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The Downieville Classic has been named one of the top 10 best bike festivals by Outside Magazine. Come out and join us for fun in the mountains!

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.

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The population of the world is currently 8 billion, 23 million, 192 thousand- give or take a million. Just a generation ago in 1960, when most of us were still mere twinkles in the eyes of our parents, there were half that many people in the world. A hundred years before that, the population of the planet had barely broken a billion.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg, folks. By the end of the next thirty years, there will probably be more than TEN BILLION of us squeezed onto this beautiful blue-green ball of life. That is one heck of a lot of people.

And they'll all want somewhere to play.

Downieville is a very unique place. It boasts a vivid history, and sits in one of the most beautiful spots on this rapidly shrinking planet. You can do almost anything here without breaking any laws or stepping on any toes. The trails are sublime and seem endless, climbing from rivers to peaks and snaking invisibly through trees. It is a place where you can ride for a couple hours and find somewhere that feels truly quiet. Empty. This is a rare fortune, possibly worth more than any gold ever taken from these hills, and one that will only increase in value as we increase in numbers.

As with any fortune, care must be taken to keep it intact. Come here, by all means. Ride the epic trails. Breathe the air and taste the water. Treat the land, the air, the rivers, and the people who call this place home, with respect. Because as tough and hardy as it may seem here, as much as the local trails may thrash you, this is a paradise too fleeting and fragile for any of us to lose. We can't afford that.

Respect, remember.

- Mike Ferrentino



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 176 miles of new trail, maintained more than 2,300 miles and engaged 7,600 volunteers and 122,000 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.

Fundraising for SBTS



Downieville Classic racers can earn their entry fees back by doubling them in donations to the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, in support of our Pro Trail Crews and their work to keep the Downieville Trail Network in tip-top shape year after year. Raise at least twice you paid to enter the Classic and we will reimburse your entry fees two weeks after the event. Funds raised also go toward SBTS' Connected Communities, a multi-faceted project designed to so spur long-term economic sustainability in the Lost Sierra region. The most exciting component of Connected Communities is a proposed long-distance, multi-use signature route that would establish a trail network connecting 15 mountain towns across the region. Dollars raised by Downieville racers will go directly toward progress on the next two phases of the project: environmental review and construction. Together, through trails, we can bring local jobs, tourism dollars and ultimately stability to an area that already gives all of us so much. [Learn more here.](#)

Carbon Off-Set Program



In an effort to reduce the overall carbon footprint of our events, \$2.50 from each registration fee received will be donated to Cool Effect, a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to helping organizations achieve carbon neutrality. You can rest easy knowing your carbon emissions created by your travel to the beautiful headwaters of the Yuba River Watershed will be offset through high quality carbon projects at CoolEffect.org.

Thursday, July 13th

10 AM - 4:00 PM: Yuba Expeditions Trail shuttles, ride, and enjoy Downieville



5 - 10 PM: Industry Volunteer/Industry Party

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

6:30 PM: Sponsor/Volunteer/Industry Competition

8 - 9 PM Dance Party with DJ Coop Da Loop!

9 PM Downieville Dance-Off

Friday, July 14th

10 AM - 4 PM: Trail shuttles and rides

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

3 PM - 7 PM: Beverage Garden Open

4 - 7 PM: Live music by Big Sticky Mess (Original funk music that you feel in yo booty!)

6pm - 9pm Santa Cruz Bicycles Movie Night, Friday, Yuba Theatre (showing Dirt Magic & Monte - Patagonia Short Films, Main Feature - Shanghai Noon, and a very special trail dedication.



Saturday, July 15th

7 - 9 AM: Packet Pickup at Sierra City Community Community Hall

9:30 AM: Cross Country Race Start in Sierra City, Presented by
(see page 15 for map)

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10 AM: Downieville Classic Expo and Marketplace

12 PM: Rider food available from Gather Catering Co. and Beverage Garden flowing

2:30 Cross Country Race Award Ceremonies, Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship drawing

4:40 PM: Coyote Criterium Competition and Other Shenanigans

6:30 PM: Log Pull World Championship Competition

8 - 10 PM: Downieville dance party and live music by Lantz Lazwell & The Vibe Tribe (Heavy horn funk & soul!)



Sunday, July 16th

9 AM: Downieville Downhill Race Start at Packer Saddle, Presented by
(see page 20 for map)



10 AM: Downieville Classic Expo and Marketplace

11 AM: Rider food available from Gather Catering Co. and Beverage Garden flowing

4 PM: Downhill & All Mountain Race Award Ceremonies



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);
- 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 July 13, 10:00 am - Sunday August 4, 7:00 pm- Handicapped parking to be relocated to the front of the Community Hall.

- **Main Street, Downieville from the intersection of Highway 49 to Community Hall, including the Community Hall parking lot:**

- Thursday July 13, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm- Traffic control and restricted parking begins.
- Thursday July 13, 3:00 pm to Sunday July 16, 7:00 pm- Complete closure. Emergency access shall be available at all times.

- **Maiden Lane, Downieville:**

- Thursday, July 13, 6:00 am - Sunday July 16, 4:00 pm- Traffic control and restricted parking begins.
- Saturday July 15, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm- Complete closure.
- Sunday July 16, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Complete closure. Emergency access shall be available at all times.

- **Pearl Street, Downieville:**

- Saturday July 15, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm- Local resident access only.
- Sunday July 16, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm- Local resident access only. Single side of the street parking is enforced to allow Emergency access at all times.

- **Sierra County Park, Downieville:**

- Thursday July 13, 3:00 pm - Sunday July 16, 7:00 pm for expo and vendors, public access shall be available at all times.

- **Butte Street, Sierra Buttes Road:**

- Saturday July 15, 7:00 am - 8:30 am- Open to local traffic.
- Saturday July 15, 8:30 am - 10:30 am- Complete closure.

Road Closures & No Parking



- **Castagnea Alley:**
 - Saturday July 15, 7:00 am - 9:00 am- Open to local traffic.
 - Saturday July 15, 8:30 am - 10:30 am- Complete closure.
- **Lavezzola Road:**
 - Saturday July 15, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm- Complete closure.
 - Sunday July 16, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm- Complete closure.
- **Upper Main Street, Hanson Bridge to Lavezzola Road, Downieville:**
 - Saturday July 15, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm- Complete closure.
 - Sunday July 16, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm- Complete closure.
- **Upper Main Street, School Street to Hanson Bridge, Downieville:**
 - Saturday July 15, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm- Complete closure.
 - Sunday July 16, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm- Complete closure.
- **Downieville (Parking lot behind Yuba Expeditions):**
 - Thursday July 13, 8:00 am - Sunday July 16, 7:00 pm- Closed for Outdoor Demo Event. Emergency access shall be available at all times.
- **Sierra City Park (The Flats):**
 - Friday July 14, 8:00 pm - Saturday July 15, 4:00 pm- Closed for Event Parking.

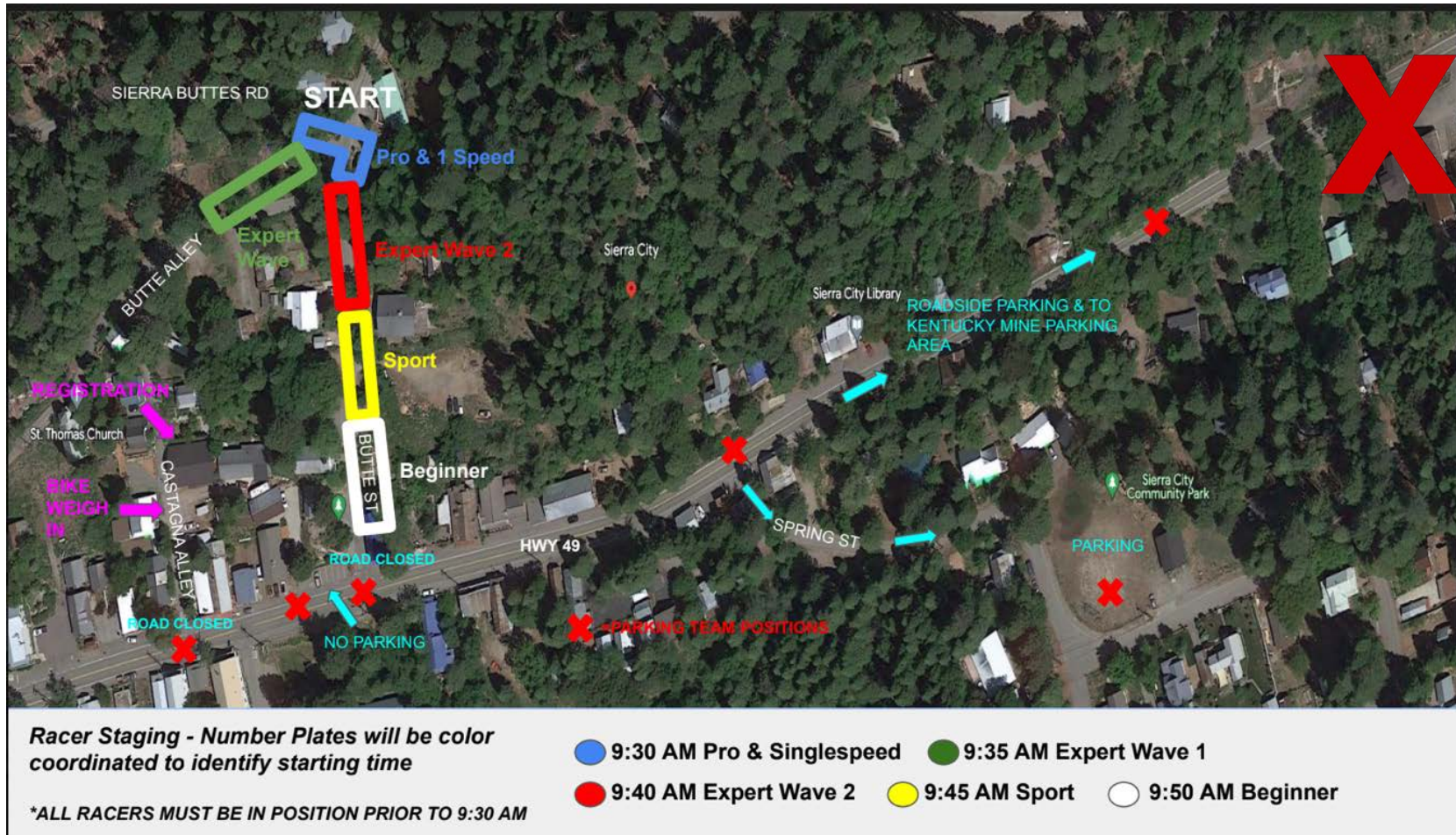
Road Closures & No Parking

The following trail closures will take place:

- Butcher Ranch, Pauley Creek, Big Boulder, Third Divide, and First Divide
 - Saturday, July 15, 8:00 am to 4:00 PM- Complete closure.
 - Sunday, July 16, 8:00 am to 4:00 PM- Complete closure.

Parking at Packer Saddle on Saturday

Parking past the Gold Valley Rim Trail road crossing (just past "The Narrows") will require staying until or after 12 noon, as it is a race crossing. An alternative to waiting is to take the 93 dirt road back to town.



Carpooling or getting a ride to the Start in Sierra City is HIGHLY suggested. Parking will be available at the "Flats", Kentucky Mine Museum, and north of Sierra City on Highway 49. Be sure that your vehicle is completely off the road surface, otherwise you could be ticketed and towed! Complimentary racer shuttles will be available between 1 PM and 5 PM, first come, first served returning racers from Downieville to their cars in Sierra City.

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 Pizzeria and behind the Courthouse. 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!

Days & Times

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

- Friday 3-7 pm at the Downieville High School Gymnasium
- Saturday 7-9 am at the Sierra City Community Hall ([map](#))

PLEASE NOTE: NO REFUNDS ARE OFFERED FOR THIS EVENT!

All Mountain Event participants will use the same bib # each day and will be responsible for holding onto this bib # with the computer timing chip attached to the back. No transfers or exchanges. Races will be held rain, shine, sleet or snow. In the event of extreme weather or natural disaster the ride may be shortened, postponed or canceled without refund.

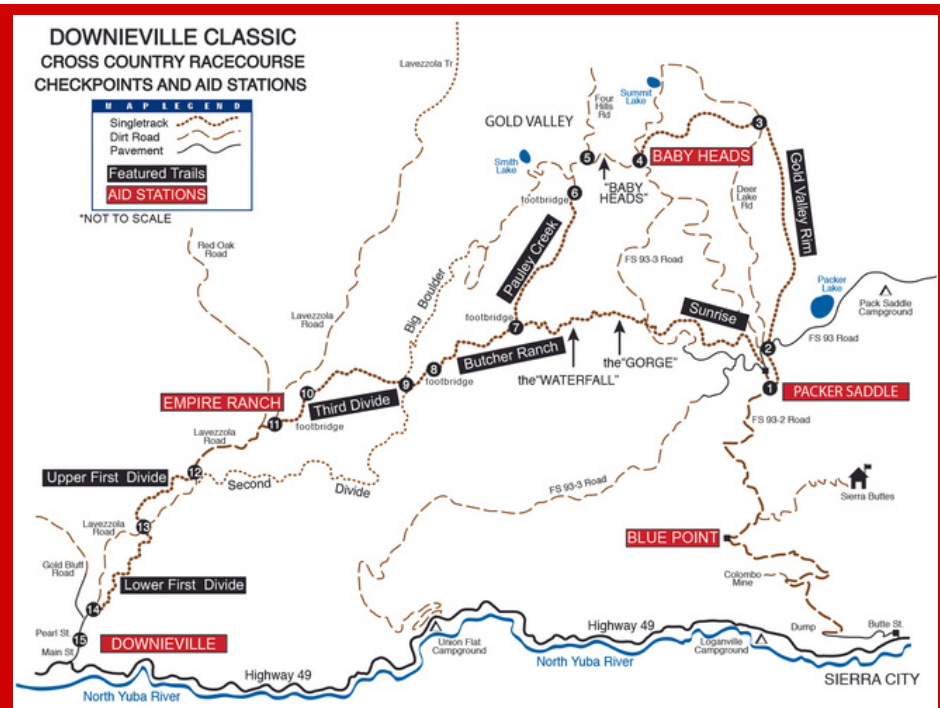
What You Need

- Valid picture ID
- Minors must have a parent/guardian with ID
- Your Bib #- Check out <https://www.breakawaypromotions.com/bibdvc>
- Completed and signed waivers- we will have waivers printed at pickup. However, if you want to save time, fill out and print the waivers listed under "Required Forms"
- **NO ON-SITE TRANSFERS- TRANSFER WINDOW ENDS July 8th**



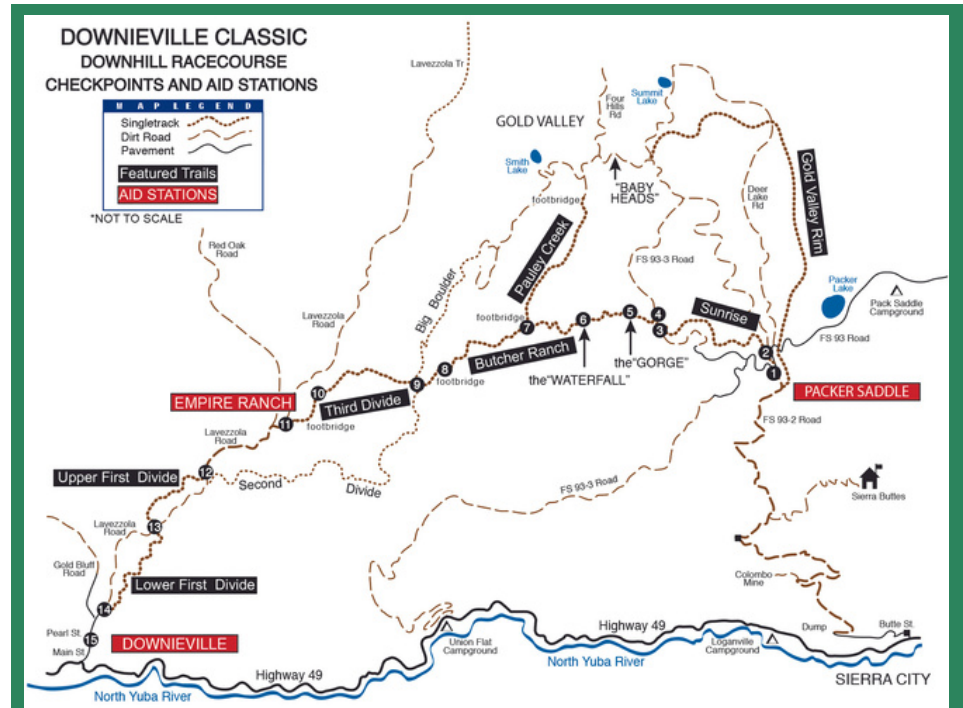
NO PARKING IN DOWNIEVILLE FOR PACKET PICKUP. WE SUGGEST RIDING YOUR BIKE INTO TOWN. See Page 9 for detailed parking instructions.





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SIERRA CITY TO DOWNIEVILLE
 Sierra City to Downieville
 4,500' ascent / 5,700' descent
 4 Aid Stations



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PACKER SADDLE TO DOWNIEVILLE
 Packer Saddle to Downieville
 5,333' descent / 1,010' ascent
 1 Aid Station

July 15th, 2023

Point to point cross country race, and All Mountain World Championships, Stage 1

SIERRA CITY TO DOWNIEVILLE

4,500' ascent / 5,700' descent

Since 2019, we have eliminated the gravel road 93 to Baby Heads, and replaced with spectacular all Sierra Crest singletrack on the new Gold Valley Rim Trail singletrack! Miles more of singletrack instead of gravel road.

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 men that 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 what was previously the Pacific Crest Trail, traversing the spectacular Sierra Crest with a fun singletrack descent to the top of "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.

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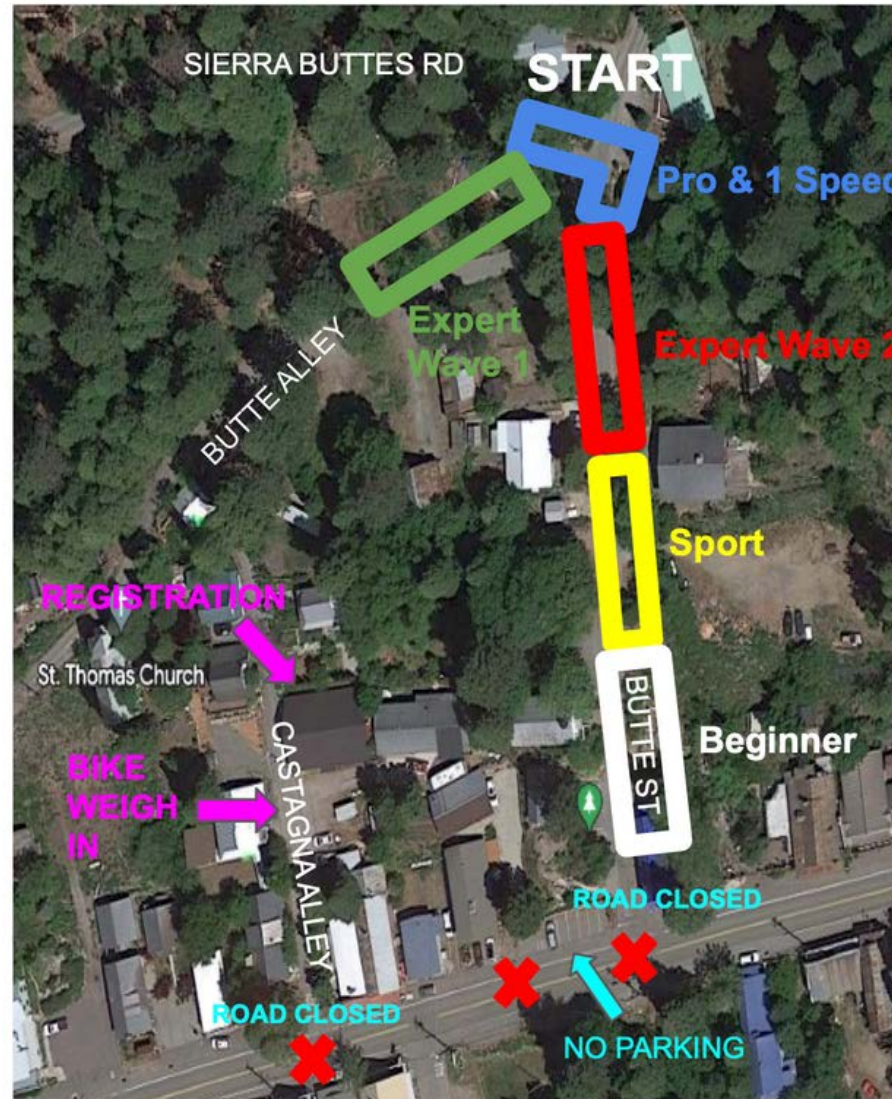


CROSS COUNTRY RACE START

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

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***ALL RACERS MUST BE
IN POSITION
PRIOR TO 9:30 AM**



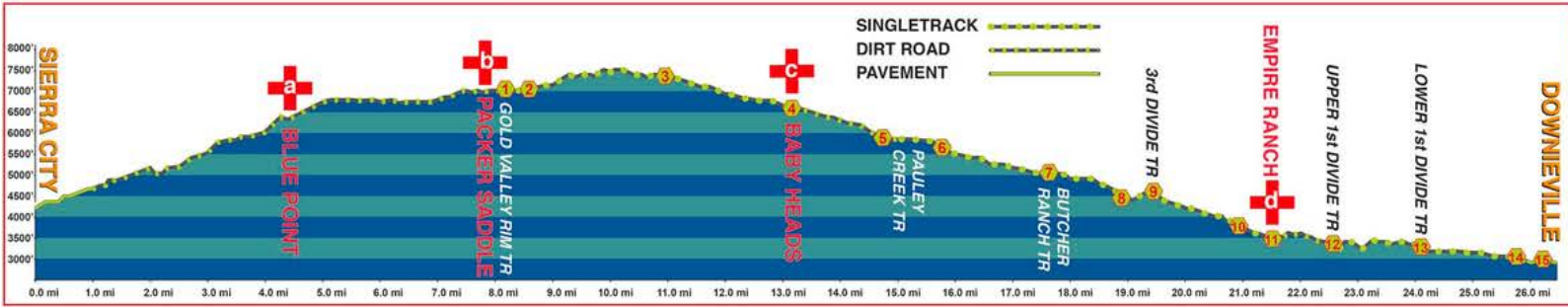
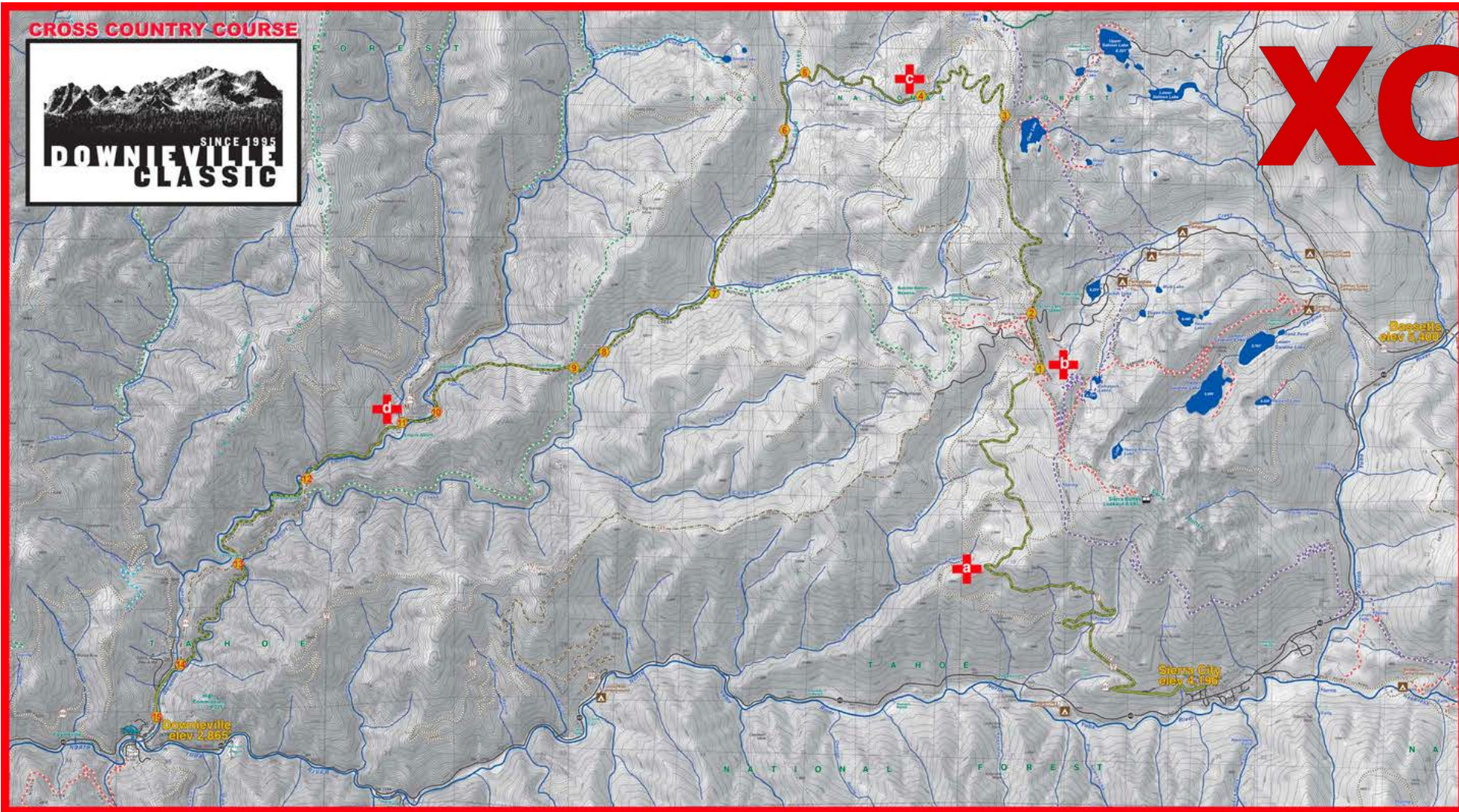
- 9:30 AM Pro & Singlespeed
- 9:35 AM Expert Wave 1
- 9:40 AM Expert Wave 2
- 9:45 AM Sport
- 9:50 AM Beginner

CROSS COUNTRY RACE

CROSS COUNTRY COURSE



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DOWNIEVILLE CLASSIC XC COURSE MAP

- CROSS COUNTRY RACE COURSE
- MOTORIZED OHV TRAIL
- NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL
- DIRT ROAD
- PAVEMENT
- VOLUNTEER STATIONS

CROSS COUNTRY COURSE AID STATIONS

- a BLUE POINT
- b PACKER SADDLE
- c BABY HEADS
- d EMPIRE RANCH

ALL MOUNTAIN COMPETITORS: There will be a mandatory bike weigh-in and a parts check starting at 8:00 AM prior to the Cross Country race in the Fox tent next to the registration 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. All Mountain racers must also weigh in 30 minutes before their Downhill start time on Sunday at the Start on Packer Saddle.

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9:30 start

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

9:35 start

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

9:40 start

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

9:45 start

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

9:50 start

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



- 9:30 AM Pro & Singlespeed
- 9:35 AM Expert Wave 1
- 9:40 AM Expert Wave 2
- 9:45 AM Sport
- 9:50 AM Beginner

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+*

SPORT

Sport Junior Men 13-18

Sport Men 30 & Under

Sport Men 31-40

Sport Men 41-50

Sport Men 51-60

Sport Women 30 & Under

Sport Women 31+

BEGINNER

Beginner Men 30 & Under

Beginner Men 31-40

Beginner Men 41+

Beginner Women open ages



July 16th, 2023

All Mountain World Championships, Stage 2

PACKER SADDLE TO DOWNIEVILLE

5,333' descent / 1,010' ascent

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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 5,000 vertical 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 drifty 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.

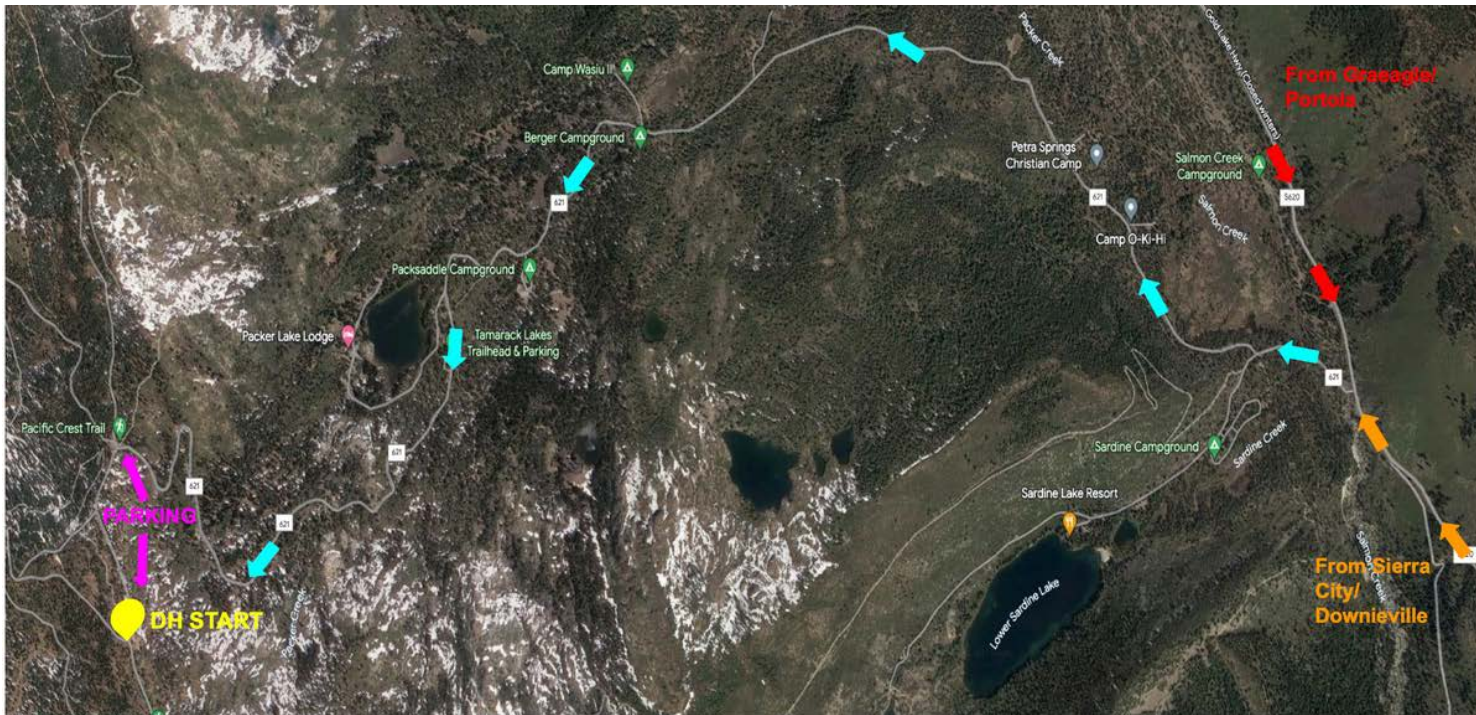
Getting to the DH Start At Packer Saddle

Racers must get themselves to the race start. Carpooling or getting dropped off is highly suggested. Complimentary racer shuttles will return riders to Packer Saddle following the race, leaving at 11:30, 1:30, and 3:30.

**Note: We will not be able to transport all racers back to Packer Saddle- first come, first served.*

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.

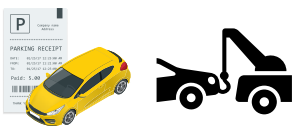
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We encourage you to arrive early. Parking will be available at Packer Saddle, as well as at Packer Lake. Be sure that your vehicle is completely off the road surface or it may be towed at your expense.

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***

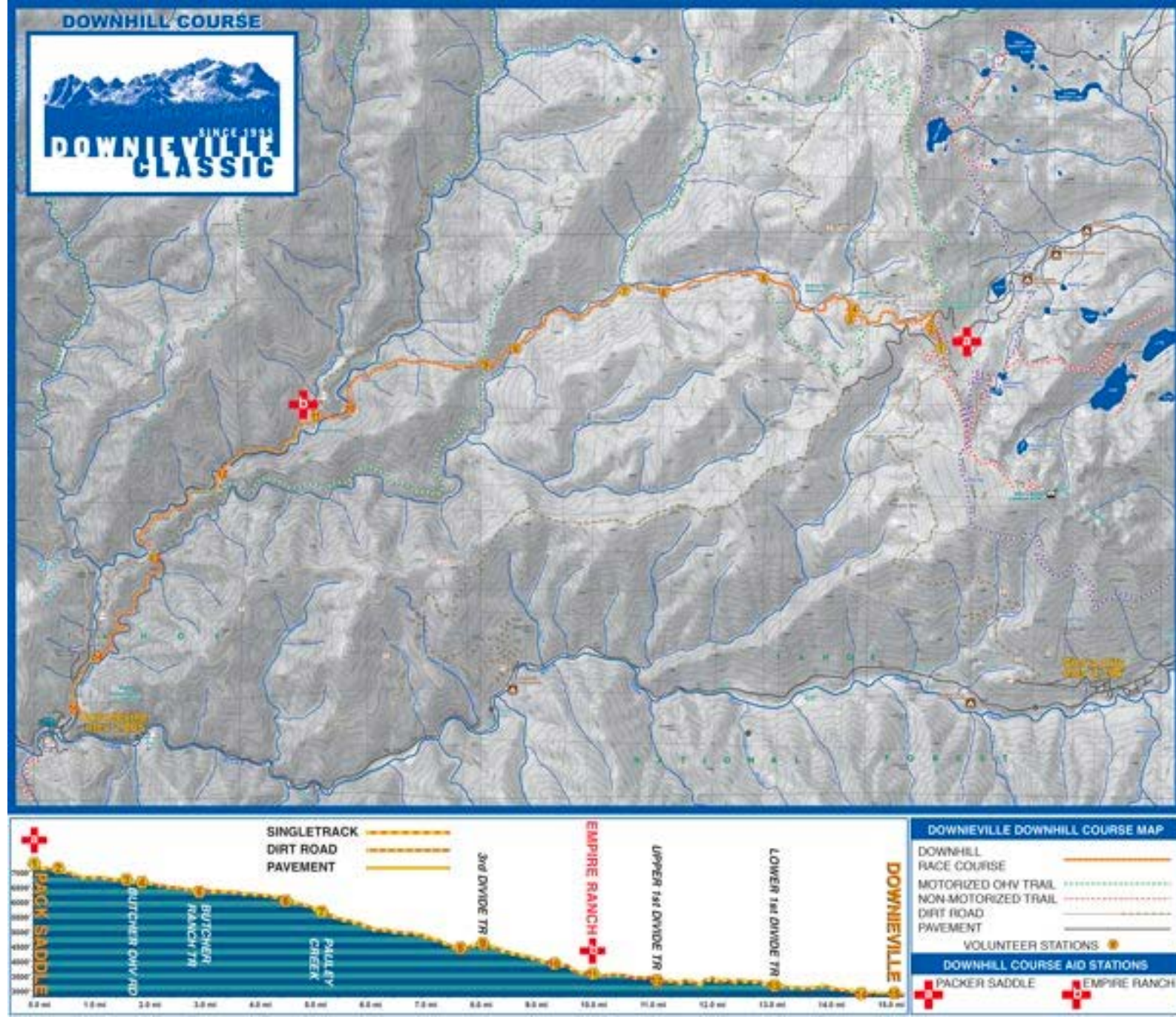


Note: If you are being dropped off at Packer Saddle by a friend- parking in Downieville is limited to the following areas: Hwy 49, both north and south of Downieville, the USFS Downieville Ranger Station, located across the bridge from the Pizzeria, and at Cannon Point, which is approximately 100 yards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

DOWNHILL RACE

DH



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 Fox 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 9:00 AM

- Riders depart in 1- minute intervals
- All other categories depart in 30-second intervals
- **CHECK YOUR START TIME HERE: <https://www.breakawaypromotions.com/bibdvc>**

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+*
Singlespeed open ages*

WOMEN

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

START TIME		Start #	End #	# of Racers
9:00:00 AM	Pro Men	1	59	59
9:57:30 AM	Expert Men 30 & Under	200	250	51
10:23:00 AM	Pro Women	60	78	19
10:32:30 AM	Single Speed	79	98	20
10:42:30 AM	Expert Men 31-40	251	382	132
11:48:30 AM	Expert Men 41-50	500	603	104
12:40:30 PM	Junior Men 13-18	383	398	16
12:48:30 PM	Exp Women 30 & Under	399	412	14
12:55:30 PM	Expert Women 31-40	413	421	9
1:00:00 PM	Expert Men 51+	604	650	47
1:29:30 PM	Junior Women 13-18	422	423	2
1:24:30 PM	Expert Women 41-50	651	657	7
1:28:00 PM	Expert Women 51+	658	660	3

All-Mountain World Championships

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

PACKER SADDLE TO DOWNIEVILLE- 5,333' descent / 1,010' ascent
SIERRA CITY TO DOWNIEVILLE- 4,500' ascent / 5,700' descent

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 Class, which not only tortures the bikes, 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



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Cross-Country

- Packer Saddle - 12:00pm
- End of Gold Valley Rim Trail / Top of Baby Heads - 1pm

XC

Due to restrictions with road closures, riders must make it to Packer Saddle by 12:00PM 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.

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Rider Etiquette

- Be nice.
- Stop at all stop signs.
- 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.



"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.

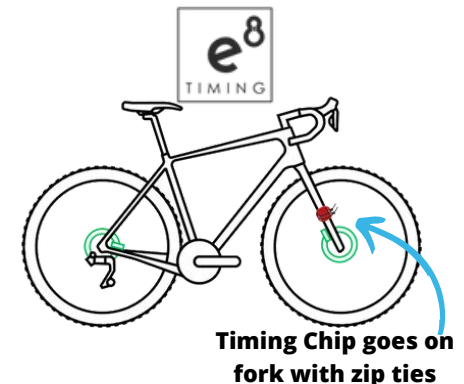
CHIPS: Please attach the chip to the DRIVE (right) side of your fork. Please pin your bib number to the RIGHT SIDE of your jersey. If you do not want to put the chip on your fork, you may put it on your shoe or crank, however, it may cause timing inaccuracies.

*** 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 \$85.

BIB #'s: Bib numbers are to be worn on the right side for all three races. 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



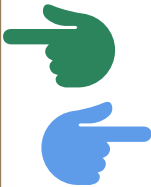
No support/follow vehicles are allowed. Aid Stations will be well stocked and able to handle rider's needs.

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



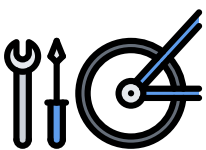
DO NOT PASS riders or vehicles on blind corners.

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.



LOST AND FOUND- All items will be turned into the merch booth. If you are missing something or you have found an item, please stop by and see the crew at the merch booth.

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 Portola Start/Finish area.

- **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.

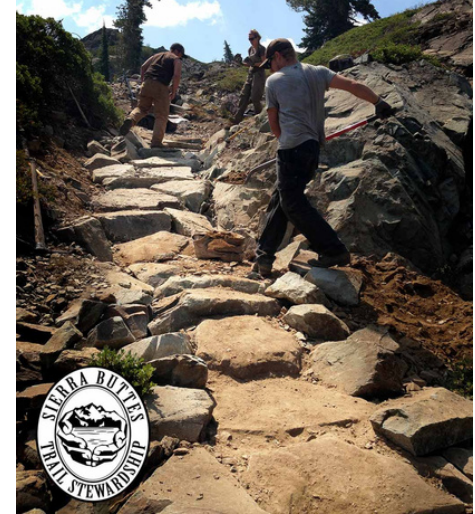
About Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship is a nonprofit organization that builds and maintains multi-use trails in the Sierra Buttes, Tahoe, Plumas and Lassen National Forests. Our mission is building sustainable recreation-based communities through stewardship, job creation and world-class events. Providing quality outdoor experiences through trail construction and maintenance in the Lost Sierra.

It is our goal to maintain, restore, and enhance trails in the Tahoe, Plumas and Lassen National Forests in an environmentally sensitive and ecologically responsible fashion. We exist to bring a connection between the land and the people who enjoy it by teaching stewardship, restoring historic trail routes and creating new paths through the Lost Sierra.

This region offers unique natural beauty, remote accessibility and diverse multi-use recreational opportunities. The work performed by our organization and volunteers is helping maintain enjoyable backcountry trail access for generations to enjoy.

MORE INFO: This event is under special use permit with the Tahoe National Forest. Non-Discrimination Notice. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agricultural policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA Director Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



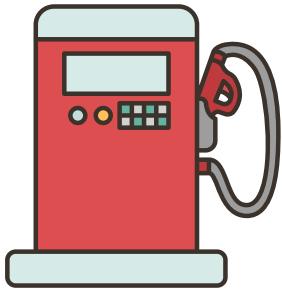
Registration Fees Include

All net proceeds go to the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, to support the SBTS Trail Maintenance Program. Fees also include; insurance, accurate computerized timing, EMT support, aid stations with refreshments, catered lunch, shuttle service from Downieville to Sierra City following the event, event socks, stainless steel pint cup filled with cold beer at the finish, grab bag- properly equipped, Downieville Community Hall rental, Sierra City Community Hall rental, Sierra County Special Use fees, US Government Special Use fees, including surveys of reproductive pattern of California Spotted Owl territory S1057 / Northern Goshawk territory D53T13, and a whole mess of porta-potties, garbage cans and recycling receptacles.



THERE IS NO GAS AVAILABLE IN DOWNIEVILLE OR SIERRA CITY!

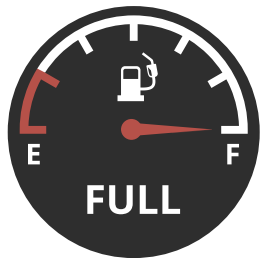
The two closest gas stations are:



-At **Bassett's Station**, corner of HWY 49 and Gold Lake HWY, 24 hour pump available (18 miles east of Downieville via HWY 49)

-In **Camptonville**, gas available at Lost Nugget Market & Gas, 8 AM to 9 PM (20 miles west of Downieville via HWY 49)

-The next closest areas in proximity to Downieville where gas is available are **Nevada City** (multiple gas stations, 42 miles west of Downieville via HWY 49), and the Chevron in **Graeagle** (34 miles from Downieville via HWY 49 East, Gold Lake HWY (left), & HWY 89 (left))



**BE SURE TO FILL UP YOUR VEHICLE BEFORE COMING TO
DOWNIEVILLE!**

Support the trails with Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship



DONATION DRAWING TICKETS TO SUPPORT SBTS!

Potential prizes include Kuat rack, carbon wheelset, GoPro and more!

1 ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20!

Shimano - full XT group

Fox - Fork of choice and dropper post of choice

Patagonia - Apparel Kits

WTB - Carbon Wheelset, grips, saddles

Solo Stove - Solo Stoves

Leatt - Enduro Helmets

GoPro - GoPro Hero 11 Mini - packages

White Industries - Custom Hubs

Voler - Full Riding Kit

Vinco Performance - Riding Sunglasses

e*thirteen - pedals

KUAT - bike rack

Smith - helmets & glasses

Stans- Wheelset

Other great items from Santa Cruz Bicycles, Klean Kanteen, Stans,
Dumonde, Yuba Expeditions, All Out Nutrition, Four Wheel Camper, Merge4
Socks, Tahoe Trail Bar, and Muc-Off

SANTA CRUZTM



BIB # LOOKUP

Your Bib # and DH start time are listed on the site below-

www.breakawaypromotions.com/bibdvc

KNOW YOUR NUMBER FOR
PACKET PICKUP

SIERRA BUTTES TRAIL STEWARDSHIP

2023 DOWNIEVILLE CLASSIC RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS

READ CAREFULLY – THIS DOCUMENT AFFECTS YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

In consideration for my participation in the 2023 Downieville Classic in Northern California (the "Activity") organized by, put on by, hosted by, sponsored by, and/or with the assistance of the SIERRA BUTTES TRAIL STEWARDSHIP, a California non-profit corporation, and/or the officers, directors, employees, affiliates, agents, contractors, and other persons associated therewith (collectively, "SBTS"), **I HEREBY VOLUNTARILY AGREE** to the following:

- 1) **I AGREE** to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings which may be present at the location of the Activity or given by SBTS and follow and abide by any verbal and/or written instructions or directions given by SBTS about the Activity, if any.
- 2) **I UNDERSTAND THAT THE ACTIVITY CAN BE DANGEROUS AND INVOLVES THE RISK OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, AND EVEN DEATH.** I further understand that there are inherent risks associated with the Activity, both known and unknown, including, but not limited to: equipment failure; collisions with natural and manmade objects, other participants, vehicles, and/or volunteers; falling or being thrown off my bicycle; encountering steep, rocky, loose, sandy, and/or uneven terrain as well as manmade and/or natural jumps; dangers arising from surface hazards, including pot holes; inadequate safety equipment, and/or use of unfamiliar equipment and/or materials provided by the event organizer and others; weather; fatigue; exhaustion; dehydration; limited access to and/or delay of medical attention; negligence of others; my own negligence; etc.; which may result in mental and/or emotional distress from exposure to any of the foregoing; pulled and/or torn muscles, ligaments, and/or tendons; broken bones; sprains; joint injuries; and/or other injuries and/or losses, including, but not limited to, **SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR EVEN DEATH. I expressly assume any and all risk of injury, property damage, and/or death associated with my participation in the Activity, and I understand that SBTS is not responsible for any lost or stolen property.**
- 3) **I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE DANGERS AND RISKS LISTED ABOVE IS NOT COMPLETE AND THAT PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITY MAY BE DANGEROUS AND MAY INCLUDE OTHER RISKS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ACTS, OMISSIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, CARELESSNESS, AND NEGLIGENCE OF SBTS. RECOGNIZING THE RISKS AND DANGERS, I UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITY AND I VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN AND EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISKS AND DANGERS OF THE PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY, WHETHER OR NOT DESCRIBED ABOVE, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, INHERENT, OR OTHERWISE.**
- 4) **I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT DUE TO THE REMOTE LOCATION OF THE ACTIVITY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WILL NOT LIKELY BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, AND THAT TRANSPORTATION TO A HOSPITAL OR OTHER MEDICAL FACILITY MAY TAKE MORE THAN A DAY, AND THAT THERE MAY BE DIFFICULTIES AND/OR DELAY WITH COMMUNICATION, TRANSPORTATION, AND/OR MEDICAL CARE.**
- 5) **I AGREE** it is my sole responsibility to be familiar with the Activity course and agenda, and any special regulations for the Activity and agree to comply with all such rules and regulations. **I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE** that situations may arise during the Activity which may be beyond the control of SBTS, and that I must participate in a manner so as to neither endanger myself nor others. **I ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY** for the condition and adequacy of my equipment, any equipment provided for my use, and my conduct in connection with the Activity. I will wear a helmet at all times and I assume all responsibility and liability for the selection of my helmet and any modifications or attachments thereto. I have no physical or medical condition which would endanger myself or others during my participation in the Activity, or that would interfere with my ability to safely participate in the Activity.
- 6) **I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE** that the UCI Anti-Doping Rules and U.S. Anti-Doping Agency ("USADA") Protocol may be applied to me and that it is my responsibility to comply with those rules. **I AGREE** to submit to drug testing and understand that the use of methods or substances prohibited by the applicable anti-doping rules would make me subject to penalties including, but not limited to, disqualification and/or suspension. If it is determined that I may have committed a doping violation, **I AGREE** to submit to the results management authority and processes of USADA, including arbitration under the USADA Protocol, or to the results management authority of the UCI and/or my national federation, if referred by USADA.
- 7) **I FULLY RELEASE** SBTS and its subsidiaries, sponsors, promoters, affiliates, agents, officers, directors, employees, contractors, and/or assigns from liability and agree not to sue SBTS for any and all claims and/or causes of action arising from my participation in the Activity, even if said claims and/or causes of action arise from SBTS's alleged negligence. **I FURTHER AGREE TO RELEASE SBTS** from any and all liability arising out of my use of, or presence at, any facility or property used by SBTS for the Activity, whether caused by the fault of myself, SBTS, or other third parties.
- 8) **I AGREE** that SBTS may take and/or use photographs, videos, audio, and/or likenesses of me and/or my property, for trade, advertising, marketing, promotions, internet use, and/or any other purpose, print, digital or otherwise, without restriction or my approval. I hereby release SBTS from any claim and/or liability relating to SBTS's right to take, use, alter, and/or composite said photographs, videos, audio, and/or likenesses. **I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE** that I will not receive any compensation, credit, and/or recognition for SBTS's use of such photographs, videos, audio, and/or likenesses.
- 9) **I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS, INDEMNIFY AND DEFEND** SBTS against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, cost and/or expense, including attorney's fees and other costs, which may in any way arise from my participation in the Activity or my use of, or presence at, any property or facility used by SBTS. **I AGREE** that the venue for any legal or equitable claim that may arise from my participation in the Activity shall be the State of California, County of Nevada, Town of Truckee.
- 10) **I AGREE** that SBTS may call for medical care for me and may transport me to a medical facility or hospital if, in its sole opinion, medical attention is needed. In such an event, **I AGREE** to pay all costs associated with such medical care and/or transportation.
- 11) This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior written and/or oral agreement. The provisions of this Agreement may only be waived, altered, amended, modified, revoked, or terminated, in whole or in part, in a subsequent written agreement specifically referring to this Agreement and signed by both parties. This Agreement shall stay in full force and effect following the completion of my participation in the Activity, and this Agreement will insure to the benefit of and be binding on the parties and their heirs, personal representatives, assigns, and other successors in interest of each party.
- 12) This Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of California, except that this Agreement will not be construed in favor of or against either party, but in a manner that is fair to both parties, and without regard to conflicts of law principles.

- 13) If any term of this Agreement is to any extent illegal, otherwise invalid, or incapable of being enforced, such term shall be excluded to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability. All other terms shall remain in full force and effect, and, to the extent permitted and possible, the invalid or unenforceable term shall be deemed replaced by a term that is valid and enforceable and that comes closest to expressing the intention of such invalid or unenforceable term.
- 14) By signing this Agreement, I, under penalty of fraud, represent that I am at least 18 years of age, or that I am under 18 years of age and expressly authorize my parent and/or guardian to execute this Agreement on my behalf, and that I am mentally sound and have capacity to enter in this Agreement, and that I enter into this Agreement of my own free will and accord, voluntarily, without coercion, duress, or undue influence from any source.
- 15) Participants under the age of 18 years are required to have a parent or legal guardian read and sign this Agreement.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I AM VOLUNTARILY WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS AND THAT I AM PHYSICALLY FIT AND SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITY AND MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY IS VOLUNTARY.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (Participant):

Name _____ Racing Age (as of Dec. 31st) _____
 Address _____ Date of Birth _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Bib Number _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Contact Phone _____
 Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

CONSENT AND RELEASE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

I verify that I am the parent/guardian of the above named minor participant (under 18 years of age). I have authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the minor. I acknowledge and represent that my child is fit for the Activity and I consent to my child's participation. **I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT I AM VOLUNTARILY WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS AND WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS ON BEHALF OF MY CHILD.** In consideration for allowing my child to participate, **I CONSENT TO THE AGREEMENT AND AGREE THAT ITS TERMS SHALL LIKEWISE BIND ME, MY CHILD, my heirs, legal representatives, and assignees.** I am mentally sound and have capacity to enter in this Agreement, and that I enter into this Agreement of my own free will and accord, voluntarily, without coercion, duress, or undue influence from any source.

Name _____ Relationship to Participant _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

2023 DOWNIEVILLE CLASSIC STIPULATIONS

Please note that for rider safety and permit compliance, STBS must enforce strict cutoff times at the listed locations and times. Please initial each instance to signify your understanding and agreement to these conditions:

_____ 12:00 PM Saturday 7/15/2023: All XC Racers who do not reach Packer Saddle by 12:00pm must remove their number and release themselves from the race. A support vehicle will be available to return riders to Downieville or Sierra City

_____ 1:00 PM: Saturday 7/15/2023: All XC Racers who do not reach Baby Heads by 1:00pm must remove their number and release themselves from the race. A support vehicle will be available to return riders to Downieville or Sierra City

_____ If at any time an STBS staff member or a member of the emergency response team determines me physically unable to complete the event within the allotted timeframe, I agree to accept a ride back to the emergency response center in Downieville.

Name: _____ Bib Number: _____
 Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

BIB #: _____

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