenge.

**Q: Can I take part even if I'm not a CRW member?**

A: We welcome all riders on rides, but only members are eligible to get the Polka Dot Socks. For \$15 you get a year of CRW membership and can take part in the challenge. [Join us today!](#)

**Q: Is there a good way to gain all that elevation?**

A: Join some CRW-Devo rides that will include several climbs around the Boston suburbs and southern New Hampshire countryside. Be on the look out for additional opportunities to be shared on Slack, [Strava](#), and the [club ride calendar](#)!

**Q: How can I log my elevation?**

A: Join the Strava challenge and every ride you post to Strava (except those set to “Private”) will be included!

**Q: Can I join the challenge after the start date?**

A: Yes! And all your rides that have been posted to Strava since the start date (**Aug 15**) will automatically be included too. You must [register](#) and accept the invite for the Strava challenge group before the last day of the challenge (**Nov 22**).

**Q: Will you ship the socks to my home address?**

A: Unfortunately, we will not ship the socks. They will be available for pick-up only, either in Cambridge, MA or on a local CRW Devo ride.

**Q: Can I buy or get the socks any other way?**

A: No, this is an exclusive item. Only those that collect enough elevation through the CRW-Devo challenge in 2022 will be eligible to win them by raffle. Those who earn them should wear them with pride!

**Q: How many socks will be awarded?**

A: This is a limited run. Only 120 pairs are available. See the [challenge page](#) for information on the raffle.

**Q: How do I know if I earned my socks?**

A: All socks will be awarded by raffle and the raffle date with Zoom link will be posted on the [CRW ride calendar](#). The names of winners will be posted in the ride calendar entry after the raffle is completed. Winners will also be notified by e-mail, if one is provided, and on Slack.

**Q: Where can I get more information on the CRW-Devo Climbing Challenge?**

A: [Click here](#) to go to the Challenge main page.