



THE GREAT DEER CHASE

Race Schedule

Friday, August 4, 2023

6:30pm	Registration Starts
8:00pm	Registration Ends

Saturday, August 5, 2023

8:30am	Registration Starts
11:20am	Untimed Tots Race Start
11:30am	Youth 2mi, 4mi, 6mi Race Start
12:30pm	Registration Ends
1:00pm	15mi and 30mi Race Start
4:30pm	Awards and Door Prizes

All events take place at the Swedetown Trails Chalet, 56641 Osceola Rd, Calumet, MI

Key Information/Rules

- At 1:00 PM, all 15/30mi racers depart. The lead car will roll out slowly down the chalet driveway, turn right onto Osceola Drive, and will lead everyone to the right onto Woodland Road. Please stay to the right, but you may pass in open areas. Faster racers may begin to move to the front of the pack under controlled circumstances. Slower racers should stay to the right. We are controlling traffic but be aware of potential cars.
- The lead car will pull off and stop at the Woodland Road Trailhead entrance to the Swedetown Trails. Once racers are on the woodland trails (or “dog loops” as locals like to call them), they may hit full race pace and overtake other racers at full race speed.
- On the trail, slower racers should move aside for faster racers. Find a place that is wide enough to pass and allow the faster racer to go by. Faster racers, announce politely you would like to pass. Please be courteous and patient.
- The long and short racers will split at about mile 4. There will be signs diverting the long racers to the left, and the short racers to the right. Some of the fastest long course riders may catch up to the end of the short course racers.
- We have bike patrol members patrolling the course along with the finish. If you need assistance or encounter another rider who needs assistance out on the trails, please send the next rider to the closest aid station. 911 can also be called in an emergency situation.

- Aid Station 1 is located centrally where the Cable Connector, 7-11, and Burly bike trails meet. It is a two-sided aid station for 30 mile racers at both miles 14 and 17. It is at mile 5.5 for the 15 mile racers. This station has water, gatorade, bananas, energy packets.
- Aid Station 2 is located near the intersection of Spruce St and Osceola Road, where the riders will come out of our Spruce St trailhead and enter the ATV trail to return to the chalet. It's at approximately mile 26 for the long race, and mile 12.5 for the short race. Just water and gatorade here.
- The Finish tent will have water, gatorade, cookies, and fruit. Age group awards winners can pick up their medals and prizes here prior to the Award Ceremony.
- The course intersections are marked with orange and yellow barrier tape for all races. Don't cross a barrier, and you shouldn't get lost! A sweep will follow behind the slowest racers.

Award Ceremony / Door Prizes

30 Mile

Awards for overall finishers (male and female, 1st through 3rd place) will be announced at the awards ceremony. The overall finishers will be taken out of the age-group awards. Age group awards will **not** be announced at the awards ceremony. Any age group winners will be able to pick up their prizes at the finish tent from when each race has been finalized by the timing company.

Payouts:

1st Place: \$150

2nd Place: \$90

3rd Place: \$60

15 Mile

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Kids 2mi and 4mi

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Door prizes will be given out following the awards – this year there are some great prizes, including passes to Mount Ripley.

Results

Chip Timing is being provided by Superior Timing. Results will be available on our website at www.greatdeerchase.org following the race.

Medical Support

We have basic first aid at the aid stations, and multiple bike patrol members stationed at the finish and throughout the course. Please call 911 in case of an emergency.

Race Day Parking

Please avoid parking on the course on Osceola Road from the Swedetown Chalet driveway entrance to the south toward Woodland Road. This is the race course.

There is parking near our Spruce Street trailhead and the Snow Removal Lot where the township dumps snow in the winter. There is a small amount of parking in the Swedetown Pond parking lot.

You can also park at Cyclocarbon/Station Street Discs, located about 0.5 miles from the Swedetown Chalet - 56720 Station Drive, Calumet. It's the big blue building with the Disc Golf Basket behind Burger King and Dollar General. It is about 0.5 miles from the start/finish at the chalet.

Additional Parking can be found in the Pat's Foods parking lot, in the areas across the street from the BP Gas station, and near XPress Self Storage.

(See additional full page map)

Spectators

2 Mile, 4 Mile, 6 Mile

The best place to view is from the Chalet parking lot near the start/finish.

30 Mile

The best places to view the riders are at the M203 trailhead, Aid Station 2 near the corner of Spruce St and Osceola Road, and the chalet parking lot.

15 Mile

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Enjoy Calumet!

Calumet has a lot to offer! Head downtown to enjoy some food, entertainment, and of course delicious pasties!

Other restaurants that serve lunch include Keweenaw Coffee Works, Offshore Fish and Chips, Michigan House, Carmelitas, Suomi House, and more!

Thank You!!!

The Great Deer Chase is one of two primary fundraising events for the Swedetown Trails. The summer trails are managed and maintained entirely by volunteers.

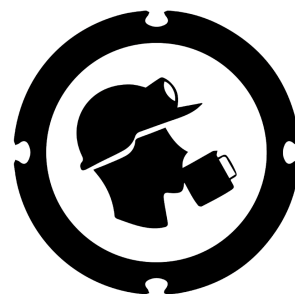
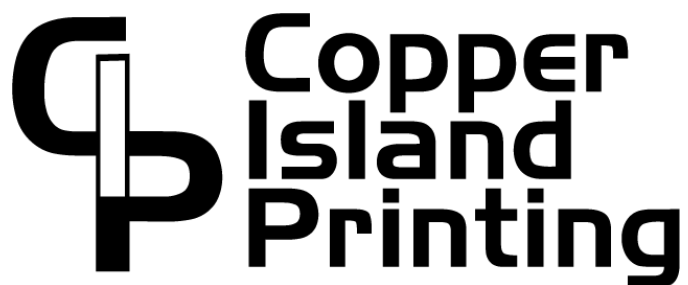
Your participation and support means a lot to us. Last year, we were able to improve a lot of the poor drainage areas on our trails (both ski and bike) with new culverts. We have rebuilt the bridges trail, and have started planning for expansion in the land Swedetown Trails Club recently purchased.

These improvements wouldn't be possible without your support, along with the support of these generous area businesses who have made financial contributions to our trails. Please thank them the next time you visit!

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