2023 Michigan Tech Collegiate MTB Race
Participant Guide

Schedule

September 2
8-9:30 am  Check-in
9:45 am  XC Race Start
1-3 pm  Downhill Practice
3-5 pm  Downhill Race

September 3
7:30-8:30 am  Check-in
9 am  Short Track XC Race Start
12:30 pm  Dual Slalom Race Start

Notice: Front and rear brakes and plugged handlebar ends are required for all race participants.

September 2
On Saturday both the cross country and downhill events will be taking place in Copper Harbor, MI.

Check-in is at the Donny Kilpela Memorial Park from 8-9:30 am.

Parking is available anywhere downtown near Donny Kilpela Memorial Park.

Cross Country
The cross country race will consist of 3 courses of varying lengths consisting of paved and dirt road sections, flowy singletrack, and chunky tech. The A class course will be 31.3 miles, the B class course 15.5 miles, and the C class course 7 miles. All classes will start in front of the Mariner North at 9:45 am. Splits between courses will be well marked.

Downhill
The downhill race will be taking place on the Copper Harbor classic Overflow trail. This will be true expert level terrain consisting of rock rolls, gap jumps, berms, and tech. Practice will be from 1-3 pm and the race period will be from 3-5 pm. Participants will get 2 timed runs with their best run being counted. Shuttles will be available at the base of Overflow for downhill racers. Full face helmets are required to participate.
September 3
On Sunday both the short track cross country and dual slalom races will be taking place at the Michigan Tech Trails in Houghton, MI.

Check-in is at the Waxing Center/Outdoor Adventure Program Building at the Michigan Tech Trails Trailhead from 7:30-8:30 am.

Parking is available at the trailhead parking lot off of Sharon Ave.

Short Track
The short track race will start at 9 am. The course will consist of a combination cross country ski trail and singletrack. Racers will do multiple laps of the course until their class (A,B,C) is designated to finish.

Dual Slalom
The dual slalom race will take place at the dual slalom track at the Michigan Tech Trails. Starting at 12:30 pm.

Course Maps
All course routes are available on the Michigan Tech Collegiate Mountain Bike Race Trailforks page: https://www.trailforks.com/event/9545/

XC Course Maps: Super short is C, Short is B, and Long is A
**2023 Copper Harbor Trails Fest XC Course**

**Short:** 15.5 miles, 1,525' climbing

**Long:** 31.3 miles, 2,946' climbing

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**EAST BLUFF COURSE SPLIT @ Summer School**

**Short:** Turn RIGHT to climb Magic Carpet

**Long:** Continue on KPT. Upon return, turn LEFT to climb Magic Carpet

All: Flo’Rion to Dueling Banjos to E.B. Driveway

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**Aid Station**

Out: Mandan Rd. to East Bluff
Back: Summer School to KPT

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Updated: 8/23/2023
Downhill Course Map:

Short Track XC Course Map:
Dual Slalom Course Map: