Welcome to the 28th Annual Copper Harbor Trails Fest Presented by the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge! We’re excited to have you join us at our Labor Day weekend event. This participant guide has all the information you need to plan your trip. We update it regularly so be sure to check back for new info as it is released.

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 much 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: lodging, food, beer, a couple bike repair/rental shops, 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 or near the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge just outside town. An emergency phone is available on the east side of the Grant Township Hall near the trailhead and restrooms.

LODGING
There are lots of lodging options available including cabins, motels, 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. CHTC reserves the group campsite at Fort Wilkins. You can book your group camping spot for $5/night here!

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/or beer (if over 21) and food tickets for their efforts depending on how much you volunteer - in addition to the tickets you get for racing! Volunteer slots can be found online and are now open.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
If you have questions, please send an email to nathan@copperharbortrails.org. 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 or Facebook messenger is your best bet. We cannot guarantee we’ll reply to your messages during the event, so get those questions to us as soon as you can for the quickest replies.

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EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

ENDURO
The Enduro is a stage-race format where the goal is to accumulate the lowest combined time from a series of individually timed sections. Awards will be given to the top three men and top three women overall in each class. Our enduro consists of either two (Beginner & Junior), three (Sport), or five (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.

Expert class stage order: West Woopidy Woo, Red Trail, Flo’Rion, Whipsaw into Summer School, New East Bluff Downhill trail
22 miles and ~2900 feet of climbing

Sport class stage order: West Woopidy Woo, Flo’Rion, Whipsaw into Summer School
17 miles and ~1900 feet of climbing

Beginner classes stage order: Flo’Rion, Whipsaw into Summer School
6.75 miles and ~1080 feet of climbing

Riders in each class will have assigned waves for their given class. Each wave has a preset starting time and stage order to help keep congestion to a minimum. Racers will have a chance to choose their wave at registration so that you may ride with friends. Waves can be changed until they are full. We’ll release more precise times and stages closer to the event. Detailed wave schedule information will be given out to each racer at check-in.

Scores in the Expert Enduro are eligible for the Lake Superior Gravity Series.

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SHORT AND LONG XC RACES
The length of our short and long XC races vary each year but always feature challenging singletrack and elevation changes that are the trademark of the Copper Harbor Trails. The short course is right around 15 miles and the long course is near 30 miles. All racers get a trip up East Bluff and a bumpy ride down the end of Paul’s Plunge. Long racers make a long trek out to High Rock Bay, as well as an extra special trip up Red Trail for the first time ever. Good luck! All racers begin with a mass roll-out at 10 AM in front of the Mariner North. Course splits will be well marked on East Bluff and the top of Mango.

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
Our Downhill event will be held on the brand-spankin’ new expert-level downhill trail on East Bluff being built to the west of Flo’Rion. It does not currently have a name but it is a burly, aggressive ride. Difficulty-wise it is in between Overflow and Flo’Rion, featuring fast, large berms, big rock rolls both natural and manmade, and mandatory jumps and drops. Truck shuttles to the top of the hill will be available. Best 1 of 2 timed runs will determine winners. Practice time will be available prior to the event from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Note: the trail is still under construction and will be available shortly before the event. Don’t worry if you’re not 100% familiar with the course - neither are we! Everyone will be handicapped this year until we all get a bunch of laps in. We’ll announce when the trail is ready so you can start practicing ASAP.

Scores in the Downhill are eligible for the Lake Superior Gravity Series.

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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. This year’s course features climbs up Paul’s Plunge and Red Trail. Beware! An aid station will be located at the top of Red Trail/Dancing Bear with basic medical supplies, water, and Gatorade.

JUNIOR MTB RACE (KIDS RACES)
One for the kids! We’ll have 1.5 mile and 3 mile mountain bike races for children under 13 year of age on our Back 9 Trails near the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. The trails are wide, gently rolling, with very few obstacles. Come cheer on our youngest competitors before they leave you in the dust later! Parents will be allowed to ride with their child for guidance and support. Please be respectful of other racers - it might be a race, but there’s no gleaming trophy at the end or a place on the Olympic team. We’re here to have fun, not crack the whip.

Racers will be sent out in waves depending on their race and age. Below are the approximate start times for the Junior XC races. We will try to stick to these as closely as possible!

➔ 3:55 - Line up for 1.5 mile
➔ 4:00 - 1.5 mile wave 1 (older group) START
➔ 4:02 - 1.5 mile wave 2 START

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4:25 - Line up for the 3 mile race
4:30 - 3 mile wave 1 (older group) START
4:32 - 3 mile wave 2 START

5:00 - Strider Sprint (~30-50 yards)

The race cut off for all racers will be 5:30 PM. The longest racer in 2019 took 40 minutes so there is plenty of time to make it through this mild, gently rolling course. Awards will be given out at 6:00 PM down in the park along with the other Saturday race awards.

KING & QUEEN OF THE MOUNTAIN
Do you have what it takes to dominate at every event? The King and Queen of the Mountain is 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 qualify for our special Beast Mode award!**
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Times subject to change as the event draws nearer!

Friday, September 3
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  Registration & Check-in Open in Grant Township Park

Saturday, September 4
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM  Registration & Check-in Open in Grant Township Park
10:00 AM  XC Race Start in Downtown Copper Harbor
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  Registration Open in Grant Township Park
2:00 PM - 11:00 PM  Beer served at Grant Township Park
3:00 PM  Downhill Race on Overflow
4:00 PM  Junior MTB races at the Back 9 Trails (KML)
6:00 PM  XC and DH Awards Ceremony in Grant Township Park
6:45 PM  ArtBike at the Harbor Opening in Grant Township Park
7:00 PM  Uncle Pete's All-Star BBQ Blues Band (Park)

Sunday, September 5
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  Registration & Check-in Open in Grant Township Park
9:00 AM  Trail Run 10K Starting at Grant Township Park
10:20 AM - 1:00 PM*  Enduro Race – Beginner classes *depending on wave
10:30 AM - 3:00 PM*  Enduro Race – Expert class *depending on wave
11:40 AM - 3:20 PM*  Enduro Race – Sport class *depending on wave
2:00 PM - 11:00 PM  Beer served at the Grant Township Park
4:00 PM  Anthony Shepherd music in Grant Township Park
6:00 PM  Awards Ceremony for Enduro and Trail Run in the Park
7:00 PM  4onthefloor music in Grant Township Park
8:30 PM  Raffle Drawing in between sets

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**REGISTRATION FEES**

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Each additional event added will be discounted $20. **Examples:** XC ($55) + Enduro ($55) = $90 ($110 - $20). Downhill + XC + Trail Run = $105 ($155 - $40)

**Refund Policy**

If we cancel the event due to COVID, you will have the option to get a refund of your registration fee, convert it into a donation to CHTC, or defer your registration to 2022. Otherwise, no refunds. You may transfer your registration to a friend or family member.

**Swag & Giveaways**

Each participant will receive one Trails Fest double-walled stainless steel pint glass (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! Junior MTB racers get a cookie from Jamsen’s after their race but no food/beer ticket or swag item.

**Event Shirts**

We will have event shirts on sale throughout the weekend. We will not sell shirts ahead of time due to the hassle of retrieving reserved merchandise during check-in. There will be a healthy number of shirts for sale but show up early for the best selection.

**Music**

Wristbands for evening music will be $10 at the door for entry to both nights. Be sure to keep your wristband! No wristband = no entry. Capacity will be limited if state or local regulations dictate.

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**Saturday Evening Music: Uncle Pete’s All-Star BBQ Blues Band**

There is nothing more American than the Blues! And Uncle Pete’s All-Star Barbeque Blues Band is ALL about the blues and Electric Americana! Since forming in August of 2008, the band has thrilled audiences in clubs, at festivals, and in concerts in Michigan with their diverse and dynamic music. UPASB3’s first home was the Library Brew Pub in Houghton where they played as a 4-piece band every Thursday from September 2008 through January of 2009 highlighting the Library’s Texas Barbeque night. Boisterous crowds started to frequent the Pub and UPASB3 developed a loyal following. In response to audience enthusiasm, the band expanded its repertoire to include classic Electric Americana songs, and some original blues-inflected tunes.

Riding on its initial wave of success, Uncle Pete’s started to perform at Summer Festivals, outdoor concerts, and clubs. In the summer of 2010 the original quartet added a unique 3-piece saxophone section, the Tabascophones. Currently, the hard driving horn section, Hornucopia, adds an irresistible energy to the already popular group!

Uncle Pete’s is Bob Hiltunen, Mike Irish, Mark Lucier, Scott Veenstra, Jim Weiler, Paul Keranen, Mandy Kramer, and Deb Kinzi.

**Sunday Evening Music: 4onthefloor**

Joining together in the name of fun & joy, the 4onthefloor bring their well-oiled, high-octane, rock’n’roll to the world with an immediacy rarely seen on stage in the 21st century. The furious delivery ebbs and flows with sing-along anthems and breakdowns to soaring guitar solos and unbridled full-bore rock. Camaraderie is a common theme, and stompers are finding like-minded rock’n’rollers at every show.

Hailing from Minnesota, they take the heavy road route, grooving in the tracks of so many rubber-to-the-road musicians before them. Following in the footsteps of some of the band’s influences, being on the road plays a large role in the writing. The merriment must come from all angles, including the stage for a memorable show.

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