

# **PARTICIPANT GUIDE TO THE 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EVENT! September 2-4, 2022**



Welcome to the 29th Annual Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Copper Harbor Trails Fest! 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 Donny Kilpela Memorial Park, our home base 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 miles 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 plenty 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, which is available for \$5/night per person. [Registration for the group campsite can be found 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 beer (if over 21) and/or food tickets for their efforts depending on how much you volunteer - in addition to the tickets you get for racing! [Volunteer signups can be found here.](#)

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions, please send an email to [nathan@copperharbortrails.org](mailto:nathan@copperharbortrails.org). Follow the Copper Harbor Trails Club [Facebook page](#) for updates as the event approaches. If you need details close to the event, email is your best bet. We cannot guarantee we'll reply to your messages during the event (we're busy out there!), so get those questions to us as soon as you can for the quickest replies.



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Friday, September 2, 2022

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Registration & Check-in Open in Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

## Saturday, September 3, 2022

8:00 - 9:30 AM Registration & Check-in Open in Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

9:00 - 11:00 AM KML Learning Experience: Mini Mountain Biking Skills Clinic

**10:00 AM XC Race Start in Downtown Copper Harbor**

12:00 - 2:00 PM Registration Open in Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

12:00 - 1:45 PM KML Learning Experience: Interpretive Hike #1

2:00 - 3:15 PM KML Learning Experience: Interpretive Hike #2

2:00 - 11:00 PM Beer served at Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

**3:00 PM Downhill Race on Overflow**

**4:00 PM Junior MTB races at the Back 9 Trails (KML)**

4:00 PM Pasties served at the Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

6:00 PM Awards Ceremony in Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

6:45 PM ArtBike Opening in Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

7:00 - 11:00 PM **Terrapin Flyer** plays at the Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

## Sunday, September 4, 2022

8:00 - 10:00 AM Registration & Check-in Open in Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

**9:00 AM 10K Trail Run starting at Donny Kilpela Memorial Park**

**10:00 AM - 12:05 PM\* Enduro Race - Beginner classes** *\*depending on wave*

**10:00 AM - 1:15 PM\* Enduro Race - Sport class** *\*depending on wave*

**10:30 AM - 3:30 PM\* Enduro Race - Expert class** *\*depending on wave*

2:00 - 4:30 PM KML Learning Experience: Interpretive Hike

2:00 - 11:00 PM Beer served at the Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

4:00 PM Pasties served at the Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

6:00 PM Awards Ceremony in Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

7:00 - 11:00 PM **4onthefloor** plays at the Donny Kilpela Memorial Park

8:30 PM Raffle Drawing in between sets; ArtBike auction ends

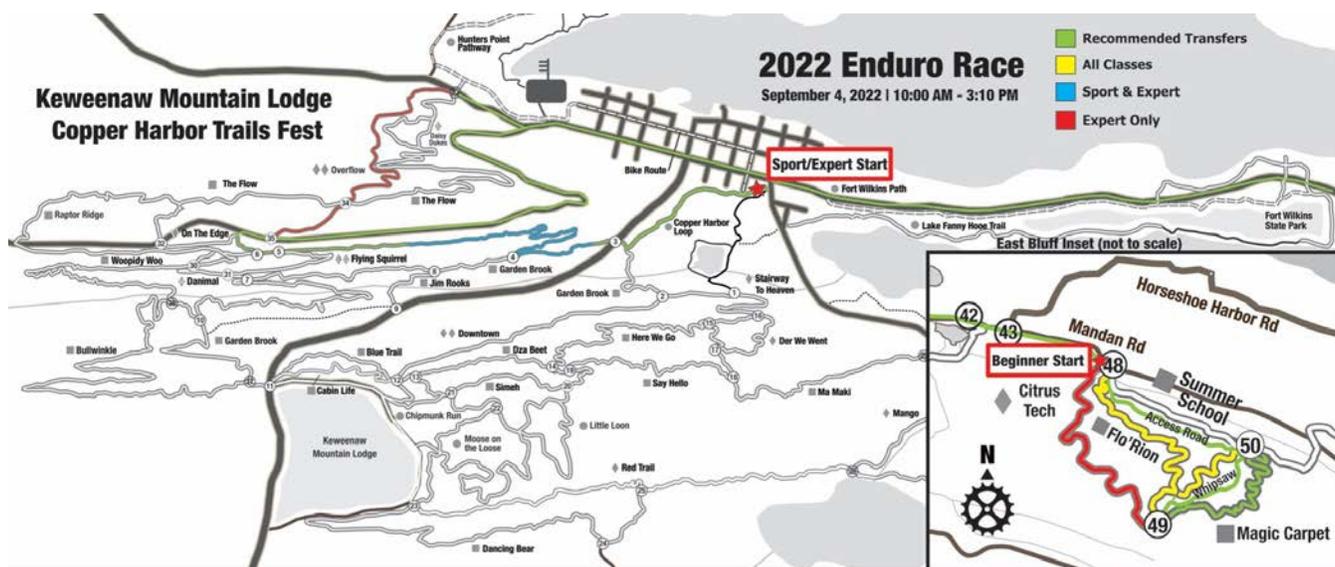
# EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

## 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), 3-4 (Sport), or 5-6 (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 through expert singletrack depending on the class.

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 Sport and Expert Enduro are eligible for the [Lake Superior Gravity Series](#). Points will be awarded for men/women in 16-and-under, 17-39, and 40+ age categories.



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## SHORT AND LONG XC RACES

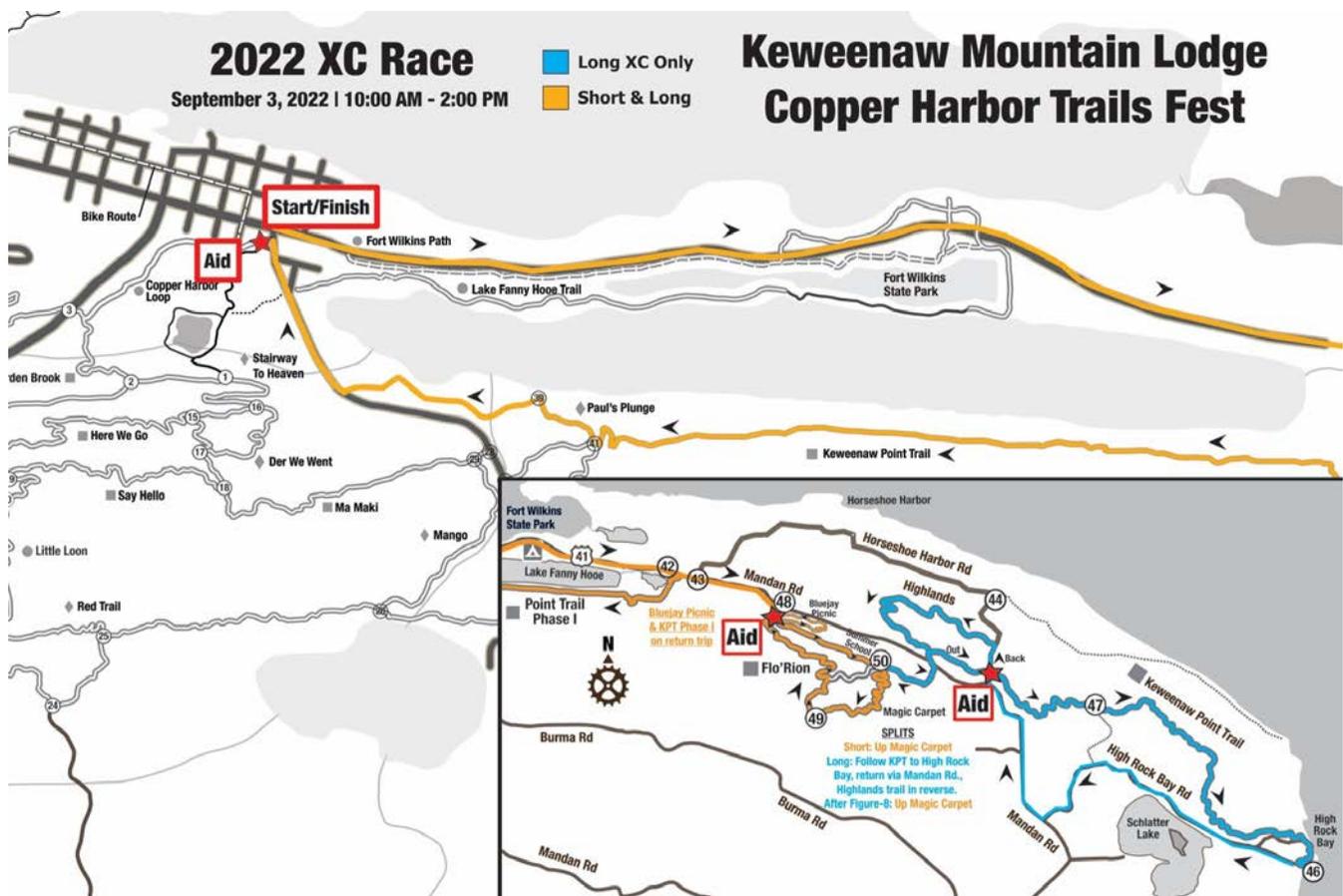
The length of our short and long XC races vary each year but always feature challenging singletrack and elevation changes that are the trademark of the Copper Harbor Trails. The short course is right around 14 miles and the long course is near 30 miles. The exact course is altered every year for variety and to take advantage of new trails. All racers begin with a mass roll-out at 10:00 AM in front of the [Mariner North](#). Course splits will be well marked.

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.

Short XC racers will head out along US-41 and Mandan Road before turning onto Summer School. They will then continue up Magic Carpet at the short/long split, before heading down Flo'Rion. After a loop on Bluejay Picnic, racers will head west to the Keweenaw Point Trail before descending Paul's Plunge to the finish line.

Long racers will continue on the KPT past Magic Carpet and follow this all the way to High Rock Bay. Returning via the chunky roads, racers will pick back up on the singletrack for a backwards loop on the Highlands trail. They then return to East Bluff and complete the same route that the short XC racers took to the finish line. Long XC racers should expect over 2600' of climbing over the course.

Aid stations will be located at the bottom of East Bluff, the western end of Phase II of the Keweenaw Point Trail, and at the finish line in downtown Copper Harbor.



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## DOWNHILL

Our Downhill event will be held on our mightiest trail, Overflow. Back after a year off, the trail will be better than ever before after getting a complete overhaul from our friends at Rock Solid. Overflow features huge rock rolls, brutally fast berms, a gap jump with a view that cannot be beaten, and more huck than you can shake a stick at. Experts only! 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. Shuttles will be available at the bottom of Overflow.

Scores in the Downhill are eligible for the [Lake Superior Gravity Series](#). This is the final Downhill race in the series and awards will be given out Saturday evening.

## 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.



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## 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. Exact times will be released closer to the event.



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## 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! KOM/QOM ranks are determined by tallying up your place in each of the qualifying races. The lowest combined score wins. This is not judged on time, otherwise whoever wins the Long XC would come out on top. After all, the Enduro and Downhill events are often judged by fractions of seconds!

## BEAST MODE

Given out to the craziest man and woman on the mountain, this special award recognizes the insane spirit of those that truly appreciate trails and are able to tackle every discipline at a high level. Competitors must complete not only the Expert Enduro, Long XC, and Downhill mountain biking events, but also must take on the 10k Trail Run! All four events must be completed in their entirety to qualify for the Beast Mode award. This extra special award is unique each year. Scores are tallied the same way that the KOM/QOM are.

## KML LEARNING EXPERIENCE: INTERPRETIVE HIKES WITH KML NATURALIST TOM OLIVER

Join Tom Oliver from the KML on a guided nature hike around our non-motorized trails. Take a deep dive into the ecosystems found here in the Copper Country on either a 1-hour or 2.5-hour hike. Expect to find many rare species and learn a wealth of information about the world around us. The pace will be light with many opportunities to ask questions or observe things up close. Closed-toed shoes are recommended as this hike takes place on rocky, rooty, and uneven terrain. Meet at the KML.

## **KML LEARNING EXPERIENCE: MOUNTAIN BIKE FUNDAMENTALS WITH REVOLVE MTB COACHING**

Join Kelly and Jared at Revolve MTB Coaching for a beginner-focused mini skills clinic at the KML! Experienced riders will also learn a thing or two to hone their skills and become better mountain bike riders. Learn through step-by-step demonstrations and active participation both on and off the trail.

### **Food Info**

Our food truck partners are unfortunately unable to make the trip north to join us in the park. Never fear! CHTC will have pasties from the Mohawk Superette again this year. Flavors will include regular, jalapeño, green pepper, veggie, and 'bush' pasties (no crust). Pasties are \$10 each and come with a choice of chips. If you are a racer or volunteer, you can use your food ticket to redeem a pasty on us for being a part of the event.

Pasties will be available from 4:00 PM onwards on both Saturday and Sunday in the park. Look for the banner that says PASTIES. First-come, first-served. Get yours before they sell out!

## **BAND INFO**

### **Terrapin Flyer (Saturday Evening)**

Terrapin Flyer is a nationally touring Grateful Dead band who for over 22 years has been touring with the best musicians in the Jamband world. The band has often toured with former members of the Grateful Dead and Jerry Garcia Band as well as many other prominent bands in the larger Grateful Dead family of musicians. Relentless touring and performances has helped the band be recognized as one of the best "Dead" bands in the world.

<https://terrapi-flyer.net>

### **4onthefloor (Sunday Evening)**

*"This is Rock'n'Roll in the 21st century."*

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-a-long 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 and the 4onthefloor BRING IT. Douglas writes about experiences, failures, successes, and not-so-much the what-could-have-beens. Life is for the living and this is the soundtrack to a life well-lived. Keep the fire in your eyes.

4onthefloor rocked the house with us to close out the 2021 event and we're excited to have them back for another round!

<http://4otf.com>



## REGISTRATION FEES

<b>Race</b>	<b>Before August 1</b>	<b>August 1 - 31</b>	<b>After September 1</b>
XC	\$55	\$65	\$75
Enduro (Sport/Expert)	\$55	\$65	\$75
Enduro (Beginner)	\$40	\$45	\$50
Downhill	\$55	\$65	\$75
10k Trail Run	\$50	\$60	\$70
Junior MTB	\$10	\$10	\$10

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, 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 2023. Otherwise, no refunds. You may transfer your registration to a friend or family member for free..

### **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 \$20 at the door for entry to both nights. Be sure to keep your wristband! No wristband = no entry. [Volunteer](#) or race and receive free entry!