

# THE CRUSHER

**CR26-MOD1**

# PREFACE

This Field Manual is a tool. Content includes: fundamentals, operations, logistics, culture, maps, sponsors, recommended gear, nutrition, and more. This manual is a single source of truth for all things Crusher.

Who should read this manual? Everyone could find something of value. Event participants, the support crews, staff, partners, friends, family, etc.

**Crusher is not a gravel event. It's an enhanced gravel event.**

You cannot approach Crusher the way you would approach a traditional gravel event. Failure to recognize the difference could result in significant pain and suffering.

Think of Crusher as a "rite of passage." Rites of passage follow a three-part structure.

**Separation** - Leave your familiar, comfortable surroundings.

**Transition** - Do something that scares you. Attempt something you're not sure you can finish.

**Incorporation** - Return from the adventure with a sense of accomplishment and purpose.

**If you came looking strictly for a race you're in the wrong place.**

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# COMMERCIAL FOREST ACT

## **MCL 324.51113 of the Commercial Forest Act**

In compliance with MCL 324.5113 of the Commercial Forest Act, none of the funds raised for this event will be used as payment or compensation for use of any part of the event that traverses property enrolled in the Commercial Forest Program.

The Crusher has covered thousands of miles of trails and roads across the Upper Peninsula since 2014. We have introduced thousands of people to enhanced gravel over the past decade.

## **We can never take this access for granted.**

Everywhere we go, we are guests. We are not owed access. Without logging companies there would be no roads, and we would not have access. Without trail organizations there would be no trails. We have to work together.

The greatest threat to adventure... is that we take it for granted. Or that we ruin it by engaging in negative interactions with other users, or the general public.

Lead by example.



**Todd Poquette**

**CRUSH IT  
FOR THOSE  
WHO CAN'T**



# SECTION 1

## BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH SHARED ADVERSITY

**1.1** Before we dive in... Let's come to an understanding. You didn't sign up for a gravel event. You signed up for an enhanced gravel event. If you got this far and didn't know that - shame on you.

People don't come to The Crusher for a festival and podiums. They're here to test themselves. They're here because it's different. It's not a question of whether or not you're going to face adversity - that's a given. The questions are - When? How much? And... How long?

At some point your'e probably gonna doubt yourself out there. You're gonna wonder if you have what it takes to finish. You'll start to rationalize why it is ok to quit. You'll be convinced you're the only one suffering. You're not. The darkness visits everyone.

Adversity used to bring people together, but more and more it seems to tear us apart. I'm convinced it has something to do with how disconnected we've become from each other, and how easy life is. Instead of rallying together when adversity strikes we look for someone to blame. It's fucking sad.

The Crusher is adversity. It is designed to test you, and bring you together.

**Crush or be Crushed.**



**Todd Poquette**

# GIVING BACK

1.2 Since 2014, the 906AT Endurance Trilogy has donated approximately \$400,000 to trails. You're helping make Marquette County and the 906AT community stronger, and healthier.

# ADVENTURE TEAMS

1.3 906AT helps communities launch youth Adventure Teams. Adventure Teams help youth develop independence, resilience, and grit. In 2026, we have 16 teams in 3 states. We have 600 volunteers working with 1,300 kids.

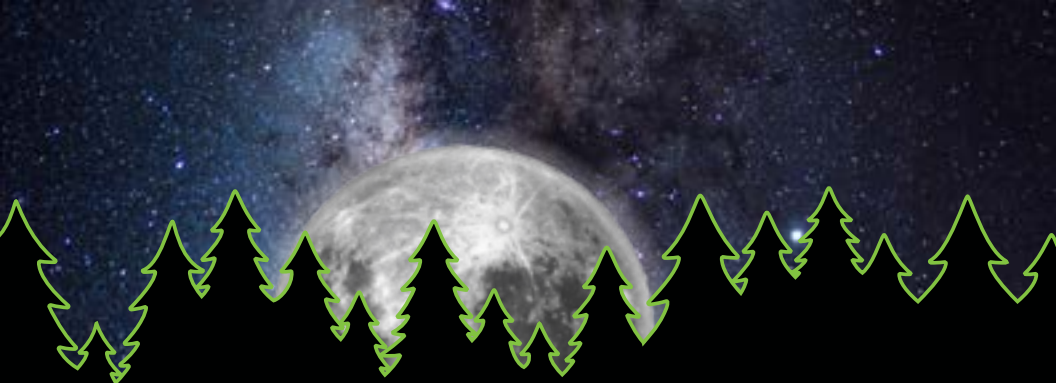
Revenue from the Endurance Trilogy (Polar Roll, Crusher, Marji Gesick) plays a vital role in the growth and sustainability of these teams. When you register to find your limits - **you're helping us prepare future generations of adventurers to seek and find theirs.**



# SUMMARY OF CHANGE

CHANGES TO THE FIELD MANUAL WILL BE CATALOGUED HERE





## **SELF-SUPPORTED ETHOS**

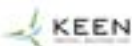
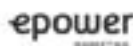
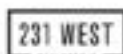
- 1. YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN.**
- 2. NO ONE IS OUT THERE TO SAVE YOU.**
- 3. GPS IS REQUIRED.**
- 4. THE COURSE IS NOT MARKED.**
- 5. FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD.**
- 6. YOU ARE A GUEST. RESPECT THE LAND.**
- 7. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU.**
- 8. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHOICES.**
- 9. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OUTCOMES.**
- 10. IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, DIAL 911.**

**IF YOU ARE UNCOMFORTABLE  
WITH ANY OF THIS  
STAY HOME.**



# THE QUESTER

## SUPPORTING SPONSORS





# CHAPTER 1

## FUNDAMENTALS

### YOU VS. YOU

**Participation in THE CRUSHER is voluntary. You signed up for this. You are responsible for understanding what you signed up for and the inherent dangers (of which there are many). It's up to you to read this field manual front to back, visit the website, and join the online community.**

We do not offer age groups, special categories, cash awards, or prizes. Your award will be the journey, and that elusive green dot.

It's You vs. You out there. Not you vs. the field, or you vs. me. Everyone is out there for their own reasons. Each of those reasons matter. Whether you come in first or last or somewhere in between... we'll be there waiting for you.

### REGISTRATION

- 1-1 Registration is at this link: <https://www.bikereg.com/crusher-2026>
- 1-2 Mass Start categories are capped. When the cap is met, the categories close. We do not offer a waitlist.
- 1-3 EX categories are uncapped. You can sign up any time between July 1 - September 30.
- 1-4 You cannot register at packet pickup (MS).
- 1-5 You cannot register the day of the event (MS).

### TRANSFERS

- 1-6 Transfers are the responsibility of participants and can be handled through the reg site.
- 1-7 Participants are responsible for all fees associated with a transfer.
- 1-8 Transfers for the MS close June 1st.
- 1-9 Transfers for the EX can be done at any time.

### MILEAGE

- 1-10 Expect to ride more miles than you signed up for.
- 1-11 People like free stuff, we always provide free miles.
- 1-12 Actual mileage will not match the advertised mileage.
- 1-13 Actual mileage will never be less than advertised.

## **GPX FILES**

- 1-14** GPX files will be made available prior to the event.
- 1-15** GPX files can be downloaded from the 906AT RWGPS page.
- 1-16** You are responsible for knowing how to use your navigation devices. If you do not know how to safely navigate a course without signage - stay home.

## **GPS DEVICES**

- 1-17** GPS devices or navigational apps on your phone are your one and only way to navigate the event.
- 1-18** Know how to use them!
- 1-19** Have a primary navigational tool and backups.

## **MS EVENT - DEFINED**

- 1-20** The Mass Start is a single-day event. This is a large group event.
- 1-21** MS participants are required to collect checkpoint selfies (exception: P2P).
- 1-22** Mass Start participants will be provided a Crusher plate. Affix the plate to the front of your bike the way you would a number plate. Crusher plates are mandatory. No Crusher plate, no start, no finish.
- 1-23** Riders will be assigned a Crusher plate.

## **EX EVENT - DEFINED**

- 1-24** The EX format is a small group, or solo event format.
- 1-25** The EX format is more remote, and generally more dangerous as a result of being more isolated..
- 1-26** Participants have to complete their event between July 1 and September 30.
- 1-27** EX participants **are required to collect checkpoint selfies.**
- 1-28** Riders will be assigned a satellite beacon (it must be reserved by the participant).
- 1-29** Riders will not be assigned a Crusher plate.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 1-30** **EX July 1 - September 30, 2026.** Beacons can be picked up at Lakeshore Basecamp.
- 1-31** **P2P 7-13-2026: 7:00 am**
- 1-32** **Mass Start 7-18-2025:** MS175 @ 5:30 am, MS100 @ 5:30 am, MS40/MS25 @ 6:00 am, MS50NFR @ 6:00 am

## **LOCATIONS**

- 1-33** EX locations vary by event. Reference the maps and GPX.
- 1-34** P2P Packet Pickup: Todd will let you know.
- 1-35** Mass Start Packet Pickup: Trails End Campground, Copper Harbor, MI
- 1-36** Mass Start - Start/Finish: Trails End Campground, Copper Harbor, MI
- 1-37** P2P Start: Peninsula Point Lighthouse, Stonington, MI
- 1-38** P2P Finish: Trails End Campground, Copper Harbor, MI

## **PACKET PICKUP (EX) [MS40, MS25, MS100, MS175, MS50NFR - COPPER HARBOR]**

- 1-39** Early packet pickup is not a thing.
- 1-40** Packet Pickup @ Trail's end Campground from 3:00 - 8:00pm ET.
- 1-41** Location: 14203 M-26, Copper Harbor, MI 49918.
- 1-42** Late packet pickup: Trails End Campground, one hour prior to start.
- 1-43** You can have a friend pick up your packet for you.
- 1-44** Racing under another person's name, tag, or likeness will result in a ban from future 906AT events.

## **PACKET PICKUP (EX)**

- 1-45** Packet Pickup @ 955 N Lakeshore Boulevard
- 1-46** Get your beacon.

## **PACKET PICKUP (P2P - STONINGTON)**

- 1-47** Early packet pickup is not a thing.
- 1-48** Packet Pickup @ Todd will let ya know.
- 1-49** Packet Pickup Location: Todd will let ya know.
- 1-50** Late packet pickup: Stonington Point Lighthouse, one hour prior to start.
- 1-51** You can have a friend pick up your packet for you.
- 1-52** Racing under another person's name, tag, or likeness will result in a ban from future 906AT events.

## **TRAIL / ROAD ETIQUETTE**

- 1-53** You must follow the rules of the road.  
Road Rules apply at all times.
- 1-54** We do not have volunteers covering road crossing.
- 1-55** You are responsible for your personal safety.
- 1-56** You will encounter motorists, side by side operators, hikers, and a variety of trail/road users.
- 1-57** Be respectful. Do the right thing. Don't be an asshole.

## **WE ARE GUESTS ON THIS LAND**

- 1-58** Never take for granted or forget that we are guests on this land.
- 1-59** Logging companies build and maintain the roads.
- 1-60** Timber companies, their equipment, and employees, have the right of way.
- 1-61** We work with at least twenty permitters to make this experience available for you. Don't be the person who loses it for all of us.

## **AGE GROUPS, YOUTH CATEGORIES, PODIUMS**

- 1-62** There are no age groups.
- 1-63** There is no youth category. They will compete in the open category with everyone else.
- 1-64** There is no podium.

## **DROP BAGS**

- 1-65** We do not handle them.

## **SHUTTLE SERVICES**

- 1-66** We do not provide shuttle services.

## **AID STATIONS**

- 1-67** We do not offer aid stations.
- 1-68** You are on your own.

## **IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY DIAL 911**



# CHAPTER 2

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Chapter 2, Code of Conduct, is about responsibility and accountability. We'll say it again: You signed up to do this. We've done our part. You need to do yours.

### PREPARATION

**2-1** Enjoyment of this enhanced gravel experience will depend on how well you have prepared yourself. Be ready for anything. Hike-a-bike. Deer flies. River crossings. Deep mud. Equipment failures. Mental breakdowns. Negative people. Bad weather. Riding through the night. Wild animals. Be ready to feel undertrained and overwhelmed. Lean into it.

### TRAINING

**2-2** Your training is your responsibility.

**2-3** Training resources and support are available in the #TRAIN4LIFE Group.

**2-4** 906AT Partners with two coaching services. Visit [www.906adventureteam.com](http://www.906adventureteam.com) to learn more about the coaches we work with. Look for the #TRAIN4LIFE page on the site.

### MINDSET

**2-5** You cannot possibly anticipate and prepare for every potential situation and scenario you may experience during the event. You must train yourself to be ready for the unexpected. It's inevitable.

**2-6** Being interested isn't enough. Being committed isn't enough. You have to be AFI - ALL FUCKING IN, to complete this challenge.

**2-7** Every event has a unique time cutoff. Use every last minute if you have to.

### SELF-SUPPORTED ETHOS

**2-8** You are on your own. No one is out there to save you. You are responsible for your choices. You are responsible for your preparation and the outcomes. Follow the rules of the road at all times. Do not let anyone wave you across a road or through an interaction. It's your life. Protect it. Dial 911 in an emergency.

## **YOU COULD BE THE REASON SOMEONE GETS TO THE END, OR QUILTS**

- 2-9** Be cognizant of your energy, and how it impacts others around you.
- 2-10** Be cognizant of interactions you have with support crews.
- 2-11** Be aware of how your behavior impacts others around you and the event.
- 2-12** If you wanna quit, keep it to yourself, or ask someone to help.
- 2-13** Don't let your weakness be the reason someone else quits.

## **EQUAL REPRESENTATION**

- 2-14** Leave your egos at home.
- 2-15** Leave your agendas at home.
- 2-16** Leave your labels at home.
- 2-17** Everyone is welcome: Men, women, children. Young & Old.
- 2-18** It's You vs. You.
- 2-19** Every finish matters.

## **FINISH WHAT YOU START**

- 2-20** Whatever it takes. However many times you gotta do it.
- 2-21** Finish What You Start.

## **HELP ONE ANOTHER**

- 2-22** All you have (out there) is each other. Work together.
- 2-23** Make sure your support crew knows, they need to be willing to support everyone.





# CHAPTER 3

## LOGISTICS

### YOU SIGNED UP FOR THIS

Your participation in this event is voluntary. The event is inherently dangerous. You have had nearly six months to investigate what you signed up to do. We have developed a website that you can visit. There's a Facebook group you can (and should) join. Our social media channels have been brutally honest about what to expect; endlessly sharing real images of just how tuff it's gonna be. We have done our part. Did you do yours?

### ENVIRONMENT

- 3-1 The Upper Peninsula can be unforgiving. Temperatures can swing 50 degrees in a matter of hours. Mosquitos and horse flies will torment you. Wildlife is plentiful (deer, bear, wolves, and cats, etc). It's hostile. Nighttime can be particularly lonely. Your mind and body will be tested. It's the Crusher!

### NEUTRAL SUPPORT

- 3-2 Is allowed (excluding P2P unsupported riders).
- 3-3 However, it is only allowed so long as the aid offered to one rider is available to all riders in the immediate vicinity.
- 3-4 You are expected to support each other.

### CHECKPOINTS

- 3-5 You need to know where the required checkpoints are within your selected route. Don't miss the checkpoints! Don't forget to take a selfie at every checkpoint! If you complete the route but fail to submit the required checkpoints you will be disqualified. Checkpoints are required for all EX and MS events. GPS coordinates are provided for each checkpoint.\*\*\*

\*\*\* The P2P will not require Checkpoints. Riders who complete the P2P route will provide a ride file for us to review.

### NAVIGATION

- 3-6 The course is not marked.
- 3-7 There are no volunteers on course.
- 3-8 GPS is required for all events.
- 3-9 Navigation is the responsibility of the participant.

## ROAD RULES

- 3-10 Rules of the road apply at all times
- 3-11 Volunteers will not be at road crossings
- 3-12 If someone is at a road crossing, we did not put them there.
- 3-13 You are responsible for your personal safety.

## CUTOFFS

- 3-14 MS EVENTS + P2P: The cutoff is 10:30 am Sunday, July 19, 2026.
- 3-15 EX EVENTS: EX40 (All of them) 12-hours, EX50NFR 24-hours, EX100 24-hours, EX225 40-hours

## BUCKLE CUTOFF

- 3-16 EX225 only = 34-hours

## TRACKING BEACONS - EX EVENTS ONLY

- 3-17 You absolutely should use one. We can provide one or you can use your own. Disclaimer: The beacons don't always work. Make sure your family and friends know this. Tell them calling and yelling at us does not make the beacon work. We do everything in our power to ensure that the equipment works. Sometimes we experience technical errors. Sometimes humans make errors. There's a 90% chance you won't experience any problems, but we're sharing this disclaimer so you know it's possible.

We partner with **Trackleaders**. They have been a tremendous supporter of 906AT events. **You need to request beacons fourteen days ahead of time. You have to supply the following info for each rider:**

- First and Last Name
- Email
- Phone
- Event
- Date you plan to start
- Time you plan to start
- If using a personal beacon, your url

**Don't request beacons for when "you might do it." Don't send incomplete info. I'll delete the email. Only send info when you are fully committed. If you fail to leave at the time you give us we cannot guarantee the beacon will work.**

**To secure and coordinate pickup for a beacon:**

**Email: [basecamp@906adventureteam.com](mailto:basecamp@906adventureteam.com) & [todd@906adventureteam.com](mailto:todd@906adventureteam.com)**

## TIMING SERVICES

**3-18** Mass Start events will be timed by Superior Timing.

**3-19** EX results will be tracked and provided by you. You will record your ride. You will upload the ride to Strava. You will upload your checkpoint selfies to the ride on Strava. You will send 906AT a link to your ride. **Make sure your settings allow us to view it!!!**

We will review and validate the ride and photos. Once you have been given a green dot you will be added to the results on [www.crushergravel.com](http://www.crushergravel.com).

**3-20** EX results should be emailed to: [events@906adventureteam.com](mailto:events@906adventureteam.com)





# CHAPTER 4

## FAQ

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### ENVIRONMENT

**4-1 Q:** Do we have to pass gear check?

**A:** No. We provide the recommended gear list. All of that gear should be with you. The recommended gear list is a minimum standard.

**4-2 Q:** Can I leave the course? Or will I be disqualified if I do?

**A:** You can leave the course but you must return to the course where you left it and resume your ride from there.

**4-3 Q:** Do I have to wear a helmet?

**A:** Yes. Everyone is required to wear a helmet. If you fail to wear one you will be disqualified.

**4-4 Q:** What is the definition of “unsupported?”

**A:** This only applies to the P2P category. If you chose to ride the P2P unsupported you cannot accept any help from anyone in any form, and you have to sleep outside at all times. The unsupported category requires you to be fully and completely self-sufficient.

**4-5 Q:** Can I park my vehicle at Koski Corners?

**A:** Yes. You can, but they do not want their tank field blocked. We ask that when you park there that you go inside and touch base with staff. Let me know you're gonna leave a car and ask them where they want you to park.

**4-6 Q:** Where do I download the GPX files from?

**A:** Find 906 Adventure Team on RWGPS. Find The Crusher 2026. Download the files.

**4-7 Q:** When will the files be available?

**A:** Files are normally available 1-7 days prior to event.

- 4-8 Q:** For the P2P, where can I camp/sleep?  
**A:** Dispersed camping is allowed on all state and federal lands. Participants are responsible for understanding the dispersed camping rules and regulations, and following them. Basically, you can camp/sleep wherever it is legal/allowed.
- 4-9 Q:** Where do I get the 2026 Crusher Passport?  
**A:** Download from [www.crushergravel.com](http://www.crushergravel.com).
- 4-10 Q:** Can I use an E-bike?  
**A:** No.
- 4-11 Q:** Who do I text if I quit?  
**A:** 906-748-0036, 906-748-0034
- 4-12 Q:** I am doing the MS175, will I get a beacon?  
**A:** No. Only EX + P2P riders get satellite trackers.
- 4-13 Q:** Where can I watch EX dots?  
**A:** <https://trackleaders.com/crusher26f.php>
- 4-14 Q:** Will the P2P be tracked on the same map as the EX ROUTES?  
**A:** No.
- 4-15 Q:** Can I use my personal beacon for the P2P?  
**A:** No. The event will provide beacons to each rider.  
Riders are required to carry one at all times.
- 4-16 Q:** Is it true, the MS-P2P does not have checkpoints?  
**A:** Correct. For the MS-P2P, riders will provide event staff with a ride file that shows they covered the entire route.





## RECOMMENDED GEAR

	50 MILE RUN	40 MILE BIKE	TEAM 50+ BIKE	100 MILE BIKE	225 MILE BIKE
CALORIES AT START	6,000	3,000	6,000	6,000	9,000
WATER CARRYING CAPACITY	2L	3L	6L	6L	12L
GPS UNIT	X	X	X	X	X
CELL PHONE	X	X	X	X	X
RAIN SHELL (TOP & BOTTOM)	X	X	X	X	X
GLOVES	X	X	X	X	X
HAND WARMERS	X	X	X	X	X
KNIFE / BLADE	X	X	X	X	X
RED TAIL LIGHT ON AT ALL TIMES		X	X	X	X
FRONT LIGHT ON AT ALL TIMES		X	X	X	X
CASH OR DEBIT / CREDIT CARD		X	X	X	X
SPARE TUBES		X	X	X	X
TIRE PUMP		X	X	X	X
TIRE LEVERS		X	X	X	X
CHAIN TOOL AND MASTER LINK		X	X	X	X
ALLEN WRENCH SET OR MULTI-TOOL	X	X	X	X	X
EXTRA THERMAL OR TOP LAYER	X	X	X	X	X
EMERGENCY SURVIVAL BLANKET	X	X	X	X	X
LIGHTER OR WATERPROOF MATCHES	X	X	X	X	X
BATTERY PACK (FOR ELECTRONIC DEVICES)		X	X	X	X
ZIP TIES		X	X	X	X
DUCT TAPE / ELECTRICAL TAPE		X	X	X	X
TIRE BOOT		X	X	X	X
DERAILLEUR HANGER		X	X	X	X
EXTRA SOCKS / GLOVES	X	X	X	X	X
WATER FILTRATION SYSTEM	X	X	X	X	X
SUN SCREEN, BUG SPRAY, HEAD NET	X	X	X	X	X
SNORKE (FOR WHEN SHIT GETS DEEP)	X	X	X	X	X
BRAKE PADS		X	X	X	X
CHAIN LUBE		X	X	X	X
FIRST AID KIT	X	X	X	X	X
TOILET PAPER	X	X	X	X	X
SIGNAL MIRROR	X	X	X	X	X

(NOT FOR SIGNALING, FOR SELF-REFLECTION)



# CARB COUNTRY

# BY HOUR

	Time on Course   In Hours											
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Calories <sup>^</sup>	480	1440	2160	2880	3600	4320	5040	5760	6480	7200	7920	8640
Carbohydrate (grams)	120	360	540	720	900	1080	1260	1440	1620	1800	1980	2160
Fluid <sup>^</sup> (liters)	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Sodium (grams)	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Real Food			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Caffeine						X	X	X	X	X	X	X

<sup>^</sup>Refer to recommend gear list & bring whatever number is greater to meet minimums for your event.



	Time on Course   In Days					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Moving Time Per Day   In Hours	14	14	14	14	14	14
Calories <sup>^</sup>	3360	7620	8400	11200	12000	13440
Carbohydrate (grams)	840	1680	2100	2800	3000	3260
Carbohydrate (grams)/hour During Moving Time	60	60	50	50	40	40
Fluid <sup>^</sup> (liters)	6	12	18	21	24	27
Sodium (grams)	6	12	18	21	24	27
Real Food	X	X	X	X	X	X
Caffeine	X	X	X	X	X	X

<sup>^</sup>Refer to recommend gear list & bring whatever number is greater to meet minimums for your event. Calculated calories and fluid are listed for moving time; bring additional food for meals.





WELCOME TO  
**CRUSHER  
COUNTRY**

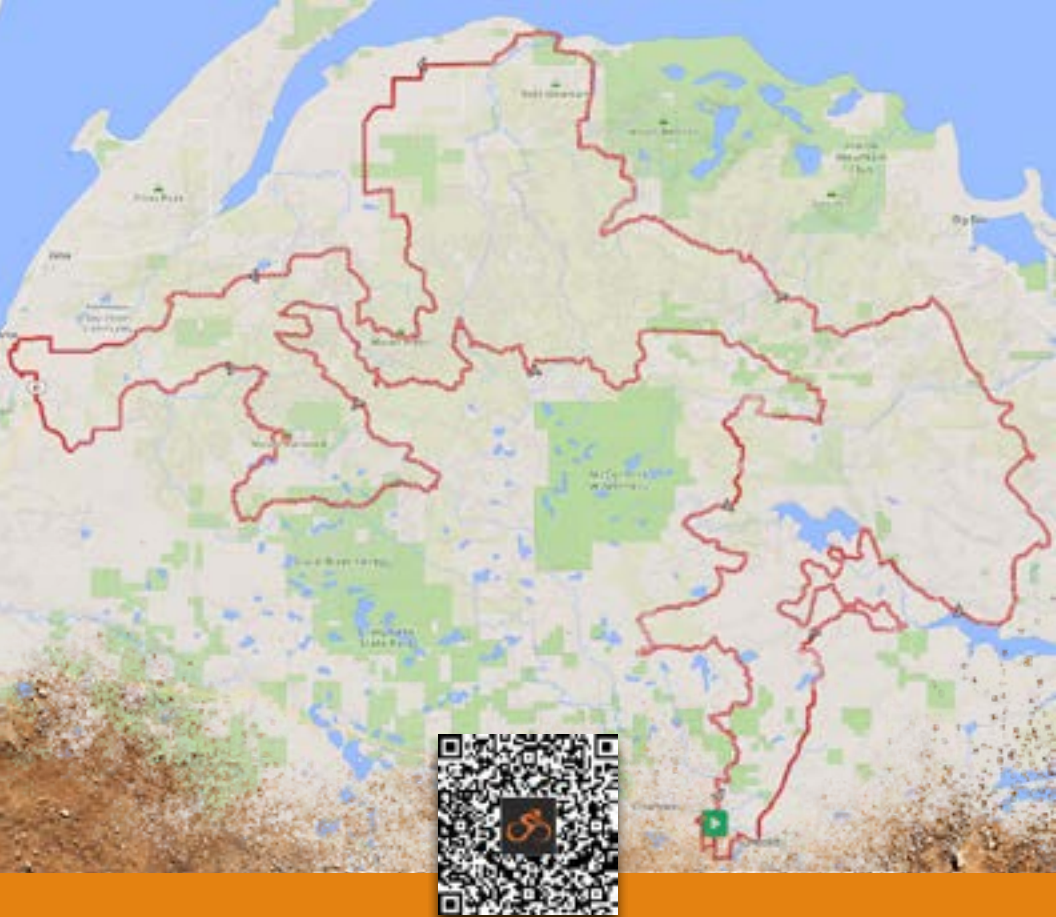


I THOUGHT THE TERRAIN WAS THE ONLY THING THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ENHANCED, NOT THE HEAT. GOOD LUCK TO ALL EX'ERS GOING OUT TOMORROW AND THIS WEEKEND, YOU'RE GONNA NEED IT (ESPECIALLY THE EX225'ERS RAY MACKO)

- RYAN MACKO



EX



# 225 MILES\*

## OF EXTRA-ENHANCED GRAVEL

**EX 2026**

**JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30**  
**BUCKLE CUTOFF**

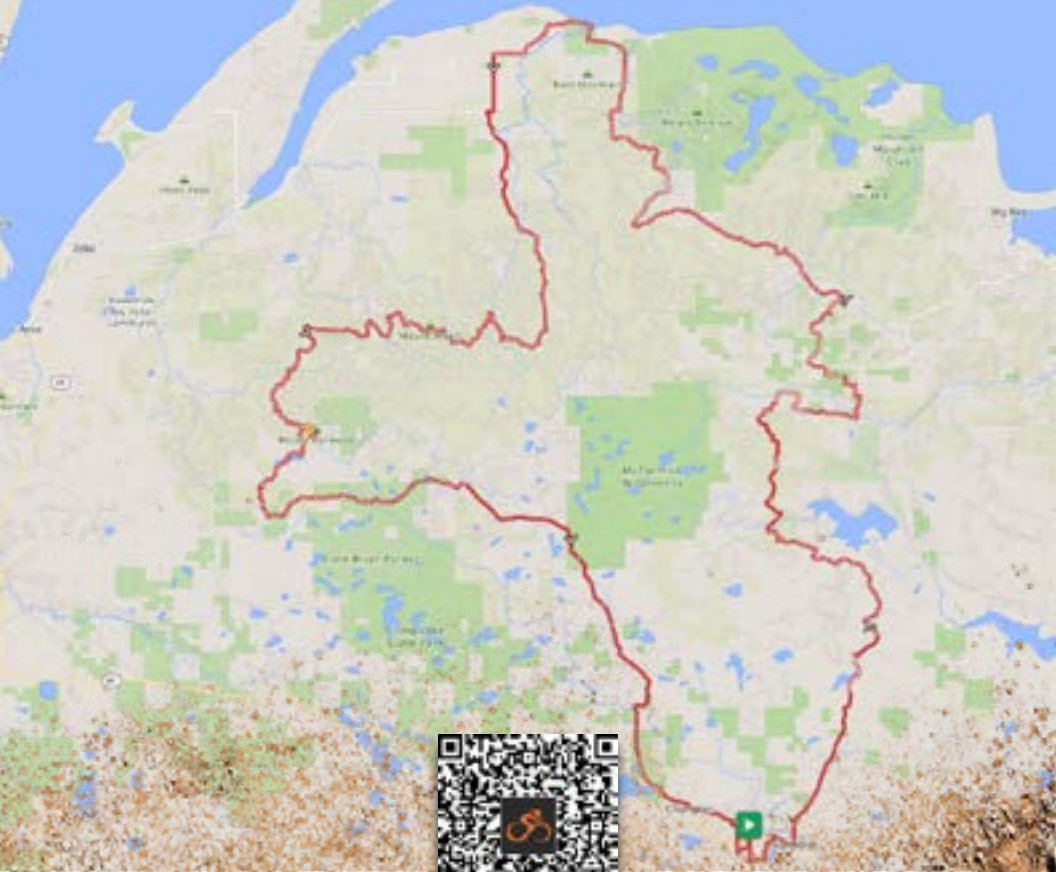
**34-HOURS**  
**TIME CUTOFF**

**40-HOURS**

**\*YOUR MILEAGE MAY VARY**

1. DEAD RIVER CROSSING
2. WATER SPIGOT ON 510
3. AFTON'S BRAT TREE
4. MOUTH OF HURON RIVER CROSSING
5. MT. ARVON
6. MT. CURWOOD
7. ROCK CUT
8. YELLOW DOG RIVER CROSSING

**EX – 225 MILES**



# 100 MILES\*

## A TOUR OF THE UPPER PENINSULA

**EX 2026**

**JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30**

**TIME CUTOFF**

**24-HOURS**

**\*YOUR MILEAGE MAY VARY**

- 1. YELLOW DOG RIVER CROSSING**
- 2. AFTON'S BRAT TREE**
- 3. MOUTH OF HURON RIVER CROSSING**
- 4. AIR PLANE CRASH SITE**
- 5. MT. ARVON**
- 6. MT. CURWOOD**

**EX – 100 MILES**



# 40 MILES \*

## EVERYONE STARTS SOMEWHERE.

**EX 2026**

**JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30**

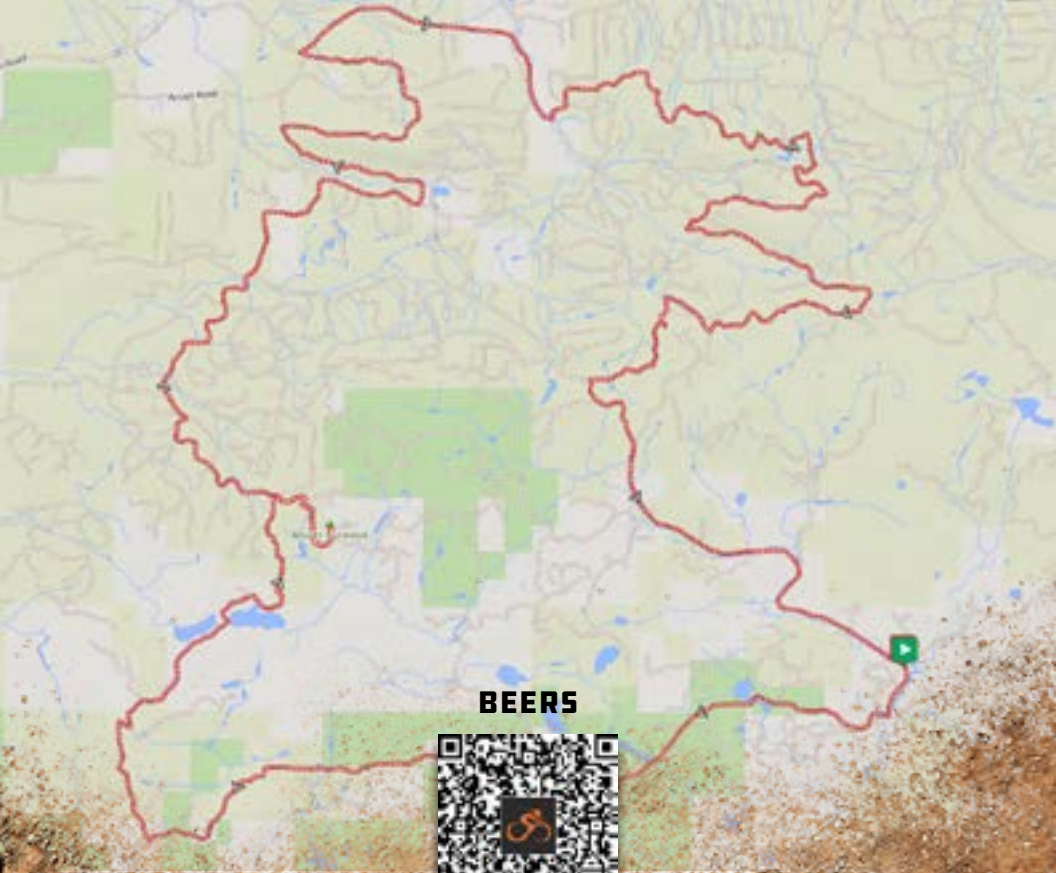
**TIME CUTOFF**

**12-HOURS**

### **EX CHECKPOINTS**

- 1. AFTON' BRATREE**
- 2. MOUTH OF HURON RIVER CROSSING**
- 3. AIRPLANE CRASH SITE**
- 4. MT. ARVON**
- 5. ROCK CUT**

**\*YOUR MILEAGE MAY VARY**



**BEERS**



# 40 MILES \*

## EVERYONE STARTS SOMEWHERE.

**EX 2026**

**JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30**

**TIME CUTOFF**

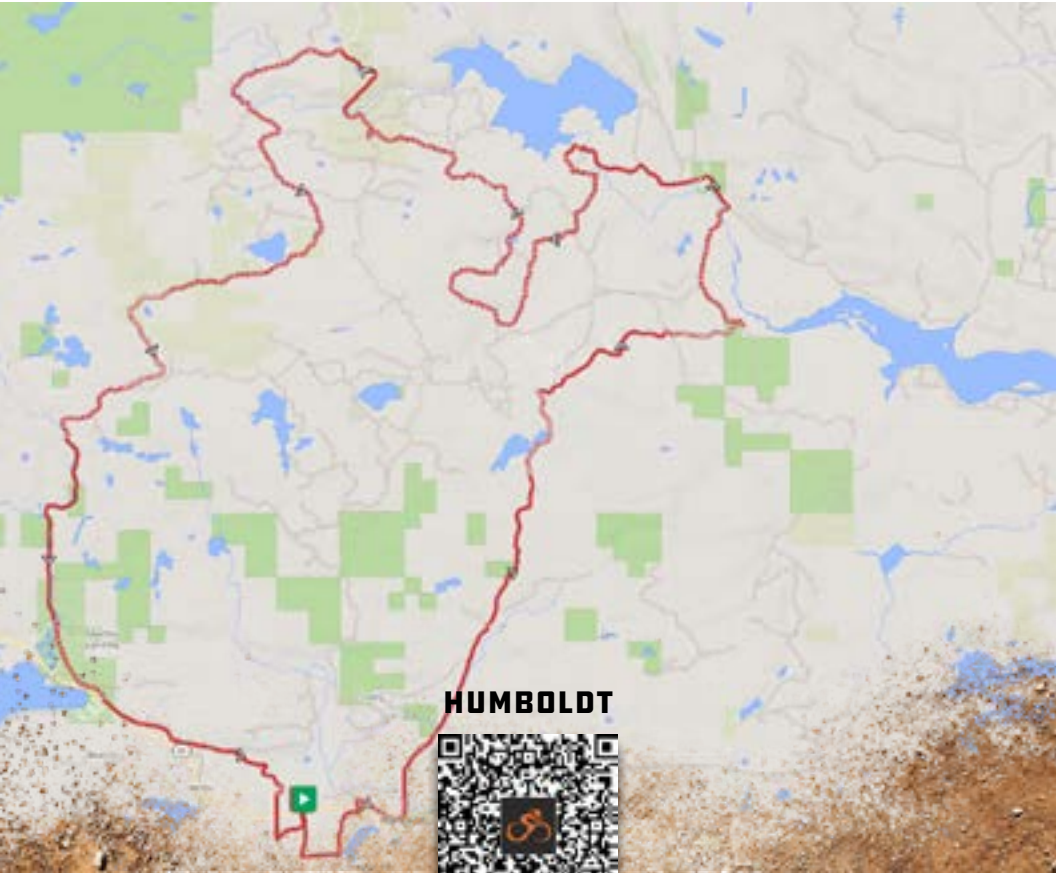
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**EX CHECKPOINTS**

- 1. MT. CURWOOD**
- 2. MT. ARVON**
- 3. ROCKCUT**

**EX - 40 MILES - BEERS**



**HUMBOLDT**



# 40 MILES \*

**EVERYONE STARTS SOMEWHERE.**

**EX 2026**  
**JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30**

**TIME CUTOFF**  
**12-HOURS**

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## **EX CHECKPOINTS**

- 1. DEAD RIVER CROSSING**
- 2. WILDCAT CANYON CREEK**
- 3. DISHNO / PESHEEKEE INTERSECTION**

**BEERS**



**EAGLE**



**HUMBOLDT**



# 50 MILES \*

## THE "NOT FUN" RUN

**EX 2026**

**JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30**

**TIME CUTOFF**

**24-HOURS**

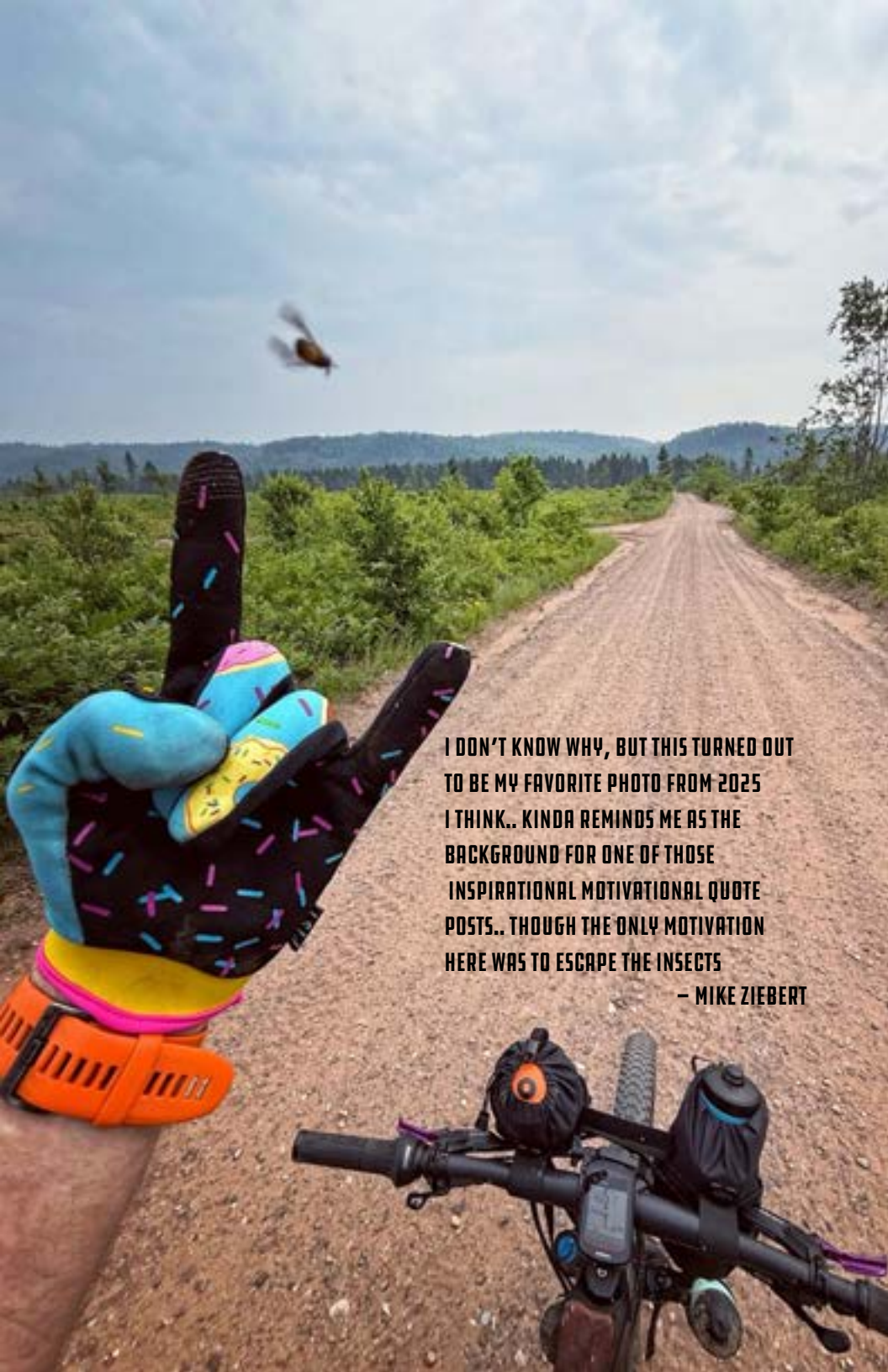
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### **EX CHECKPOINTS**

**THIS YEAR, WE'RE GIVING RUNNERS SOME OPTIONS. YOU GET TO CHOOSE YOUR ROUTE FROM ONE OF THE EX40 ROUTES WE'VE PUT TOGETHER.**

**IF I WERE YOU, I'D DO THE EX40 BEERS.**

**EX – 50 MILES**



**I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT THIS TURNED OUT TO BE MY FAVORITE PHOTO FROM 2025 I THINK.. KINDA REMINDS ME AS THE BACKGROUND FOR ONE OF THOSE INSPIRATIONAL MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE POSTS.. THOUGH THE ONLY MOTIVATION HERE WAS TO ESCAPE THE INSECTS**

**- MIKE ZIEBERT**

# EX CHECKPOINT INDEX

AFTON'S BRA TREE

AIRPLANE CRASH SITE

DEAD RIVER CROSSING

DISHNO / PESHEEKEE INTERSECTION

MOUTH OF HURON RIVER CROSSING

MT. ARVON

MT. CURWOOD

ROCK CUT

WATER SPIGOT ON 510

WILDCAT CANYON CREEK

YELLOW DOG RIVER CROSSING



Afton's no bra tree	
Note <b>AFTON'S BRA TREE</b>	
Location	
N 46°48.6289'	
W 087°59.6308'	
Elevation	Depth
1042'	
NW	2'

# AFTON'S BRA TREE

MANDATORY CHECKPOINT



**N658**

GPSMAP 64st

**AIRPLANE CRASH SI**

Note  
**AIRPLANE CRASH  
SITE N6584J**

Location  
**N 46°45.0851'  
W 088°05.6939'**

Elevation	Depth
<b>1763'</b>	

**AIRPLANE CRASH SITE**  
**MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



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Note  
**DEAD RIVER  
CROSSING**

Location  
N 46°38.7634'  
W 087°49.6061'

Elevation 1424'	Depth
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# DEAD RIVER CROSSING

MANDATORY CHECKPOINT



DISHNO ROAD



HUNTER LANE  
CAMP  
←

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Note  
**PESHEEKE RD /  
DISHNO RD**

Location  
**N 46°34.9046'  
W 087°59.8367'**

Elevation	Depth
1625'	

# **DISHNO / PESHEEKE INTERSECTION**

**MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



 Mouth of Huron Riv

Note  
MOUTH OF HURON  
RIVER

Location  
N 46°54.5600'  
W 088°02.1340'

Elevation 605'	Depth f
NW	34.04'

**MOUTH OF THE HURON RIVER CROSSING**  
**MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



# MT. ARVON

**MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



Note	
MT CURWOOD	
Location	
N 46°42.1807'	
W 088°14.3721'	
Elevation	Depth
1979'	
N	

# MT. CURWOOD

MANDATORY CHECKPOINT



# ROCK CUT

MANDATORY CHECKPOINT



Water Spigot

Note  
WATER SPIGOT ON  
510

Location  
N 46°43.2680'  
W 087°42.1360'

Elevation	Depth
981'	
N	17.6'

# WATER SPIGOT ON 510

MANDATORY CHECKPOINT



**WILDCAT CANYON CREEK BRIDGE  
MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



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Note  
**YELLOW DOG RIVER**

Location  
N  $46^{\circ}42.8029'$   
W  $087^{\circ}50.4280'$

Elevation	Depth
<b>1326'</b>	!
N	!

# **YELLOW DOG RIVER CROSSING**

**MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**

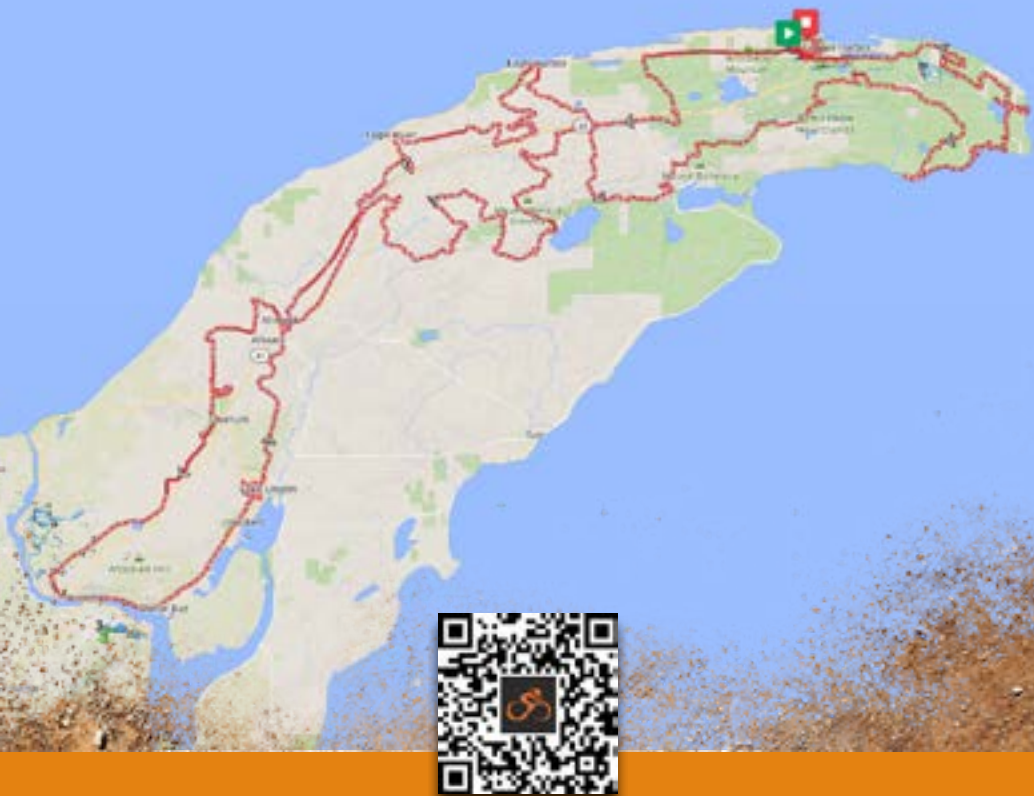


**Regret  
Lasts  
Longer  
Than  
Pain**





**MS**



# 175 MILES\*

## ENHANCED GRAVEL

**MASS START SATURDAY**

**JULY 18, 2026 5:30 AM**

**TIME CUTOFF SUNDAY**

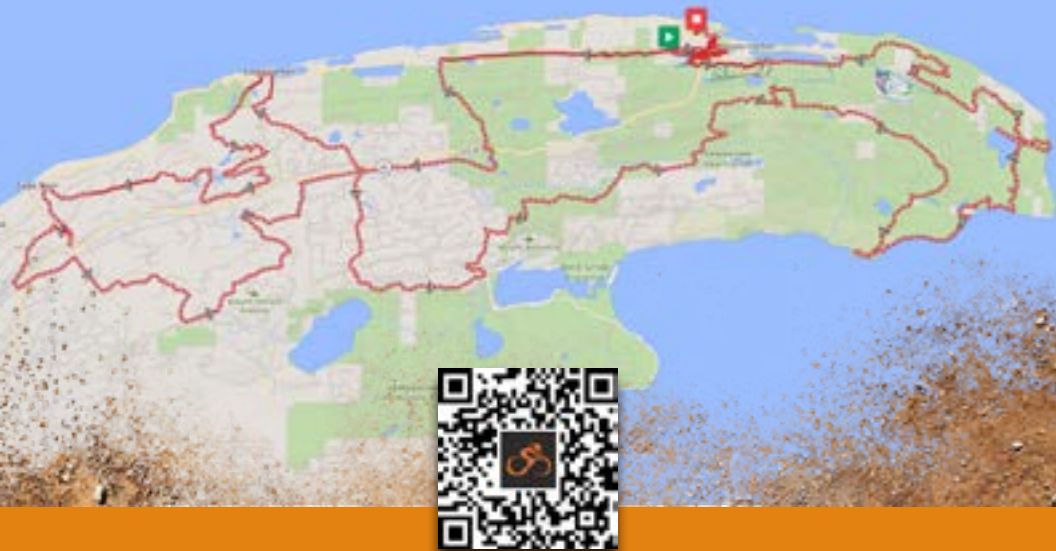
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**MS CHECKPOINTS**

1. BROCKWAY MOUNTAIN WEST BLUFF
2. RATHBONE SCHOOL
3. BARMERT BLACKSMITH SHOP
4. RUTH ANN MILLER GRAVE & MEMORIAL
5. QUINCY MINING COMPANY STAMP MILL
6. KEWEENAW SNOW THERMOMETER
7. CLARK MINE
8. KEWEENAW ROCKET RANGE
9. MARY MAC PRESERVE AT HORSESHOE HARBOR

**MS - 175 MILES**



# 100 MILES\*

## A TOUR OF THE UPPER PENINSULA

### MASS START SATURDAY

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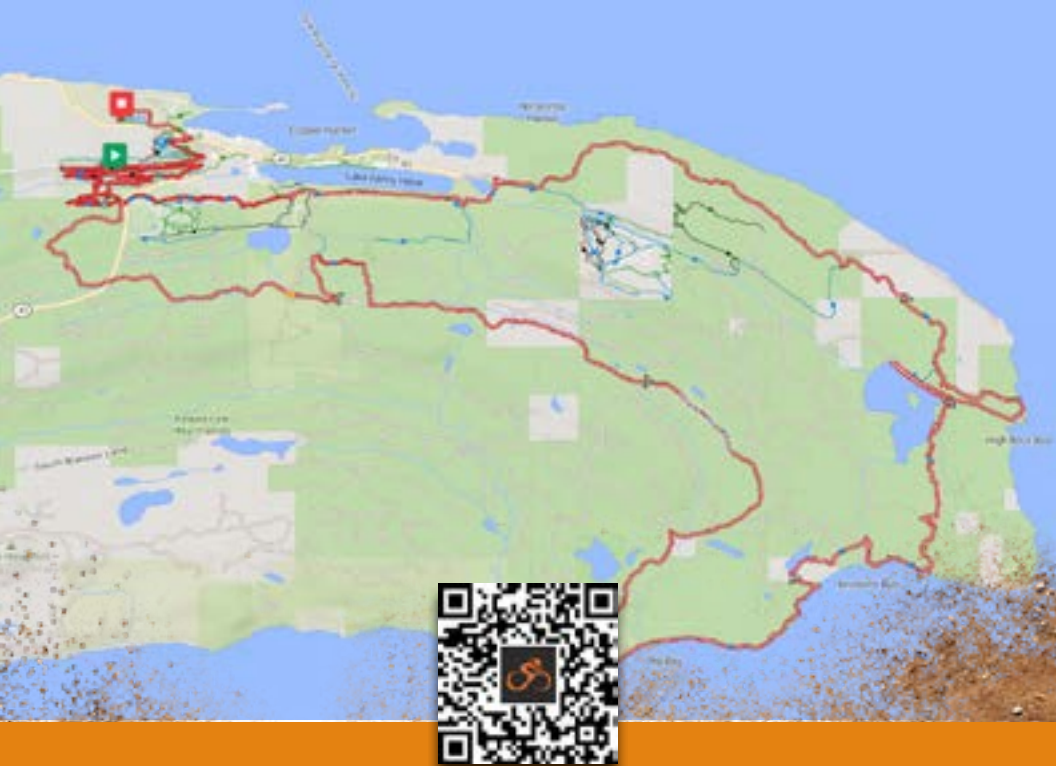
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### MS CHECKPOINTS

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6. MARY MAC PRESERVE AT HORSESHOE HARBOR



# 40 MILES \*

## EVERYONE STARTS SOMEWHERE.

### MASS START SATURDAY

JULY 18, 2026 6:00 AM

### TIME CUTOFF SUNDAY

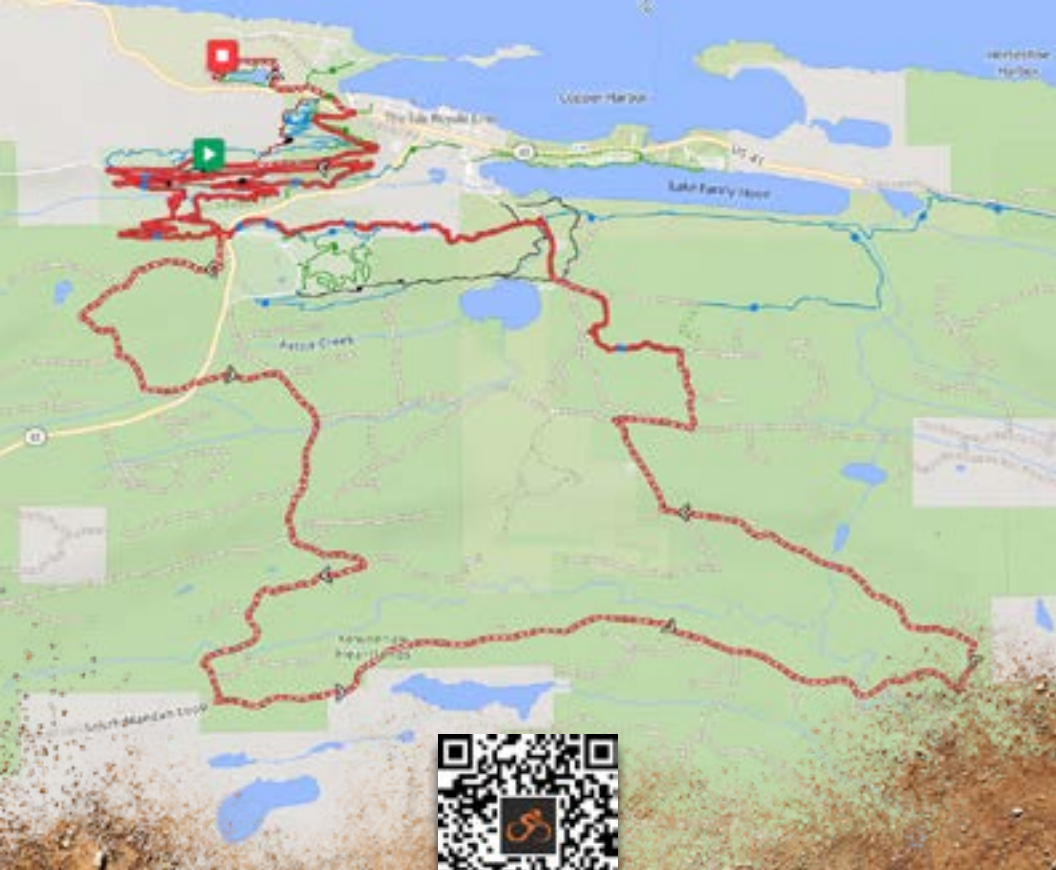
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### MS CHECKPOINTS

1. CLARKMINE
2. KEWEENAW ROCKET RANGE
3. MARY MAC PRESERVE AT HORSESHOE HARBOR

MS - 40 MILES



# 25 MILES \*

## EVERYONE STARTS SOMEWHERE.

### MASS START SATURDAY

JULY 18, 2026 6:00 AM

### TIME CUTOFF SUNDAY

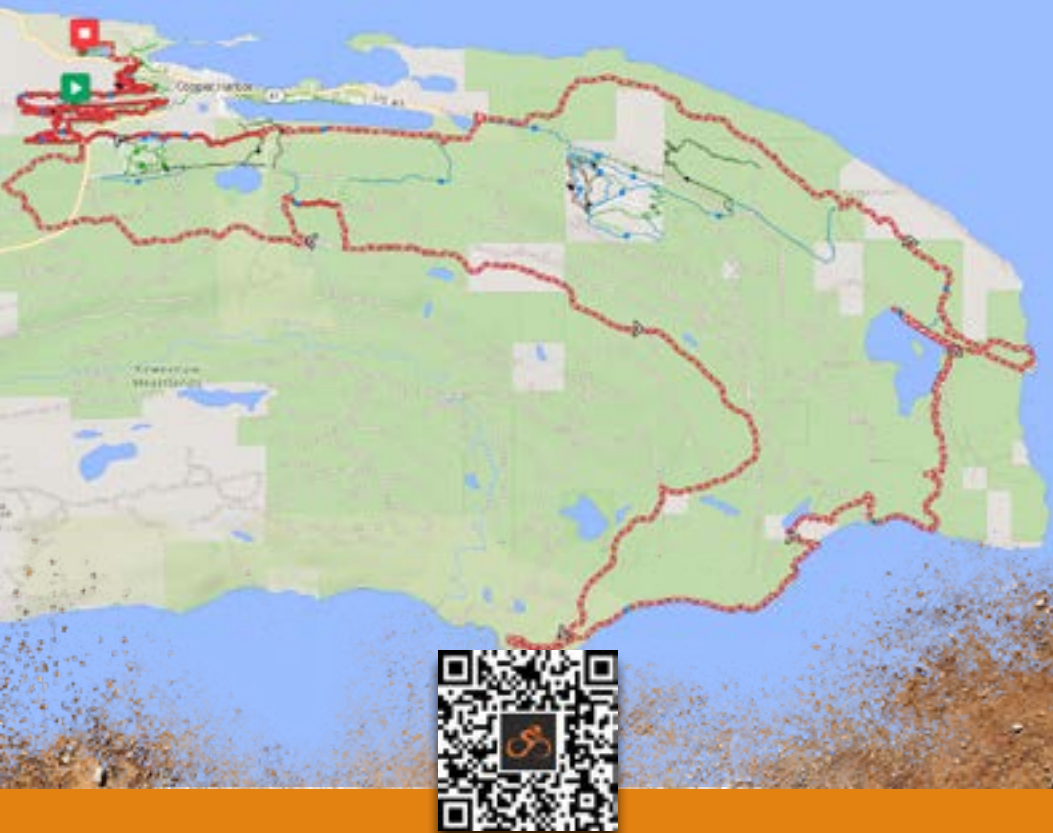
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### MS CHECKPOINTS

1. MONTREAL RIVER
2. CLARKMINE
3. KEWEENAW MOUNTAIN LODGE

MS - 25 MILES



# 50 MILES \*

## THE "NOT FUN" RUN

**MASS START SATURDAY**

**JULY 18, 2026 6:00 AM**

**TIME CUTOFF SUNDAY**

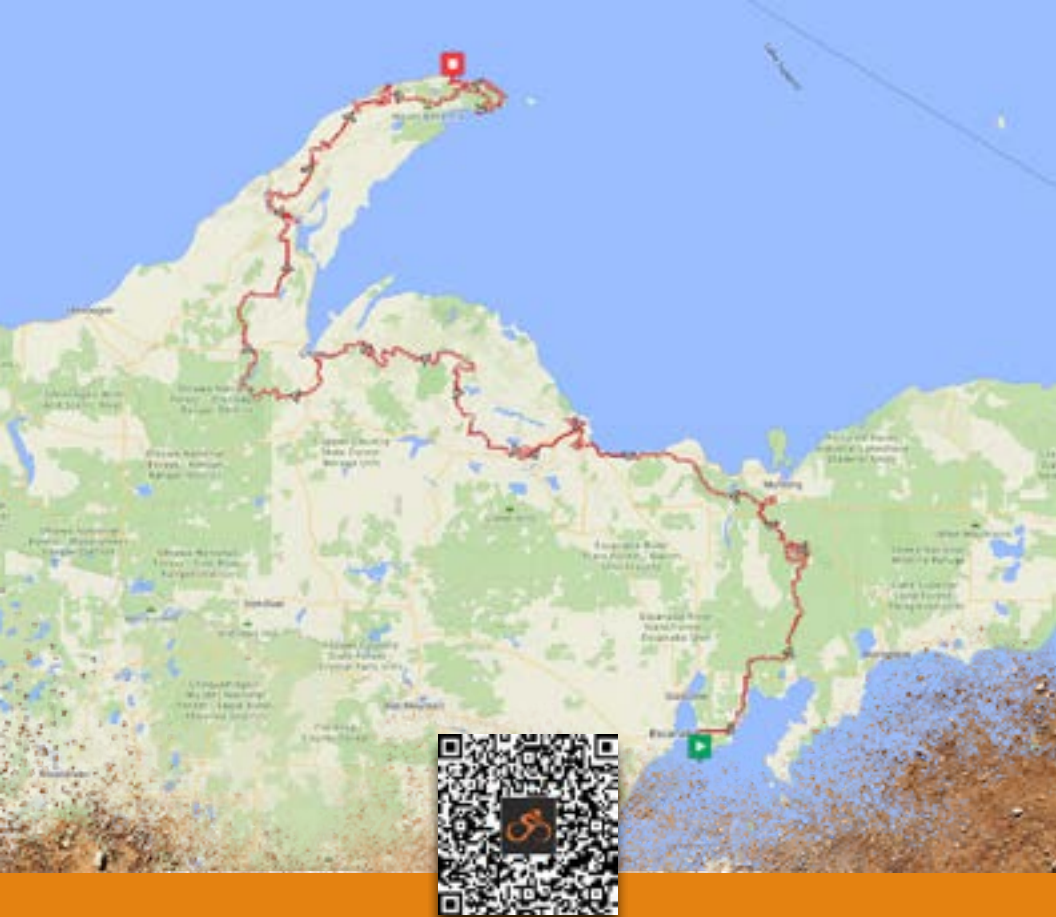
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**MS CHECKPOINTS**

- 1. CLARKMINE**
- 2. KEWEENAW ROCKET RANGE**
- 3. MARY MAC PRESERVE AT HORSESHOE HARBOR**

**MS - 50 MILES**



# P2P

## POINT 2 POINT

**MASS START MONDAY**

**JULY 13, 2026 7:00 AM**

**TIME CUTOFF SUNDAY**

**JULY 19, 2026 10:30 AM**

**\*YOUR MILEAGE MAY VARY**

**MS CHECKPOINTS**

**SUPPORTED & UNSUPPORTED PARTICIPANTS**

**YOUR RECORDED P2P ROUTE IS PROOF**

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**MS - P2P POINT 2 POINT**

# MS CHECKPOINT INDEX

## 2026 CRUSHER MS175

CHECKPOINTS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (W)
1. BMMERT BLACKSMITH SHOP (1830s-1940)	47° 23' 32.34"	88° 16' 36.00"
2. BROCKWAY MOUNTAIN WEST BLUFF (1933)	47° 27' 51.96"	87° 56' 06.78"
3. CLARK MINE (1853-1901)	47° 26' 42.00"	87° 51' 37.02"
4. KEWEENAW ROCKET RANGE (1964-1971)	47° 25' 49.02"	87° 42' 53.40"
5. KEWEENAW SNOW THERMOMETER (1979)	47° 21' 32.28"	88° 18' 12.24"
6. MARY MAC PRESERVE AT HORSESHOE HARBOR (1982)	47° 28' 08.82"	87° 48' 11.34"
7. QUINCY MINING COMPANY STAMP MILL (1888-1945)	47° 08' 48.56"	88° 27' 44.10"
8. RATHBONE SCHOOL (1853-1872)	47° 27' 25.74"	88° 09' 46.38"
9. RUTH ANN MILLER GRAVE & MEMORIAL (1966)	47° 15' 39.96"	88° 27' 36.72"

## 2026 CRUSHER MS100

CHECKPOINTS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (W)
1. BMMERT BLACKSMITH SHOP (1830s-1940)	47° 23' 32.34"	88° 16' 36.00"
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6. RATHBONE SCHOOL (1853-1872)	47° 27' 25.74"	88° 09' 46.38"

## 2026 CRUSHER MS50NFR & MS40

CHECKPOINTS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (W)
1. CLARK MINE (1853-1901)	47° 26' 42.00"	87° 51' 37.02"
2. KEWEENAW ROCKET RANGE (1964-1971)	47° 25' 49.02"	87° 42' 53.40"
3. MARY MAC PRESERVE AT HORSESHOE HARBOR (1982)	47° 28' 08.82"	87° 48' 11.34"

## 2026 CRUSHER MS25NFR & MS25

CHECKPOINTS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (W)
1. CLARK MINE (1853-1901)	47° 26' 42.00"	87° 51' 37.02"
2. KEWEENAW MOUNTAIN LODGE (1934)	47° 27' 36.30"	87° 54' 57.68"
3. MONTREAL RIVER (8,000-10,000 BCE)	47° 25' 37.19"	87° 54' 52.34"



# **BAMMERT BLACKSMITH SHOP**

**MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



**WEST BLUFF**  
SCENIC VIEW  
726 FT. ABOVE LAKE LEVEL &  
1328 FT. ABOVE SEA LEVEL

**BROCKWAY MOUNT**

Note  
**BROCKWAY MOUNTAIN WEST BLUFF SIGN**

Location  
N 47°27.8660'  
W 087°58.1130'

Elevation	Depth
_____	_____
N 69.91	

# BROCKWAY MOUNTAIN WEST BLUFF

MANDATORY CHECKPOINT



CLARK MINE	
Note CLARK MINE	
Location	
N 47°26.7000'	
W 087°51.6170'	
Elevation	Depth
1506'	
N	67.91'
Map	De

**CLARK MINE**  
**MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



**KEWEENAW MOUNT**

Note  
**KEWEENAW  
MOUNTAIN LODGE**

Location  
**N 47°27.6050'  
W 087°54.9610'**

Elevation	Depth
<b>1512'</b>	

**N 69.25"**

Map Done

**KEWEENAW MOUNTAIN LODGE  
MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



# KEWEENAW ROCKET RANGE

## MANDATORY CHECKPOINT



**KEWEENAW SNOW**

Note  
**KEWEENAW SNOW THERMOMETER**

Location  
**N 47°21'5380'**  
**W 088°18'2040'**

Elevation	Depth
1537'	
NW	67.52'

Map Done

**NEW SNOWFALL RECORD-THE 4 INCHES**

During the winter of 2018-2019 Keweenaw County and the State of Michigan recorded the highest snowfall in the history of the state. The snowfall was 285 inches, which is 44 inches more than the previous record of 241 inches set in 1999-2000. This record was set at the Keweenaw Snow Thermometer, which is located at the Keweenaw State Park. The snowfall was recorded at the Keweenaw Snow Thermometer, which is located at the Keweenaw State Park. The snowfall was recorded at the Keweenaw Snow Thermometer, which is located at the Keweenaw State Park.

# KEWEENAW SNOW THERMOMETER

## MANDATORY CHECKPOINT

# MARY MACDONALD PRESERVE AT HORSESHOE HARBOR

### ABOUT THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

The Nature Conservancy is a global environmental organization dedicated to protecting the planet's natural resources. In Michigan, we focus on preserving the state's diverse ecosystems, from the Great Lakes to the Upper Peninsula's wilderness. Our work includes land acquisition, scientific research, and public education to ensure a sustainable future for all.



### GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to get involved with The Nature Conservancy. You can help us protect the land by volunteering for field work, participating in citizen science projects, or simply by making sustainable choices in your daily life. Visit our website at [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org) for more information on how you can make a difference.

**The Nature Conservancy**

**MARY MAC PRESER**

Note  
**MARY MAC  
PRESERVE AT  
HORSESHOE HARBOR**

Location  
**N 47°28.1470'  
W 087°48.1890'**

Elevation	Depth
<b>544'</b>	
<b>NE</b>	<b>37.67'</b>

**MARY MAC PRESERVE AT HORSESHOE HARBOR  
MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



**MONTREAL RIVER (**

Note  
**MONTREAL RIVER  
(8,000-10,000 BCE)**

Location  
**N 47°25.6200'  
W 087°54.8720'**

Elevation	Depth
<b>584'</b>	_____'

**NE 31.82'**

**MONTREAL RIVER  
MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



**QUINCY MINING COMPANY STAMP MILL**  
**MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



Keweenaw  
Heritage Site

Rathbone School

**RATHBONE SCHOOL**  
Note  
RATHBONE SCHOOL

Location  
N 47°27.4290'  
W 088°09.7730'

Elevation	Depth
1524'	

N	71.55°
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Map Done

**RATHBONE SCHOOL**  
**MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**



 **RUTH ANN MILLER**

Note  
**RUTH ANN MILLER  
MEMORIAL & GRAVE**

Location  
**N 47°15.6660'  
W 088°27.6120'**

Elevation	Depth
<b>1528'</b>	_____'

<b>NW</b>	<b>65.10'</b>
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Map Done

# **RUTH ANN MILLER GRAVE & MEMORIAL**

**MANDATORY CHECKPOINT**

# DANGEROUS



**WARNING:** The crusher eats cyclocross bikes  
PARK BEARS and other bicyclists are **WILD**  
**HURON MOUNTAIN CRUSHER** in beautiful  
**55 MILE GRAVEL GRINDER** Marquette County  
**EXPERT TERRAIN MILES OF SAND** Michigan

Watch them from a safe distance  
**STAY ON YOUR BIKE AND PEDAL LIKE A BANSHEE**

**HURON MOUNTAIN CRUSHER**

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**CRUSH OR BE CRUSHED**

