

PARTICIPANT GUIDE 2019 TO THE 26th ANNUAL EVENT!



GETTING HERE

Find US-41 and head north. Yup, just head north. US-41 ends/begins in Copper Harbor. The main trailhead is right in the middle of town next to Grant Township Park, our base of operations for the weekend. Everything is within a few blocks so once you arrive, you most likely will not need your car while you are in Copper Harbor. Just ride your bike!

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 tons of forests, lakes, rivers, and shorelines to explore. 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 Grant Township Hall near the trailhead and restrooms.

RACE MAPS

Looking to get some laps under your belt before your big race? Well... we haven't figured out which trails we're using yet. Be patient. Some races may take place on trails that haven't even been built yet! We will announce the race courses in the weeks prior to event weekend. Check back for periodic updates to this Participant Guide as the summer progresses.

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. Copper Harbor fills up fast for Trails Fest weekend so make your reservations early.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

If you don't plan to race every event, please consider volunteering! A link will be posted on our website closer to the event once we figure out our volunteer needs. All volunteers will get free entry to the evening's music as well as a beer (if over 21) and food ticket for their efforts - in addition to the tickets you get for registering!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions, please send an email to nathan@copperharbortrails.org or call (808) 927-0427. Follow the Copper Harbor Trails Club [Facebook page](#) for updates as the event approaches. Please note: cell service is non-existent in Copper Harbor! If you need details close to the event, email/Facebook messenger is your best bet.

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

ENDURO (LAKE SUPERIOR GRAVITY SERIES EVENT)

The Enduro is a stage-race format where the winner is the rider who accumulates the lowest combined time from the various timed sections. Our enduro consists of either 2 (beginner), 3 (sport), or 4 (open/expert) timed stages that take place on 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 singletrack. Awards will be given to the top three men and top three women overall in each class.

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. Typical race lengths are around 15 miles for the short course and 30 miles for the long course. Be aware that it will be one mass rollout including both short and long XC participants! Awards will be given out by age group and gender for both short and long races, combined single speed competitors in the short and long races, and top overall male and female in the long race.

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 from 1:30 - 3:00 PM

10K TRAIL RUN

Looking to race something other than your mountain bike? Give our 10k competitive trail run a try! We'll give out awards to the top 3 male and female racers in this rugged race that tackles some of our system's gnarliest terrain. Don't think that just because you're not on a mountain bike that we'll go easy on you.

JUNIOR MTB RACE (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 at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge and will take place on the soon-to-be completed easy Back 9 Trails. No more confusing road crossings! This is a very kid friendly event and parents are allowed to ride along with their racer if desired.

KING & QUEEN OF THE MOUNTAIN

Do you have what it takes to dominate the hill? Awarded to the fastest racers in the combined Expert Enduro, Long XC, & Downhill events. You must race in all three events to qualify! Add in the 10k Trail Run to unlock our special Beast Mode award!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Times subject to change as the event draws nearer!

Friday, August 30

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Registration Open for All Events at the Community Center

Saturday, August 31

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM Registration Open for All Events at the Community Hall

10:00 AM XC Races Mass Start in Downtown Copper Harbor

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Registration Open at the Community Hall

2:00 PM - 11:00 PM Bell's Beer at Grant Township Park

3:00 PM Downhill Race on Overflow

5:30 PM XC and DH Awards Ceremony in Grant Township Park

6:30 PM Art Bike at the Harbor Opening at Community Hall

7:00 PM Music by **Hobo Nephews of Uncle Frank** in Grant Township Park

Sunday, September 1

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM Registration Open @ Community Center

9:00 AM Trail Run 10K Starting at Grant Township Park

11:00 AM - 2:30 PM Enduro Race - Expert/Open(4 stages)

11:15 AM - 2:30 PM Enduro Race - Sport (3 stages)

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM Enduro Race - Beginner (2 stages),

2:00 PM - 11:00 PM Bell's Beer at the Grant Township Park

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Registration Open for Junior Fat Tire at the Community Hall

4:30 PM Junior MTB Races with Junior Awards to Follow

6:00 PM Awards Ceremony for Enduro and Trail Run in Grant Township Park

7:00 PM Music by **The Go Rounds** in Grant Township Park



REGISTRATION FEES

Early Registration before Sunday, August 11th @ midnight:

XC: \$50
Enduro: \$50
Downhill: \$50
Trail Run: \$30

Each additional event added will be discounted \$20.
Example: XC + Enduro = \$80. Downhill + XC + Trail Run = \$90

*Each participant will receive a 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 MTB: \$10

Add Ons:

Adult Event T-shirt: \$15. Kids shirts: \$10

After August 11th

XC: \$60
Enduro: \$60
Downhill: \$60
Trail Run: \$40

Each additional event added will be discounted \$20.

Junior MTB: \$10

Event T-shirt: You snooze, you lose! Guarantee your shirt before August 11th or fight for your size the day-of.