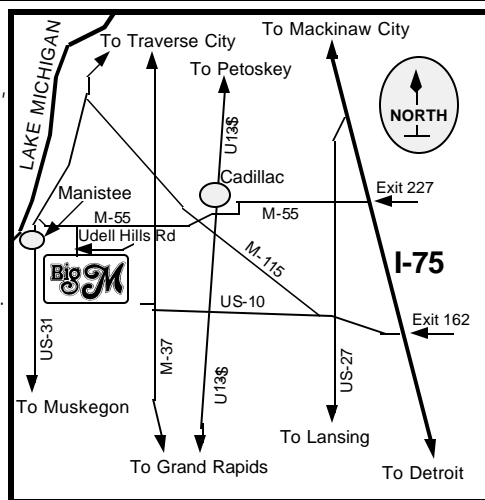


Big 'M' Ski Area, Manistee, Michigan

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 car fee is charged for park entry.

Rustic Camping on site is allowed, and cost is \$3 for the night. Come pre-ride the trails, and stay the night!



Course Information

This Cross Country race course is not a "flat land" course! The race course is a 6 1/2 mile loop 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! The race course does include a trip to Capper's Peak with a breathtaking view!

Elite Men racers	→ 5 loops	10:00a
Expert racers	→ 4 loops (Men & Women)	10:00a
Sport racers	→ 3 loops (Men & Women)	12:30p
14-Under Beg.	→ 1 loop (Men & Women)	2:45p
All other Beg.	→ 2 loops (Men & Women)	2:45p

The Kids race will be on a special short loop at Noon.

The trails we will use for this Cross Country race course are open to all trail users during the race, so please be careful and courteous to others on the trail at all times.

Entry Fee & Registration

Registration & Number Pick-up: 8:30a to 1/2 hr before each race.

Pre-register by August 7:	\$20	Register after August 7:	\$25
14 & Under Categories:	\$10	Kids Race is	FREE!

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.

A portion of the proceeds from this event go to the MMBA to help work towards land access and trail development issues in Michigan. Support your Trails by becoming a member...TODAY!

Stop by the MMBA tent at the race.

2000 TAILWIND CROSS COUNTRY RACE INFORMATION

RACE DATES for 2000:

June 18	Ruby Campground	Ruby Michigan
July 16	Bloomer Park	Rochester Hills, MI
August 13	Big 'M'	Manistee, MI
Sept. 10	Stony Creek	Shelby Twp, MI

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E-Mail: tailwind@tir.com **Web:** www.tailwind.net

Results & Scoring

Results will be available on race day and a copy will be mailed to each racer and also posted on-line at: www.tailwind.net.

Awards

\$300 Cash Purse for Men's Elite Racers (Pay top 5)
\$200 Cash Purse for Women's Expert Racers (Pay top 5)
Awards to top 5 in all other Categories - Awards to EVERY Kids Racer
Award Presentation: Elite / Expert 1:00p
Sport / Beginner 4:30p
Kids At the Finish Line

Prize Drawings

Drawings for great gift giveaways from our sponsors will be at 4:15p. You must be present to win, and all who register to race are eligible.

Fill out a card and drop it in the "Prize Mail Box" at registration.
Festina has donated a fine watch to give away at this event!

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 also to Terry Ritter for spending much of his time and energy in helping to set this course up!