

2022 Trails Fest Spectator Guide



We welcome spectators of all flavors at the 29th Annual Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Copper Harbor Trails Fest. Like to cheer? Great. Still have a vuvuzela that needs playing? Bring it on. Cowbell? Go for it. Grab a group of friends and come watch our races and provide a fun atmosphere for our racers! As long as you keep it clean and don't actually impact our racers, you're welcome to be as goofy as you want out there. We love to see what people come up with!

Here are some good spots to watch the race from and the times to be there.

Saturday, September 3rd

- **XC Race, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

- **Summer School & Flo'Rion:** All racers hit Summer School with fresh legs around 10:15 AM and will be moving FAST! There are plenty of opportunities to watch racers through this trail, which is easily accessed off of the East Bluff access road (walking or biking only, no driving). Park in the lot and hike in. Short racers come down Flo'Rion shortly after while long racers take a longer route out to High Rock Bay first.
- **Bluejay Picnic:** All racers do a lap on Bluejay Picnic at the bottom of East Bluff before returning to town. This trail has many medium sized jumps and there's a good chance some folks might get some air through the downhill stretch. Easily accessed off of Mandan Road or the East Bluff parking lot. Expect the fastest short XC racers to arrive around 10:30 AM or a little later.
- **Paul's Plunge:** All racers descend the lower portion of Paul's Plunge beginning around 10:40 AM and continue consistently for another ~2.5 hours. This is a signature place to watch as racers traverse the unimaginable hellscape of this chunky, rooty, muddy trail. Access the trail from the two-track off of Manganese Road or carefully along the Keweenaw Point Trail (don't get in the way of racers!).

- **Downhill Race, 3:00 - 5:00 PM**

- The race will be held on our biggest, baddest trail, Overflow. After a year away, we're excited to get back after it! There are spectator spots throughout the course. The Gap Jump near the top is a signature spot as riders fly over the Flow trail at top speed. Access this location via Brockway Mountain Drive. Speedy berms and rock rolls can be found in the middle stretches of the trail, best accessed via the Flow trail. Near the bottom, Dinosaur Rock and Manpants are the biggest draws and see huge crowds. Watch as riders careen over lengthy rock slabs before jettisoning off a literal cliff! Park along the road to Hunter's Point and hike in via the spectator trails or The Flow.

- **Junior XC, 4:00 - 5:30 PM**

- Our youngest racers need a boost! They'll be zooming around the Back 9 Trails near the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, a series of easy loops that are plenty wide for spectators to cheer from. Stop by the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge afterwards for a snack or drink!

Sunday, September 4th

- **10k Trail Run, 9:00 - 11:00 AM**

- Runners will begin climbing up the lower part of Paul's Plunge around 9:05 AM. Prepare to watch some epic scrambling and mud-dodging! Access this area off of Manganese Road or the Keweenaw Point Trail.
- Beginning around 9:15 AM, racers will hit Red Trail and traverse the chunky, rocky terrain. Root them on as they tough out this gnarly section! Park near Lake Manganese and hike in.
- The race wraps up on Snowshoe Trail, with racers potentially beginning their descent down this challenging trail around 9:35 AM. Spectating points are tough but worth it. Easily accessible off of Manganese Road.

- **Enduro Race, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

- In this race, riders are only timed during the downhill portions. Uphill riding to each stage (listed below) is not timed like in the XC race. Position yourself in an exciting place and watch some of the fastest action around!
- **Overflow, 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM**
 - The same spectator points as the Downhill race apply here. We close the Gap Jump and Manpants during this race as our racers aren't quite as crazy here.
- **East Woopidy Woo into Garden Brook, 10:35 AM - 1:40 PM**
 - Racers will come the rooty East Woopidy trail before barreling off of Brockway Mountain via the fast, flowy lower reaches of Garden Brook. A great place to watch racers' technical prowess!
- **Whipsaw, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM**
 - One of the fastest trails on East Bluff! Nearly all berms point down on this trail which will make for some blistering high speeds. There are several rollable jumps that people may get air on. Bring a bike to make access via the road a little easier (no riding uphill on the trail!).
- **Flo'Rion, 11:00 AM - 2:25 PM**
 - Rock rolls, optional jumps, and high speeds make this a fan favorite for spectating. Access is tougher though because it's a long hike into some of the best spots. Park at the bottom of East Bluff and bike/hike in via the access road. No biking uphill!
- **Citrus Tech, 1:45 - 3:30 PM**
 - A huge trail with loads of features to watch for! Technical rock stretches lie near the top, fast, flowy berms and jumps in the middle, and enormous rock rolls lie near the bottom. The big rock rolls of this trail are ideal for spectating. Hike in a short distance from the East Bluff parking area to access the best locations.