



RACE RENDEZVOUS RIDER MEETING NOTES FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021

Welcome racers to the **RACE RENDEZVOUS** race brought to you by the Winter Park Resort Competition Center. Thanks for being here and thanks to our staff, volunteers & sponsors including Primal Wear, Feedback Sports, GB Fish & Chips, Grand Park & More.

***** HERE ARE THE MOST NOTABLE THINGS TO BE AWARE OF FOR TOMORROW'S RACE**

TRAIL NOTES – Expect to find muddy areas but today's reports from pre-riders were excellent.

- **RAIN** – We are aware that rain is in the forecast. We are grateful for this. We need the rain. As in most all outdoor sports, we are planning to run the race rain or shine. The amount of rain should not impact the trails in a negative way. Please just prepare yourself accordingly and come out and enjoy the ride.
- **PARKING** – There are two suggestions for parking.
 1. Park in North Bench Parking Lot at the Base Area of Winter Park Resort. Then, use the Fraser River Trail as your pre-ride and cool down for the race.
 2. Park at the parking structure in Winter Park at Cooper Creek Station.
 - DO NOT park at the Headwater's Event Center. That lot will be used for the staging and starting area for our race.
- **ROAD CROSSINGS** – It is imperative that all competitors pay attention at all Road Crossings. There will be marshals staged near them but the responsibility for optimal safety falls on all the individuals. These roads will not be closed during our race. Please stay on high alert.
- **PAY ATTENTION** – We will have ample directional signage on course to direct you through. However, we know that these sometimes blend in, especially during a race. We will have marshals staged at critical points but do not have enough marshals to stage everywhere that competitors need to pay attention. Please pay close attention while competing to our trail markings.
 - If you have a spectator joining you for support, please feel free to encourage them to marshal. For every 6 hours they marshal, they earn a pass for either summer or winter usage at Winter Park Resort (over a \$200 value). Marshal sign-up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4fa9a928a3fd0-winter8>
- **WILDLIFE** – Crossing paths with wildlife is an inherent risk with mountain biking. We would like to inform you that the wildlife has been out heavily during our pre-riding and course marking. Please respect the creatures you may encounter. They may be beautiful but also may be deadly.

We were recently alerted of an encounter with a bull moose at a competitors recent bike race in the Fraser Valley where riders chased the animal over 10 miles. The encounter was caught on video and disturbing. Colorado Parks and Wildlife along with the US Forest Service both expressed their concerns over what happened along with what could have happened. Though we currently don't have any rules that stipulate what to do in a situation like this, we would like to encourage our riders to respect the wildlife around them along with respecting that you are in their habitat.

Our best suggestion based on their guidance is that if you do see a moose or other wildlife on the trail, please stop racing until they clear the trail and then proceed and alert the next marshal you see.



- **FINAL TURN MARKING** – The final turn into the Finish is big. We want to give you fair warning so not only are we mentioning it here, but we are going to mark it with extra signage. Please be ready for it. When you are closing in on the final turn, there will be a large black arrow on a yellow sign indicating the turn is coming followed by an additional, identical sign at the turn itself. Please be prepared to slow down to give yourself enough control to manage this turn.

PLATE PICK-UP – Plate pick-up will start at 7am at the Headwater’s Event Center Parking Lot. A tent will be set up there for plates and chip check.

SERIES RIDERS – Please use the laminated plate you were issued ahead of the first race. If you have lost this plate, please notify us as soon as possible so that we can get a plate assigned to you.

PLATE/CATEGORY CHANGE – please note this this race is remote. That said, if you wish to change the category you are currently registered as, please email us by midnight Friday to initiate that change at WPCCEvents@winterparkresort.com Your updated plate will be at Plate pick-up at Headwater’s Event Center.

SWAG – Rider swag will be available upon plate pick up including Series Jerseys for our Series Riders.

COURSE PHOTOGRAPHY – There will be a photographer on course. The weblink to purchase photos: [Winter Park Classic - Rendezvous Race 7.31.21](#)

START TIMES – Important – please see your revised start time. The chart is below.

Wave	Class	Time
1	Novice Men (All Ages)	8:00
2	Novice Women (All Ages)	8:02
3	Pro Men	9:15
4	Single Speed Men	9:17
5	Expert Men 19-29	9:19
6	Expert Men 30-39	9:21
7	Expert Men 40-49	9:23
8	Expert Men 50 Over	9:25
9	Expert Men 18 & Under	9:27
10	Pro, Expert, Single Speed Women (All Ages except Expert 18 & Under)	9:29
11	Expert Women 18 & Under	9:31
12	Sport Men 19-29	11:30
13	Sport Men 30-39	11:32
14	Sport Men 40-49	11:34
15	Sport Men 50-59 / Open Men 60+	11:36
16	Sport Men 18 & Under / Clydesdale	11:38
17	Sport Women (All Ages) / Open Women 50+	11:40



Awards for Novice, Pro, Expert and Single Speed competitors of race will take place starting at 12:30pm at the Village Stage in the WPR Village by the Private Lesson Center. They will likely occur in the order of the start list, if 70% of the field is present. There will be a later wave of awards that will begin around 2:30pm for the Sport, Clydesdale and Open fields.

Thank you for coming out to take part in our Winter Park Classic XC races.

BEST OF LUCK AND HAVE FUN!