

# **PARTICIPANT GUIDE 2020**

## **TO THE 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EVENT!**

### **September 4-6, 2020**



### **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, a 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**

We will release race maps about 2-3 weeks before the event!

### **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! All volunteers will get free entry to the evening's music, a swag item, and a beer (if over 21) and food ticket for their efforts - in addition to the tickets you get for registering! Volunteer slots will be opened about 4-6 weeks before the event.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions, please send an email to [nathan@copperharbortrails.org](mailto: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 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 PM - 3:00 PM.

### **KING & QUEEN OF THE MOUNTAIN**

Do you have what it takes to dominate the hill? Awarded to the fastest racers in the 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!

### **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), 1.5-mile, and 3-mile event for ages 13 & under. The races will take place on the easy Back 9 Trails near the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. No more confusing road crossings! This is a very kid friendly event and parents are allowed to ride along with their child.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Times subject to change as the event draws nearer!*

## **Friday, September 4**

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

## **Saturday, September 5**

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 served at Grant Township Park

**3:00 PM Downhill Race on Overflow (Spectators welcome!)**

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Music in Grant Township Park

6:00 PM XC and DH Awards Ceremony in Grant Township Park

6:45 PM Art Bike at the Harbor Opening at Community Hall

7:00 PM Music in Grant Township Park

## **Sunday, September 6**

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 & Sport classes**

**12:00 PM - 2:30 PM Enduro Race - Beginner class**

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

2:00 PM - 3:45 PM Registration for Junior MTB at the Mountain Lodge

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Music in the Grant Township Park

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

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

7:00 PM Music in Grant Township Park

8:30 PM Raffle Drawing in between sets



## REGISTRATION FEES

### **Early Registration Before Sunday, August 10th @ Midnight:**

XC: \$50

Enduro: \$50

Downhill: \$50

Trail Run: \$30

Each additional event added will be discounted \$20. **Examples:** XC + Enduro = \$80.

Downhill + XC + Trail Run = \$90

Junior MTB: \$10

### **Add Ons:**

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

### **Registration After August 10<sup>th</sup>**

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 10th or fight for your preferred size the day-of.

### **Swag & Giveaways**

Each participant will receive one Trails Fest swag item (while supplies last), one beer ticket (over 21), one food ticket (\$10 value) to be used either Saturday or Sunday, and access to two nights of music!

**Music:** \$10 at the door gets you entry to both nights. Be sure to keep your wristband.