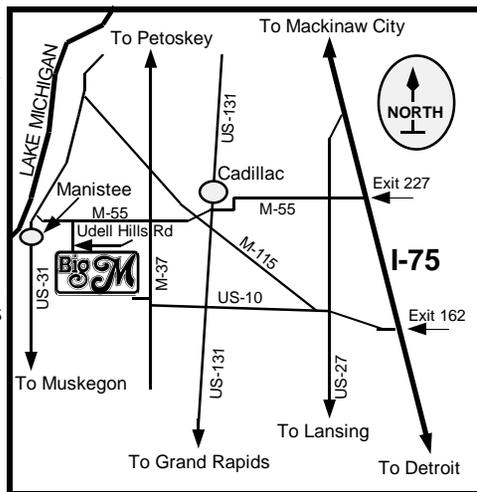


Big 'M' Ski Area, Manistee, Michigan

Big 'M' is located in the Manistee National Forest in northwestern lower Michigan, west of Cadillac. **From Manistee** take M-55 east to Udell Hills Rd, then go south 3-1/2 miles to the Big 'M'. **From the east**, take M-55 west 12 miles from M-37 or about 29 miles from Cadillac. **Note: A \$3 per day car fee is charged for park entry.**

Rustic Camping on site is allowed, and cost is \$5 for the night. Come on up Saturday, pre-ride the trails, and then stay the night!



Course Information

This Cross Country race course is not a "flat land" course! The race course is approx. 6-1/2 miles of fun-filled single-track and two-track trails. There are many long and gradual climbs as well as downhill for recovery, fast flats, and lots of FUN!

Elite Men racers	→ 5 loops	10:00a
Elite Women racers	→ 4 loops	10:00a
Expert racers	→ 4 loops (Men & Women)	10:00a
Sport racers/SS/Tand	→ 3 loops (Men & Women)	1:00p
14-Under Begnr.	→ 1 loop (Men & Women)	1:00p
All other Begnr.	→ 2 loops (Men & Women)	1:00p

NOTE: Number of Laps and Lap Distance may change based on trail conditions. *The KIDS race will be on a special short loop at 12:30 pm.*

The trails we will use for this Cross Country race course are open to all trail users during the race, **please be careful and courteous to others on the trail at all times. PLEASE, do not leave ANY trash, energy or food bar wrappers on the trails!**

ENTRY FEE & REGISTRATION

Registration & Number Pick-up: 8:30am to 1/2 hr before each race.
 Pre-registration **Post-Marked by 8/1:** \$25 **After 8/1:** \$30
 14-Un Categories: \$10 2nd Race Category \$10 Kids Race is FREE!

Register ON-LINE at: www.tailwind.net - OR - www.BikeReg.com
 On-Line registration closes 11:45 pm Thursday, July 28

All racers must sign a waiver at registration. Racers under the age of 18 must have the waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENT PARTICIPATION!!!

This XC Race is held under NORBA rules. Annual NORBA License **REQUIRED ONLY FOR ELITE AND EXPERT** Classes. **Sport & Beginner Classes DO NOT** require any special Licensing or fees. NORBA licenses may be purchased at this event.

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Bike Shop Sponsor & Mechanical Support: TRAILHEAD BIKE SHOP, Ludington
Race Info: www.tailwind.net - E-mail: tailwind@tir.com - 248/634-6178

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RESULTS & SCORING

Results available at the race, and posted on-line at: www.tailwind.net

Ford NORBA State Championship XC Series will tabulate best 5 point scores out of the 8 Series events to determine Overall Series Placing.

AWARDS

Prize Money and Awards:

Elite Men \$660 – 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100, 4th \$75, 5th \$60, 6th \$45, 7th \$30
 Expert/Elite Women \$350 – 1st \$125, 2nd \$90, 3rd \$60, 4th \$45, 5th \$30
 All other classes will award Medals to Top 5 Finishers.

Special KIDS Drawing for cool Louis Garneau items after the KIDS RACE!

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Award Presentation: Elite/Expert Classes 1:15p
 Sport & Begnr Classes 3:30p
 Kids Race At their Finish Line

(Note: Award presentation times may vary based on category finish times.)

SPECIAL NOTICE

MIDWEST MOUNTAIN BIKE REGIONAL INVITATIONAL
Ford-NORBA Overall Series Champion in each Category/Age Group receives an Invitation & Free Entry into the Iceman Cometh Challenge Nov 5 to compete in the First Mountain Bike Regional Invitational for the Midwest! This Regional event will be based on Iceman finishes, and the racers from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin & Illinois will compete for Top Regional Honors.

PRIZE DRAWINGS

Drawings for great gift giveaways from our sponsors will be at 3:30p after racing has been completed.

You must be present to win, and all who register to race are eligible. **Please Fill out a card and drop it in the "Prize Mail Box" at registration.**

THANKS

THANK-YOU's go to all of the volunteers who help make this event run smoothly, and of course to all of our sponsors. Special thanks go to the "Big M" National Forest folks, and to **TRAILHEAD BIKE SHOP** in Ludington for their great event and Race Day mechanical support!