

DOWNIEVILLE

ESTD CLASSIC 1995

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August 6-9, 2026
Downieville, CA

THE ICONIC SIERRA CREST TO TOWN
MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE



RIDER GUIDE

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The Downieville Classic has been named one of the top 10 best bike festivals by Outside Magazine.

What it is: A weekend of racing and festivities in the Lost Sierra where riders have to pick one tool for two disciplines: a 26.5-mile cross-country race, and a 15-mile downhill with 5,000 feet of vertical drop.

The Dirt: Downieville is most famous for its races, and riders come to prove themselves hardened and unbreakable. The Downieville Classic Cross Country race is one of the last remaining point-to-point mountain bike races in the United States. The 26.5-mile course follows a rugged "Gold Rush" era route from the mountain town of Sierra City (elevation 4,100'), to the crest of the Sierra Nevada (elevation 7,100'), and down 5,200 vertical feet into downtown Downieville. It's considered a tribute to the mountains, the rivers, the big trees, the fresh mountain air and the hard men that carved trails through the river canyons in search of gold and prosperity. The Cross Country is followed by the Downieville Downhill, which drops 5,000 vertical feet in 15 miles from Packer Saddle to Downieville. It's the longest and most demanding downhill mountain bike race in the nation.

*We want to give special thanks to **Santa Cruz**, our title sponsor, for their incredible support. They saw the vision and have been a huge part of making this event successful.*



A MESSAGE TO THE DOWNIEVILLE CLASSIC FAMILY

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Welcome to the Downieville Classic.

Whether this is your first time lining up at the start or you've been coming here for decades, thank you for being part of something much bigger than a bike race. The Downieville Classic began long before the first rider rolled off the start line in 1995. The idea started in 1993 with a simple vision: to share the incredible trails and communities of Downieville and Sierra City with the mountain biking world. At the time, that vision wasn't exactly embraced.

I was 22 years old, had hair halfway down my back, and was trying to convince Sierra County that shutting down Main Street so a bunch of spandex-clad mountain bikers could race through town was a good idea. Understandably, there were more than a few raised eyebrows. The Sheriff told me that if I wanted to close Main Street, I would have to go door to door and personally explain my plans to every resident in town. I did.

There were public meetings in Downieville and Sierra City, countless conversations with community members, and many behind-the-scenes meetings with the Sierra County Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Office, Public Works and the Tahoe National Forest. It took nearly a year and a half before I finally had the permits in hand and could begin promoting what was then called the Coyote Classic, named after my guide business, Coyote Adventure Company. That first year we hosted just one event, a NORBA-sanctioned cross-country race with 277 riders. Like any first-year event, it wasn't perfect. The biggest surprise came when the NORBA race official asked to meet our timing crew. The problem was... we didn't have one. Fortunately, he had a stopwatch, and we recruited volunteers to write down race numbers as riders crossed the finish line. Somehow, it all worked.

When the weekend was over, there were more meetings to decide whether we should be allowed to come back. My answer was easy - I wanted to return and add what would become the legendary Downieville Downhill. More than 30 years later, we're still here. That wouldn't be possible without the trust and partnership of the Tahoe National Forest, Sierra County, the Sierra County Sheriff's Office, the Downieville Volunteer Fire Department and the incredible communities of Downieville and Sierra City. They took a chance on an idea that has grown into one of the most iconic mountain bike events in the world.

Today, riders travel from across the globe to test themselves, and their equipment, on these legendary trails. But while this race is known for speed and competition, it's also about respect. Respect your fellow racers. Respect the volunteers who make this weekend possible. Respect the residents who welcome us into their hometown every summer. And most importantly, respect the trails. They are the reason we're all here. Your entry does more than secure a place on the starting line. Today, proceeds from the Downieville Classic directly support Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, helping fund a professional trail crew that maintains, restores and improves these trails year-round so future generations can experience the same magic you will this weekend.

Downieville is more than a race venue. It's a special place with a rich history, incredible people, and some of the finest trails ever built.

Ride hard. Challenge yourself. Take care of one another. Soak in every mile, every view, every creek crossing, every climb and every descent. Thank you for believing in this event, for supporting these communities and for helping ensure that the Downieville Classic continues for generations to come. I'll see you at the starting line.

-Greg Williams, Executive Director, Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship



Where Your Money Goes



Downieville Classic race fees help support the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship nonprofit and our mission to enhance, restore and maintain recreational trails in the Plumas, Lassen and Tahoe National Forests, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. Since the Stewardship was founded in 2003, our crews have built 227 miles of new trail, maintained more than 3,000 miles and engaged volunteers in over 140,000 volunteer hours. Your participation in the Downieville Classic helps us create some of the best trails in the west, while allowing communities in the Sierra Buttes region to thrive, keeping the dream of mountain living alive and well. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Next Event- MOUNTAINS TO MEADOWS ENDUROFEST!

Join us for **Mountains to Meadows Endurofest** September 10-13 in Quincy, CA featuring Grinduro! & a the Mt. Hough Enduro, a blind enduro with a big day out feel . Two big-mountain Sierra races, laidback course vibes and a fun festival weekend featuring a handmade bike show, live music, food trucks, camping under the stars and fire pit hangs.

Brought to you by the people who put on the Downieville Classic and Lost & Found, so you know it's going to be a full weekend of good times!

Mountains to Meadows
Endurofest



EVENT SCHEDULE

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Thursday, August 6th

8AM - 5PM: **YUBA**  Trail shuttles, ride, and enjoy Downieville

5 - 10PM: Industry/Volunteer Party

5 - 8PM: Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Merch Booth Open

8 - 10PM: Dance Party with DJ Coop Da Loop

Friday, August 7th

9AM - 5 PM: **YUBA**  Trail shuttles and rides

3PM - 7PM: Packet Pickup at Downieville High School & SBTS Merch Booth Open

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3PM - 7PM: Beverage Garden & SBTS Merch Booth Open

6PM: Freehub presents ***A Mountain Bike Film Festival*** at the Yuba Theater



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All Mountain Racers MUST complete packet pickup & bike weigh-in at packet pickup Friday or by 7AM

Saturday

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Saturday, August 8th

All Mountain Racers MUST complete packet pickup & bike weigh-in by 7AM Saturday or face disqualification from category.

6 - 8AM: Packet Pickup at Sierra City Community Hall

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8:30AM: Cross Country Race Start in Sierra City

10AM: Downieville Classic Expo and Marketplace

11AM: Beverage Garden flowing

11AM - 3PM: Downieville Fire Racer Feed @ school cafeteria

1:30PM: Cross Country Race Award Ceremonies, Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship drawing

4:30PM: Ron's House of Big Air River Jump

6:30PM: Log Pull World Championship Competition

8PM - 10PM: Downieville dance party and live music by Joy & Madness



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Sunday, August 9th

8:30 AM: Downieville Downhill Race Start at Packer Saddle

10 AM: Downieville Classic Expo and Marketplace

11 AM: Beverage Garden flowing

11AM - 3PM: Downieville Fire Racer Feed @ school cafeteria

3 PM: Downhill & All Mountain Race Award Ceremonies



Bike Valet Available @ School Field:

- 3 - 7PM Friday
- 10:30AM - 6:30PM Saturday
- 9:30AM - 4:30PM Sunday

Racer Shuttles

All shuttles are first come, first served and load at the levee just west of Downieville on HWY 49

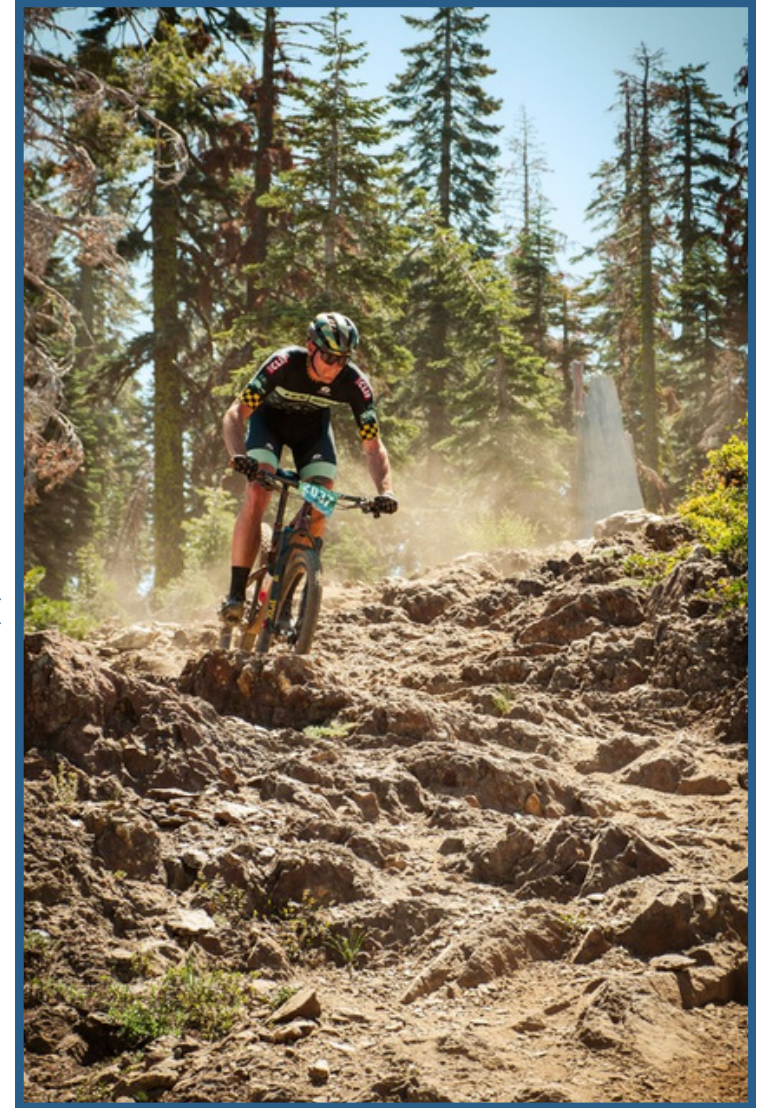
August 8th - XC Race Day

11:30AM - 4PM: Shuttles will return racers to the XC start location in Sierra City. *You must get yourself to the start in Sierra City.*

August 9th - DH Race Day

11:30AM-3:30PM: Shuttle will return racers to the DH start location at Packer Saddle. *You must get yourself to the start at Packer Saddle.* Shuttles between 4 & 5PM reserved for podium award winners.

***NOTE:** *We will not be able to transport all racers.*



Parking in Downieville

Parking may be available in the following areas: Cannon Park lot at west end just before entering town (coming from Nevada City); US Forest Service lot over the green bridge past the courthouse and down the hill to the left; and on the levee on the southeast end of town as you're leaving Downieville on Highway 49 headed toward Sierra City.

Road Closures & No Parking



- Downieville Community Hall parking lot: Thursday August 6, 2026 10:00am through Sunday August 9, 2026 7:00pm.
- Main Street, Downieville from the intersection of Highway 49 to Community Hall: Thursday August 6, 2026; traffic control and restricted parking begin at 2:00pm until 3:00pm, complete closure from 3:00pm Thursday August 6, 2026, to 7:00pm on Sunday August 9, 2026.
- Maiden Lane, Downieville: Thursday August 6, 2026; traffic control and restricted parking begin at 6:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday August 9, 2026. Complete closure on Saturday August 8, 2026, 8:00am to 5:00pm. Complete closure Sunday August 9, 2026, from 8:00am to 5:00pm.
- Pearl Street, Downieville: Closed August 8, 2026, 8:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday August 9, 2026, from 8:00am to 4:00pm.
- Butte Street, Sierra Buttes Road: Complete closure on Saturday August 8, 2026 from 7:30am to 9:30am.
- Castagnea Alley: Complete closure on Saturday August 8, 2026 from 7:30am to 9:30am.
- Lavezzola Road: Saturday August 8, 2026, complete closure from 8:00am to 4:00pm, and Sunday August 9, 2026 from 8:00am to 4:00pm.
- Upper Main Street, Hansen Bridge to Lavezzola Road, Downieville: Saturday August 8, 2026 complete closure from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and Sunday August 9, 2026, complete closure from 8:00am to 4:00pm.
- Upper Main Street, School Street to Hansen Bridge, Downieville: Saturday August 8, 2026, complete closure from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and Sunday August 9, 2026, complete closure from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

Parking on Packer Saddle on Saturday

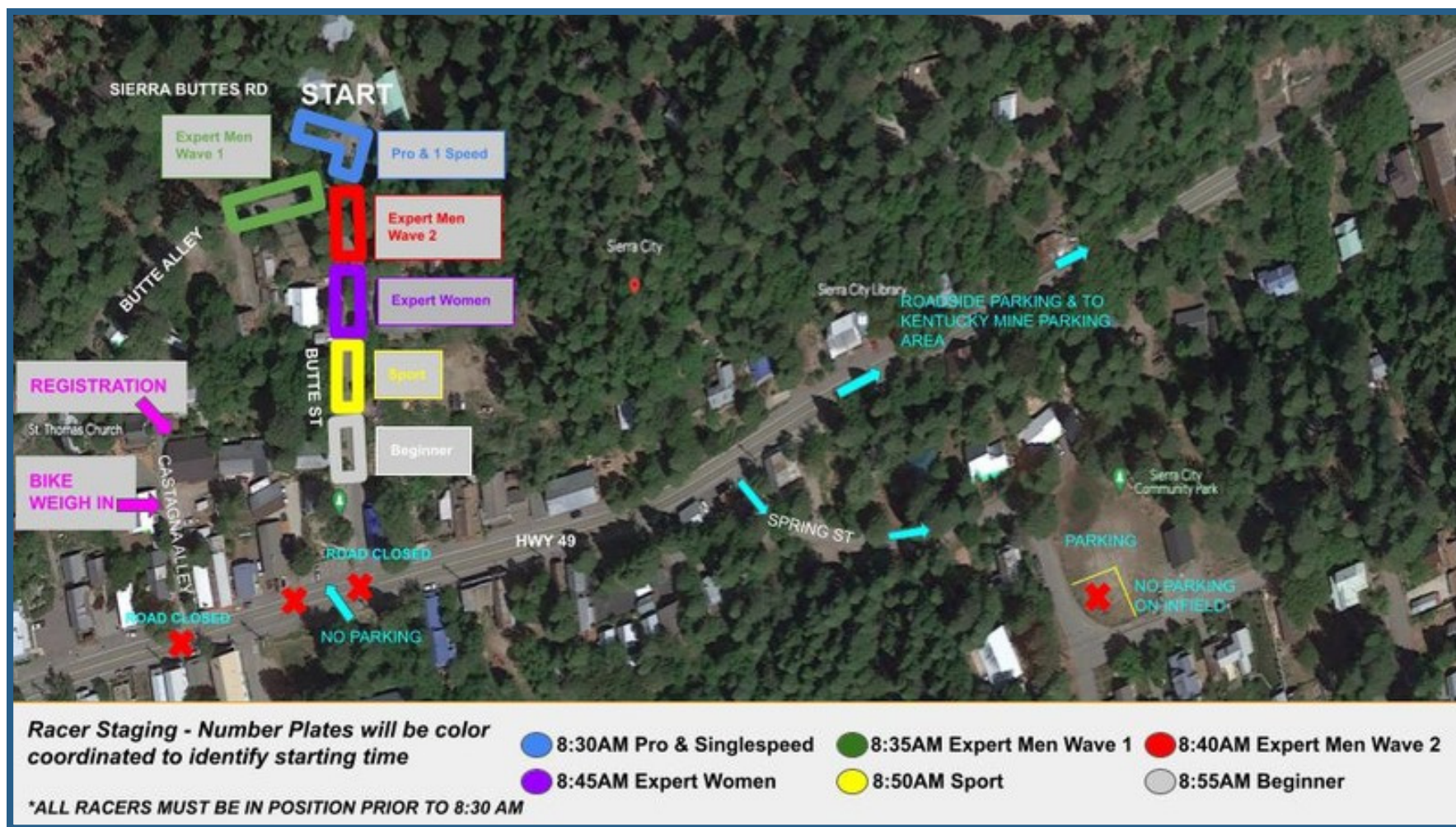
Parking past the Gold Valley Rim Trail road crossing (just past "The Narrows") will require staying until or after 2pm, as it is a race crossing. An alternative to waiting is to take the 93 dirt road back to town.

THERE WILL BE A ROAD CLOSURE IN PLACE BELOW PACKER SADDLE AT 8AM. THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO PACKER SADDLE BETWEEN 8AM AND 2PM. ANY RACE SUPPORT MUST GO THROUGH THIS POINT PRIOR TO 8AM!

EVENT PARKING- XC RACE

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Carpooling or getting a ride to the Start in Sierra City is HIGHLY suggested. Parking will be available at Sierra City Community Park, Kentucky Mine Museum, and north of Sierra City on Highway 49. Be sure that your vehicle is completely off the road surface.

Note: If you are being dropped off in Sierra City by a friend, parking in Downieville is limited to the following areas: Highway 49, both north and south of Downieville, the USFS Downieville Ranger Station, located across the bridge from the Two Rivers Pizza and behind the Courthouse, and Cannon Point, located at the western end of Downieville along Highway 49.

Parking is always a major issue in Downieville. We recommend you use the shuttle services provided, especially on Saturday, as the number of cars outnumber the town's population. Be courteous to the locals and respect all private property.

Special Note: please be smart about where you park, especially in town, or you will be ticketed and towed!

PACKET PICKUP DETAILS

Days & Times

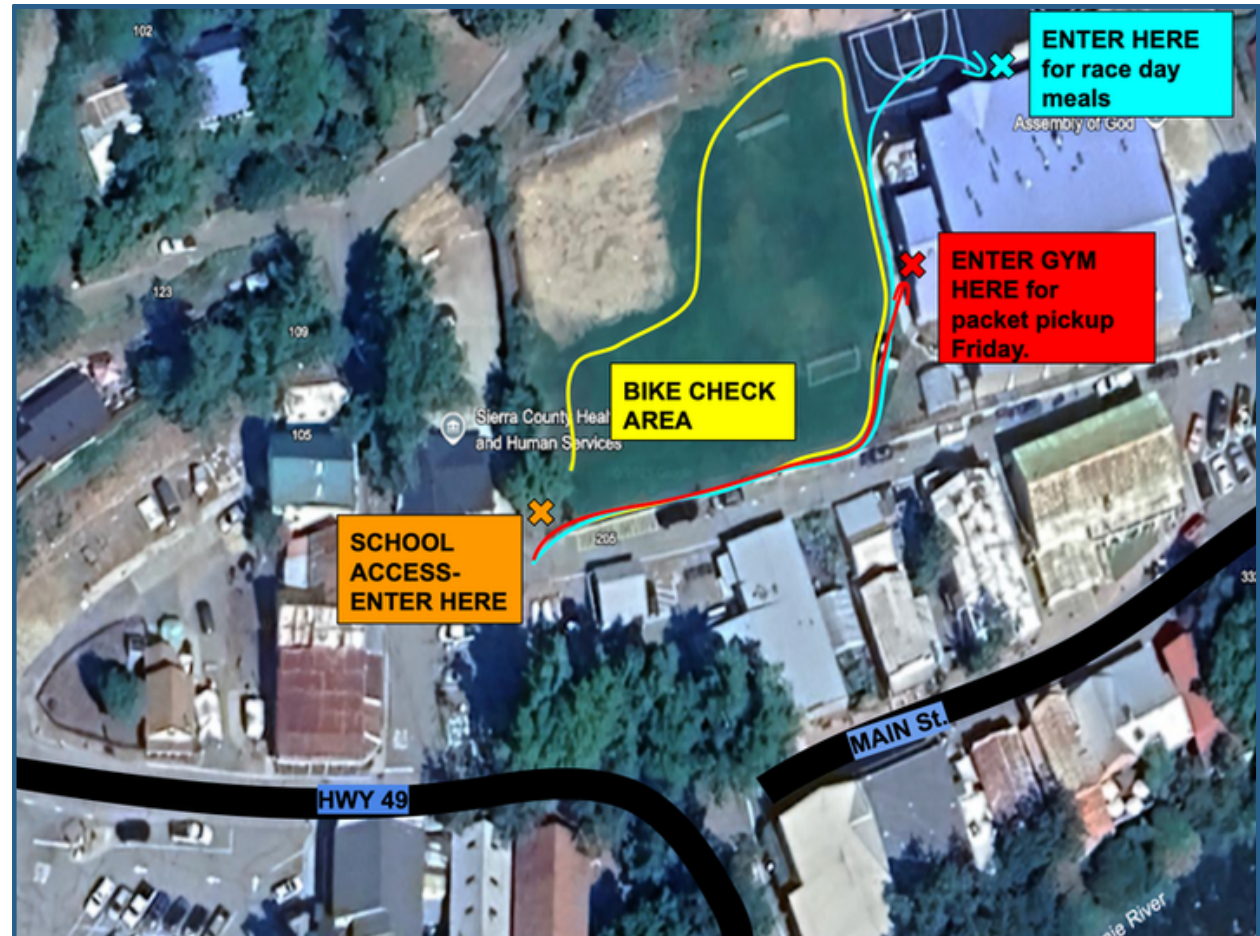
Racer packet pickup includes check-in to pick up bib # with timing chip

- Friday 3-7 pm at the Downieville High School Gymnasium
- Saturday 6-8 am at the Sierra City Community Hall ([map](#))

All Mountain Event participants will use the same bib # each day and will be responsible for holding onto this bib # and the computer timing chip attached to the bike fork.

What You Need

- Valid picture ID
- Minors must have a parent/guardian with ID
- Your Bib #- Check out tinyurl.com/dvc26bib
- **NO ON-SITE TRANSFERS**



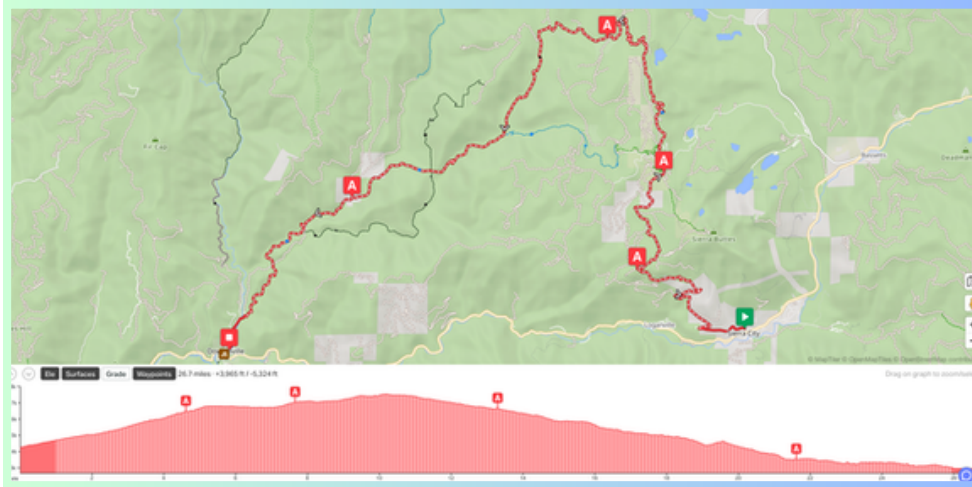
NO PARKING IN DOWNIEVILLE FOR PACKET PICKUP. WE SUGGEST RIDING YOUR BIKE INTO TOWN. See Page 10 for detailed parking instructions.



RACE COURSE MAPS

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XC

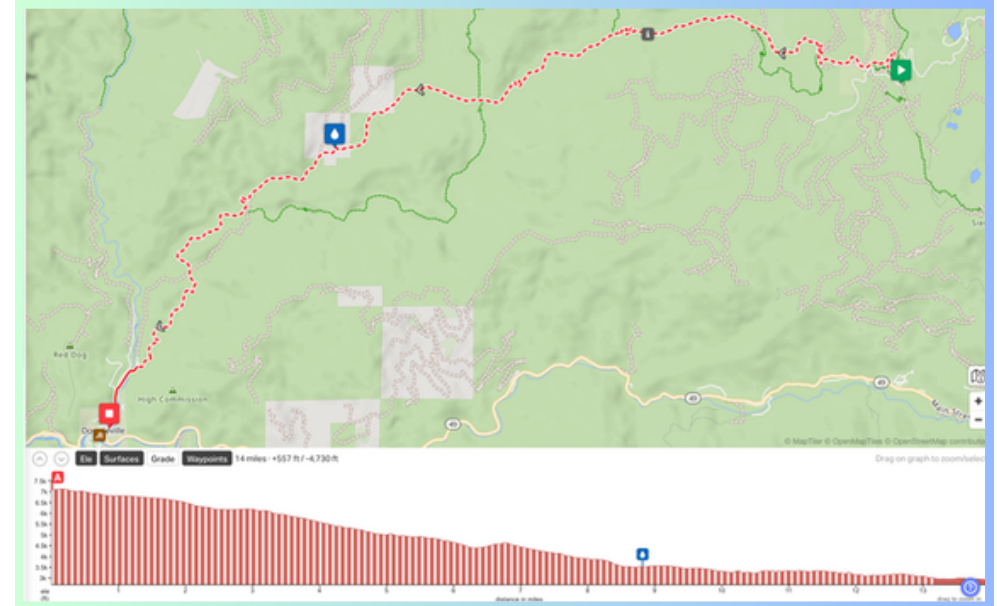
SIERRA CITY TO DOWNIEVILLE

26.7 Miles

3,965 Ascent / 5,324' Descent

4 Aid Stations

Ride w/GPS



DH

PACKER SADDLE TO

DOWNIEVILLE

14 miles

4,730' Descent / 557' Ascent

1 Water Station

Ride w/GPS

August 8th, 2026

**Point to point cross country race, and All Mountain World Championships, Stage 1
SIERRA CITY TO DOWNIEVILLE**

XC

The Downieville Classic cross-country race is one of the last remaining point-to-point mountain bike races in the United States. The 26.5 mile course follows a rugged "Gold Rush" era route that departs the mountain town of Sierra City (elevation 4,100'), climbs to the crest of the Sierra Nevada (elevation 7,469'), and then plunges 5,700 vertical feet into downtown Downieville. A golden pathway, selected as a tribute to the mountains, the rivers, the fresh mountain air, and to the hard miners who carved these trails through the river canyons in search of gold and prosperity.

The adventure begins with an 8-mile, 3,000' climb up the face of the Sierra Buttes, a metamorphic crown that stretches 8,600' toward the wide-open sky. This legendary climb is known to many as the "Trail of Tears". It starts with pavement, turns to dirt, and then gradually steepens and narrows to a loose, exposed, shale-filled doubletrack. We try to make things more comfortable by providing world-famous Downieville Classic aid stations at the 4 and 8 mile markers.



After cresting the saddle, the route picks up the beautiful and rugged Gold Valley Rim Trail before hitting "Baby Heads" - a fast, loose, rocky descent that is responsible for numerous flat tires, get-offs and lead changes. At the bottom of this anarchy awaits Gold Valley and the Pauley Creek crossing. This 30-foot-wide crossing can be as deep as 3 feet during the race, often making it difficult to navigate at high-speed.

Once across, the route turns to singletrack on the Pauley Creek Trail, a 17-mile creekside plunge that blends flowing turns and rolling jumps with jagged rocks and slippery roots. After descending 2,000' and crossing three foot bridges, the trail climbs from the Pauley Creek Canyon to the Lavezzola Creek Canyon, and to the trailhead of the world-famous Third Divide Trail. Third Divide is known for its "Star Wars" like speeds, magic carpet tread, bermed corners and lofty airs.

After a thrilling 3 miles, Third Divide Trail dumps out onto Lavezzola Road, which descends to the upper First Divide trail, a 150-year-old water flume built to provide water to a nearby hydraulic mining site. This stretch of trail requires a ton of pedaling as it winds its way downstream through the Lavezzola Creek Canyon, across a saddle, and into the Pauley Creek Canyon to the long awaited streets of downtown Downieville for the finish.

XC RACE START STAGING

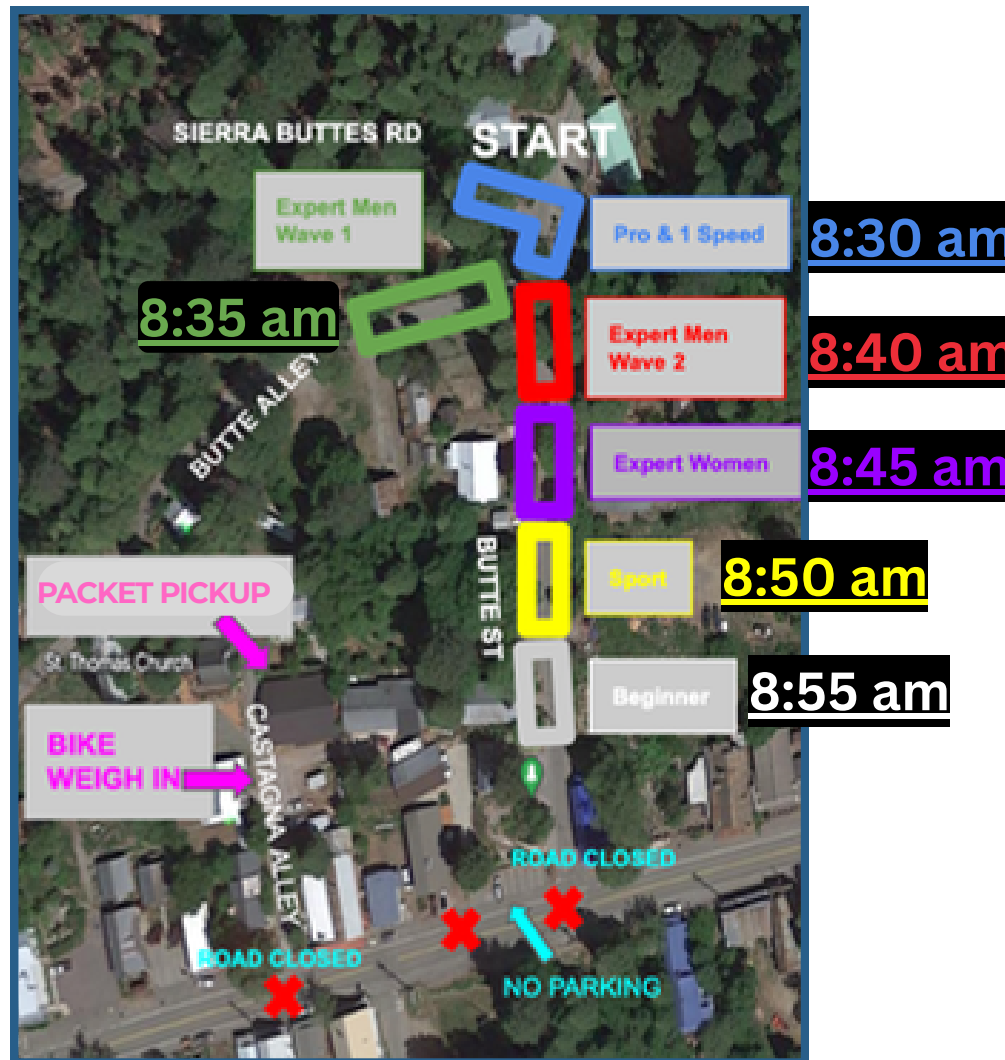
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Racer Staging- Number Plates will be color coordinated to identify starting time.

XC

***ALL RACERS
MUST BE IN
POSITION
PRIOR TO
8:30 AM**



PLEASE USE DESIGNATED PORTA POTTIES AND STAY OFF OF PRIVATE PROPERTY IN SIERRA CITY AT THE XC START. ANY RACER CAUGHT "DOING THEIR BUSINESS" ON THE ROAD OR ON SOMEBODY'S PROPERTY WILL HAVE THEIR BIB REMOVED AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RACE. YOU WILL ALSO JEOPARDIZE THE FUTURE OF THIS RACE FOR ALL OF US

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ● 8:30AM Pro & Singlespeed | ● 8:35AM Expert Men Wave 1 | ● 8:40AM Expert Men Wave 2 |
| ● 8:45AM Expert Women | ● 8:50AM Sport | ● 8:55AM Beginner |

XC START TIMES

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ALL MOUNTAIN COMPETITORS: You must complete a mandatory bike weigh-in and parts check either Friday at packet pickup in Downieville, or Saturday morning between 6 & 7 AM at packet pickup in Sierra City prior to the XC race. No switching of parts, or modifying of parts. The bike must weigh the same prior to each race, or the racer is bumped from the All-Mountain class. All Mountain racers must also weigh in 30 minutes before their Downhill start time on Sunday at the Start on Packer Saddle. **XC ONLY RACERS DO NOT NEED TO WEIGH IN!**

XC

8:30 start

- PRO MEN*
- PRO WOMEN*
- Singlespeed open ages*

8:35 start

- Expert Junior Men 13-18*
- Expert Men 30 & Under*
- Expert Men 31-40*

8:40 start

- Expert Men 41-50*
- Expert Men 51-60*
- Expert Men 61+*

8:45 start

- Junior Women 13-18*
- Expert Women 30 & Under*
- Expert Women 31-40*
- Expert Women 41-50*

8:50 start

- Sport Junior Men 13-18*
- Sport Men 30 & Under*
- Sport Men 31-40*
- Sport Men 41-50*
- Sport Men 51-60
- Sport Men 61+*
- Sport Women 30 & Under*
- Sport Women 31+*

8:55 start

- Beginner Men 30 & Under
- Beginner Men 31-40
- Beginner Men 41+
- Beginner Women open ages



Note: * indicates a combined category with XC and All-Mountain class riders for Saturday's XC race

XC

PRO / EXPERT

Pro Men*

Pro Women*

Singlespeed open ages*

Expert Junior Men 13-18*

Expert Men 30 & Under*

Expert Men 31-40*

Expert Men 41-50*

Expert Men 51-60*

Expert Men 61+

Junior Women 13-18*

Expert Women 30 & Under*

Expert Women 31-40*

Expert Women 41-50*

Expert Women 51-60*

SPORT

Sport Junior Men 13-18

Sport Men 30 & Under

Sport Men 31-40

Sport Men 41-50

Sport Men 51-60

Sport Men 61+

Sport Women 30 & Under

Sport Women 31+

BEGINNER

Beginner Men 30 & Under

Beginner Men 31-40

Beginner Men 41+

Beginner Women Open



August 9th, 2026

All Mountain World Championships, Stage 2 PACKER SADDLE TO DOWNIEVILLE

DH

The Downieville Downhill is reserved for All-Mountain racers only, which means riders will have to earn their start time by completing the Point to Point Cross Country course the day before.

Dropping nearly 5,000 feet in 15 miles from Packer Saddle to Downieville, the Downieville Downhill is the longest and most demanding downhill mountain bike race in the nation. This prestigious race course follows the paths of the Sunrise Trail, Butcher Ranch Trail, Third Divide Trail and First Divide Trail. It's big, it's bad and it's beautiful.



Sunrise Trail is located mostly on private land at the top of Packer Saddle (elevation 7,100'). It was designed and built by the staff at Yuba Expeditions and by volunteers working with the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship. Described by some as a flow trail, the Sunrise Trail proudly features banked turns, reverse grades, rolling dips and even a few G-outs. It is an action-packed, adrenaline-rushing, heart-pounding two miles of trail, and it's only the beginning. The 2-mile trail stretches back and forth across the hillside connecting Butcher Ranch Trail.

Butcher Ranch Trail is the trail that made Downieville famous for singletrack, and it's for good reason—this trail rocks! Butcher starts as a steep, 40+mph doubletrack with two-wheel drift corners and big, smooth table-top jumps. Fun if you're fresh, nerve racking if you're fatigued. After a little more than a mile, Butcher narrows down to a tightly forested, rocky singletrack. The trail is fast, it's slow, it's smooth, it's rocky as hell; metaphorically speaking, Butcher Ranch Trail has it all, including a 700-foot climb midway to the Third Divide trailhead. This painstaking climb is where the Downieville Downhill can be won or lost. Racers either stand up and pin it, or lower their head in exhaustion and defeat. Which will you be?

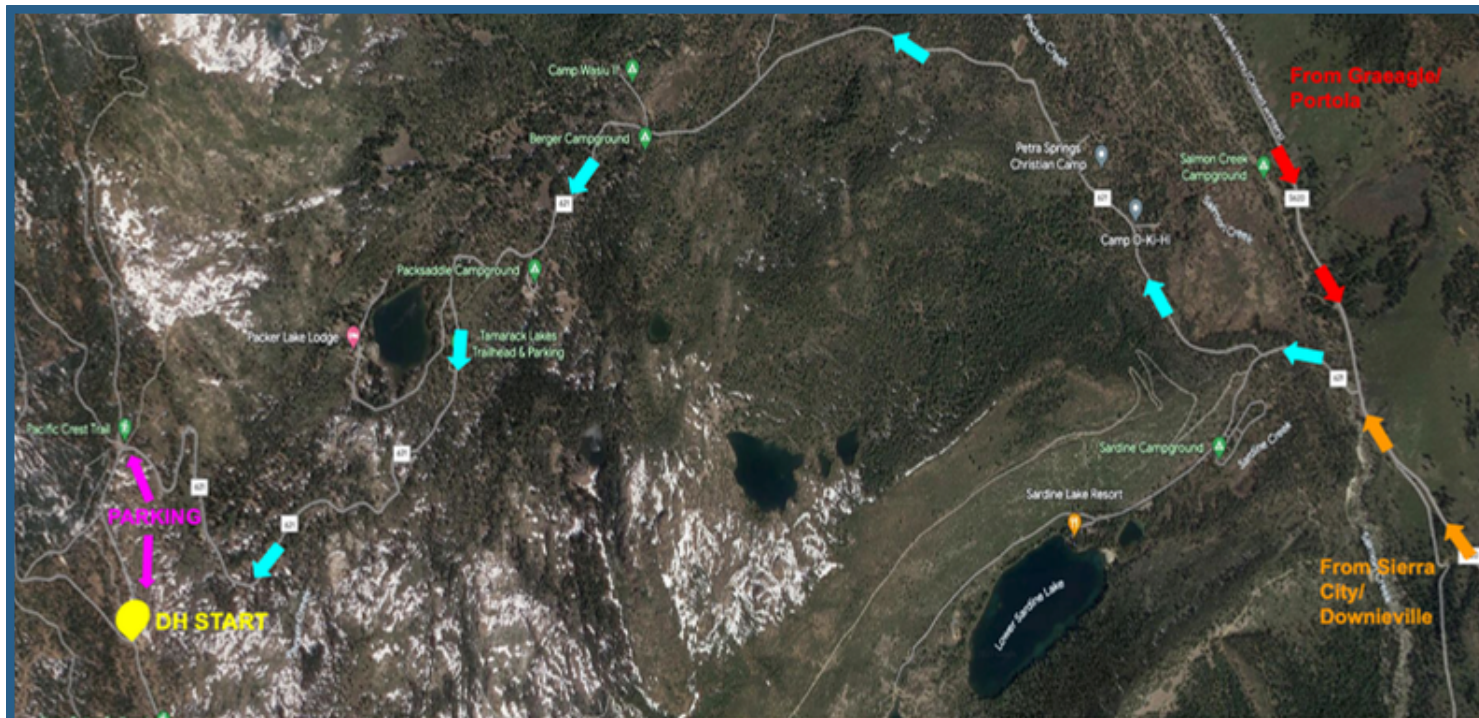
The Third Divide Trail is 3 miles of Sierra singletrack bliss, and despite being the fastest section of the course, it's where racers must find a way to relax and regain some composure after the climb. Third Divide drops into the Lavezzola Creek drainage and eventually hooks up with First Divide Trail, a 2.5-mile roller coaster where the real pedal work starts. It's also another section of the course that can make you or break you. Following First Divide is a 1.5-mile sprint down Main Street to the finish line. The Downieville Downhill is the Ironman of mountain bike downhill events and we're proud to be able to bring it to you.

Getting to the DH Start At Packer Saddle

Racers must get themselves to the race start. Carpooling or getting dropped off is highly suggested.

Leaving from Downieville it will take you approximately one hour to get to Packer Saddle. Take Hwy 49 heading east through Sierra City to Bassetts. Turn left onto Gold Lake Hwy. Go for 1 mile and turn left heading towards Sardine Lake. Take the first right turn and follow it to Packer Lake. Follow the signs to the saddle.

DH



We encourage you to arrive early. Parking will be available at Packer Saddle, as well as at Packer Lake. Be sure that your vehicle is completely off the road surface or it may be towed at your expense.

Racers can park at Packer Saddle parking areas and on connected forest service roads

***Park no more than one vehicle length from the road surface and not on road surface**



Note: If you are being dropped off at Packer Saddle by a friend- parking in Downieville is limited to the following areas: Hwy 49, both north and south of Downieville, the USFS Downieville Ranger Station, located across the bridge from Two Rivers Pizza, and at Cannon Point, which is approximately 100 yards west of town on Hwy 49.

Special Note: please be smart about where you park, especially in town, or you will be ticketed and towed!

Start Times

ALL MOUNTAIN COMPETITORS: Prior to your start time for the Downhill race, there will be a **mandatory bike weigh-in and a parts check** in the tent next to the start area. No switching of parts, or modifying of parts. The bike must weigh the same each day, or the racer is bumped from the All-Mountain class. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your DH start time for the weigh-in.

DH

Pro Men category starts at 8:30 AM

- Pro Men & Pro Women depart in 1 minute intervals
- All other categories depart in 30-second intervals
- **CHECK YOUR START TIME HERE: tinyurl.com/dvc26bib**

Arrive at the start line no less than
30 minutes before your
scheduled start time



Categories

MEN

Pro Men
Expert Junior Men 13-18
Expert Men 30 & Under
Expert Men 31-40
Expert Men 41-50
Expert Men 51-60
Expert Men 61+
Singlespeed open ages
Sport Junior Men 13-18
Sport Men 30 & Under
Sport Men 31-40
Sport Men 41-50
Sport Men 51-60
Sport Men 61+

WOMEN

Pro Women
Expert Junior Women 13-18
Expert Women 30 & Under
Expert Women 31-40
Expert Women 41-50
Expert Women 51+
Singlespeed open ages
Sport Women 30 & Under
Sport Women 31+

All-Mountain World Championships

**Two-Day Mountain Bike Stage Race, featuring:
Point to Point Cross Country Race and Downieville Downhill Race**



AM

Bike companies spend thousands of dollars and countless hours engineering office bound gizmos to mimic the most extreme trail conditions. Here in Downieville, we have the All-Mountain, which not only tortures the bikes, but the riders get to learn what they're made of too.

Racers compete in both the Point to Point Cross Country and the Downieville Downhill, on the **SAME** bike. Riders must choose their weapons wisely; a bike that climbs efficiently, descends with precision, and can handle a high-speed beat down for 42 miles on the way to victory.

Points System

In the spirit of competition, we'll be using a Points System to determine our All-Mountain World Champions. Lowest total wins. A points tie will default to the riders' DH finish position.

1st - 1 pt	6th - 6 pts	11th - 11 pts	16th - 16 pts
2nd - 2 pts	7th - 7 pts	12th - 12 pts	17th - 17 pts
3rd - 3 pts	8th - 8 pts	13th - 13 pts	18th - 18 pts
4th - 4 pts	9th - 9 pts	14th - 14 pts	19th - 19 pts
5th - 5 pts	10th - 10 pts	15th - 15 pts	20th - 20 pts



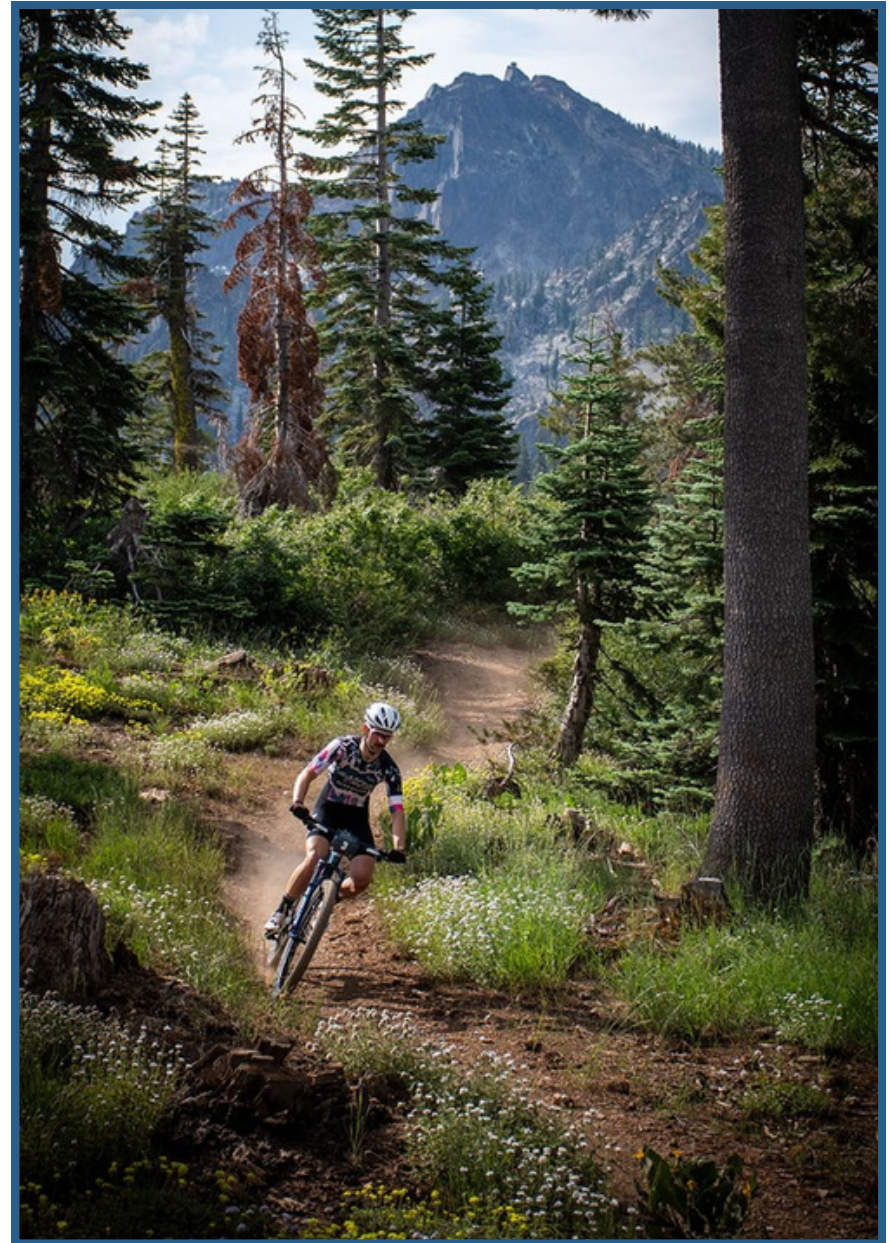
XC RACE

- **Packer Saddle - 11:30 AM**
- **End of Gold Valley Rim Trail/Top of Baby Heads - 12:30 PM**

Due to restrictions with road closures, riders must make it to Packer Saddle by 11:30 AM or they will be pulled from the race. If a rider cannot make it to Packer Saddle in the required time and still wants to continue to Downieville, they must pull their bib #/race number plate from their bike and notify race officials. Sweep wagon shuttles back to Downieville or Sierra City will be available.

All Mountain

Pro All-Mountain category: there will be a timed cut-off for reaching Downieville in the Cross Country race. Riders have **3 hours** to complete the 26.5 mile course, or they are pulled from the All-Mountain category.



Rider Etiquette

- Be nice.
- Don't be rude (we really, really mean this, you WILL be banned from any SBTS & Breakaway Promotions events for this).
- Pick up your trash.
- Stay on the RIGHT SIDE of the roads ALWAYS, whether there is a center road line or not.
- On singletrack, slower riders should pull over when safe to let faster racers pass. If you want to pass, please indicate that to the rider in front of you in a respectful manner.

"Stick to the Track"

Some riders seem to be all too familiar with racing events like Megavalanche, and other big mountain enduros, where the fastest man or woman down the mountain, regardless of the route, is crowned champion. This type of racing became a problem in the 2010 Downieville Classic, as we had several riders using what we like to refer to as "Hillbilly Lines". We are officially ending this method of racing, by placing course marshals in known "cutter" areas. Riders that do not stick to the track will be disqualified.

Timing

This ride is being chip timed by [E8 Timing](#).

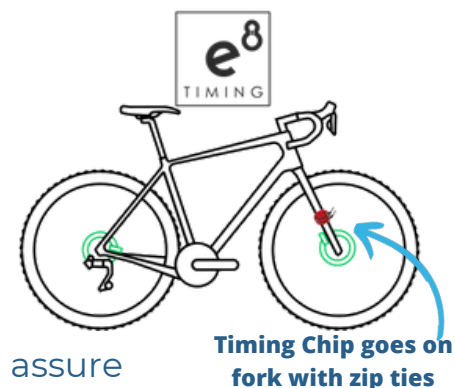
CHIPS: Please attach the chip to the DRIVE (right) side of your fork. Please pin your bib number to the RIGHT SIDE of your jersey. If you do not want to put the chip on your fork, you may put it on your shoe or crank, however, it may cause timing inaccuracies.

*** We do NOT recommend putting your chip in your pocket.***

We will have starting timing mat, and intermediate timing points along the route to assure no one cuts the course. Look for a series of cones and a mat when out on the course.

TIMING FINISH: The finish timing mats will be located at the finishing arch. Make sure you roll over the timing mat so we can get your official time. All timing chips must be returned at the timing finish mat location. The timing chips used must be returned after you finish racing. **The cost of an unreturned timing chip is \$100.**

NUMBER PLATES: Number plates must be put on the front of your bike so that the number is fully visible.



HELMETS REQUIRED



All riders are required to wear an approved helmet and cannot remove it at any time while riding.

NO SUPPORT VEHICLES



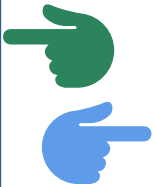
No support/follow vehicles are allowed. Aid Stations will be well stocked and able to handle rider's needs.

OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS



Riders must ALWAYS obey traffic laws and strictly obey any law enforcement persons or official ride personnel.

PASS ON LEFT, RIDE ON RIGHT



Pass on the left and let yourself be known when doing. After passing, resume riding as far right as safely possible.

NO BLIND CORNER PASSING



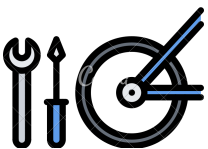
DO NOT PASS riders or vehicles on blind corners.

NO PUBLIC EXPOSURE



No public urination or exposure. Anyone caught using anything other than a porta-head will be DQ'd from the event.

BE YOUR OWN MECHANIC



You are responsible for your own mechanical needs during the event.

STOCK UP AT AID STATIONS



Utilize the aid stations and stock up with the necessary fluids and food you'll need to get yourself to back the finish area.

ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS



Be prepared for extreme changes in weather with clothing and sunblock.

Ride will take place rain, shine, sleet or snow.

NO ENTRY REFUNDS



There are NO REFUNDS. Your entry fee goes to essential trail projects.

NO HEADPHONES/EARBUDS



Headphones/earbuds are NOT permitted during the ride.

RIDER AGE



Each rider is classified according to their age as of December 31st, the year of the event.

NO AEROBARS



No handlebar extensions or additions that mount anywhere EXCEPT the end of the handlebar.

OBEY OFFICIALS



Riders must respect the directions of all course marshals. If you're told to stop by an official YOU MUST STOP!

RIDE START STAGING



All riders must attend the "riders' meeting" held at the staging area 15 minutes prior to the event.

KNOW THE COURSE



The responsibility of keeping on the prescribed course rests with the rider.

STAY ON COURSE



A rider may not leave the prescribed course unless ordered to do so by public authorities or a ride official.

NO SHORTCUTS



Shortcutting and/or cutting trail switchbacks or course is not permitted and may result in disqualification. A rider is required to stay on the designated route.



It is the rider's responsibility to know the designated ride route. Lack of tape or barriers will not constitute an excuse for cutting the course.

- Laws and ordinances of appropriate jurisdictions shall be observed during participation in the event.
- A rider may be suspended for damaging or destroying public or private property. A rider may be held liable for all costs associated with the damage or destruction.
- Downieville Classic officials reserve the right to make changes to the course, delay start times and/or postpone the event as necessary for safety or security purposes or at the request of permit issuers.

If at anytime an STBS staff member, or a member of the emergency response team, determines a rider is physically unable to complete the event within the allotted timeframe, you must accept a ride back to the emergency response center in Downieville.

- **If you do not make the cut-off time or are unable for any reason to finish, please DO NOT go through the finish line as it will foul-up our results!**
- Riders who are not capable of getting back to either the start or finish areas under their own power will be transported by an event “sag” vehicle.
- Course officials reserve the right to remove and “DNF” any rider from the event that is deemed incapable of safely finishing the course for any reason.



Lost & Found items will be turned into the merch booth.
Check there if you've lost something or stop by and drop off anything you've found.

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