

PARTICIPANT GUIDE 2017 TO THE 24th ANNUAL EVENT



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 known 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 overall 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. BE AWARE that it will be one mass rollout including both short and long XC participants! Age group and Singlespeed for both short and long, and top overall male and female in the long race.

Trail Run 10K

New this year, put one foot in front of the other with a fun run through Fort Wilkins State Park and looping back on the Point Trail Phase 1.

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

Friday, September 1

Registration Open for All Events @ Community Center 7pm-9pm

Saturday, September 2

Registration Open for All Events @ Community Center 7am-9am

XC Races Mass Start in Downtown Copper Harbor 9:30 am

Registration Open @ Community Center 12pm-2pm

Bell's Beer @ Copper Harbor Park 12pm – 10pm

Downhill Race on Overflow Trail 3:00 pm

XC and DH Awards Ceremony in the Copper Harbor Park 5:30 pm

Art Bike At the Harbor Opening at Community Center 6:30 pm

Music – Erik Koskinen in the Copper Harbor Park 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 3

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

Trail Run 10K Starting at Copper Harbor Park 9:00 am

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

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

Registration Open for Junior Fat Tire @ Community Center 2pm-3:30pm
(40 yard, 1 mile & 3 mile for Ages 13 & under)

Junior Fat Tire XC Race with Junior Awards to Follow 4:00 pm

Awards Ceremony for Enduro and Trail Run 5:30pm

Bell's Beer in the Park @ 3pm-11pm,

Music with **The Last Revel** following Awards!

REGISTRATION FEES

Early Registration by Sunday, August 13th

XC: \$50

Enduro: \$50

Beginner Enduro: \$30

Downhill: \$50

Trail Run: \$30

Enduro & XC: \$80

Enduro & Downhill: \$80

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

*Each participant will receive a stainless steel pint glass, one beer ticket (over 21), one voucher for food to be used either Saturday or Sunday, and access to two nights of music!

Junior Fat Tire: \$10 (includes tshirt)

Add Ons:

Event T-shirt: \$10

After August 14th

XC: \$60

Enduro: \$60

Beginner Enduro: \$40

Downhill: \$60

Trail Run: \$40

Enduro & XC: \$100

Enduro & Downhill: \$100

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

Junior Fat Tire: \$10 (includes tshirt while supplies last)

