

PARTICIPANT GUIDE TO THE 24th ANNUAL EVENT September 1-3, 2017



GETTING HERE

Find US41 and head north. Yup, just head north. US41 ends/begins in Copper Harbor. The main trailhead is right in the middle of town next to race central, also know as the Copper Harbor Community Park. Everything is within a few blocks so once you arrive, you most likely will not need your car while you are in Copper Harbor.

NEED TO KNOW

Copper Harbor is a very small town. We have all the basics: comfortable lodging, good food, great beer, bike repair/rental shop, world-class trails, and lots of forest and water to explore but we don't have cell service in town. Limited internet is available at local businesses but to get a cell signal you will have to drive to the top of Brockway Mountain just outside town. An emergency phone is available on the east side of the Community Building.

RACE MAPS

Will be posted online a few weeks out from race weekend.

LODGING

There are lots of lodging options available including cabins, hotels, full service and rustic camping. Please use the links on the Copper Harbor Trails Club website and support those businesses that support the trails. The town fills up fast for Trails Fest weekend so make your reservations early.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

If you don't plan to race, please consider volunteering! There's a link on the event page of our website to sign up for open volunteer positions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, please send an email to lori@copperharbortrails.org or call 906-487-6635. Follow the Copper Harbor Trails Club Facebook page for updates as the event approaches.

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

ENDURO (LAKE SUPERIOR GRAVITY SERIES EVENT)

MTB enduro is a stage-race format where the winner is the rider who accumulates the lowest combined time from the various timed sections. The Trails Fest enduro consists of either 2 (beginner enduro), 3 (short enduro), or 4 (long enduro) timed stages that take place on technically demanding, generally descending terrain. The timed stages are linked by predominantly ascending transfer stages. Although a rider's specific performance on the physically demanding transfer stages does not affect his or her result, the transfers are associated with an overall time cut-off. The enduro race courses are run on a mix of intermediate and expert mountain bike single track. *Stages for the Enduro events will be announced the week of the event.* The 4 stage event is open/expert, 3 stage event is for sport participants, and the 2 stage (on intermediate trails) is only for never ever beginners who want to get a taste of the event. Awards will be given to the top 3 men and top 3 women in each event.

DOWNHILL (LAKE SUPERIOR GRAVITY SERIES EVENT)

The Trails Fest Downhill event will be held on the demanding, expert level Bell Built Overflow Trail that descends from Brockway Mountain Drive. The trail has large natural and man-made features that will challenge the most advanced riders. Shuttles to the start of the event are included in the entry fee and are provided by the Keweenaw Adventure Company. Best 1 of 2 timed runs will determine winners. Practice time will be available prior to the event.

JUNIOR FAT TIRE (KIDS RACES)

The junior mountain bike races include a 40 yard (for the little ones), 1-mile, and 3-mile event for ages 13 & under. The races start and end in the Copper Harbor Park. The course is a mix of gravel pathway, singletrack, and doubletrack with very little elevation change. This is a very kid friendly event!

SHORT AND LONG XC RACES

The length of our short and long XC races vary each year but always feature challenging singletrack and elevation change that are the trademark of the Copper Harbor Trail System. Awards by age group and top overall guy and gal in each event will be presented with a special piece of local artwork.

TRAIL RUN 10K

New this year, we will give you a little taste of the Copper Harbor Trails!

2017 BELL'S BEER COPPER HARBOR TRAILS FEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Friday, September 1, 2017

Registration Open @Community Center 7pm-9pm

Saturday, September 2, 2017

Registration Open @ Community Center 7am-9am

XC Race (Long and Short Mass Start) 9:30 am

DH Registration Open @ Community Center 12pm-2pm

DH Race 3:00pm on Overflow Trail

Music and Bell's Beer in the Park 5:00pm – 10pm

Art Bike At the Harbor Opening 5:00pm

XC and DH Awards Ceremony 6:00pm

Sunday, September 3, 2017

Registration Open @ Community Center 7:30am-10:30am

Trail Run 10K 9:00 am

Enduro Race – Beginner (2 stages), Sport (3 stages) 11am – 2pm

Enduro Race – Expert/Open(4 stages) 11am-3pm

Junior Fat Tire Registration 2-3:30pm

Junior Fat Tire (40 yard, 1 mile & 3 mile for Ages 13 & under) 4pm

Music and Bell's Beer in the Park 3pm - 11pm

Enduro, Trail Run, and Kids Awards in the Park 6:00pm

2017 REGISTRATION FEES



Early Registration by Sunday, August 13th

XC: \$50

Enduro: \$50

Beginner Enduro (2 Stages): \$30

Downhill: \$50

Trail Run: \$30

XC & Enduro: \$80

Enduro & Downhill: \$80

Full Fest – XC, Downhill and Enduro: \$100

**Each participant will receive a stainless steel pint, one beer ticket (over 21), and one voucher for food to be used either Saturday or Sunday.*

Junior Fat Tire: \$10 (includes Tshirt)

Add Ons: Event T-shirt: \$15

After August 13th

XC: \$60

Enduro: \$60

Beginner Enduro: \$40

Downhill: \$60

Trail Run: \$40

Enduro & XC: \$100

Enduro & Downhill: \$100

Full Fest – XC, Downhill and Enduro: \$120

Junior Fat Tire: \$10 (includes T-shirt while supplies last)