

The 3rd Annual Northeastern University Sunday River Classic



October 3rd-4th, 2009
Sunday River Ski Resort
Newry, ME



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USAC Permit #: 2009-2459

Schedule

Saturday, October 3rd

7:00	AM	Registration Opens at the South Ridge Lodge
8:00	AM	30 Min. Intro Skills Clinic at XC Start
8:30	AM	Men's C XC 1 Lap
8:40	AM	Women's B XC 1 Lap
10:00	AM	DS & DH Practice Begin (lifts open)
10:15	AM	Men's A XC 3 Laps
10:20	AM	Men's B XC 2 Laps
10:25	AM	Women's A XC 2 Laps
12:00	PM	Registration Closes for the day
1:45	PM	DS Qualifiers Begin, Finals to follow
4:00	PM	DH Practice Ends (lifts close)
6:00	PM	Italian Buffet Dinner – Information below

Sunday, October 4th

8:00	AM	Registration Opens at the South Ridge Lodge
9:00	AM	DH Practice Begins (lifts open)
9:00	AM	Men's C STXC 20 Min.
To follow		Women's B STXC 20 Min.
To follow		Men's B STXC 25 Min.
To follow		Women's A STXC 25 Min.
To follow		Men's A STXC 35 Min.
11:00	AM	Registration Closes for the day
12:00	PM	DH Practice Ends
12:30	PM	DH Finals Begin
4:00	PM	Awards Ceremony at the DH Finish

Fees, Registration, & Licenses

XC - \$14 entry fee

STXC - \$12 entry fee

DS - \$14 entry fee

DH - \$12 entry fee + \$20 lift ticket (per day)

- Pre-registration will be available until Wednesday, September 30th at 10:00 PM. You can pre-register at www.bike-reg.com. If you have questions, email Sam Mellen at smellen7@gmail.com. Day-of registration will be available both days (see schedule for times) at the South Ridge Lodge. A \$5 late fee will be charged to each rider. Trail passes and lift tickets will also be available then.

- **Licenses:** In order to register, all racers must either have an annual USA Cycling Collegiate license or a one-day license. Both types of licenses will be available for purchase at registration.

Course Descriptions

Cross Country

We will be running basically the same course as last year for XC, except it will start and finish behind the South Ridge Lodge (lowest elevation on course) instead of up by the downhill. The long and arduous climb will still be there, as will the awe-inspiring technical descents. The course is about 5 miles and lap times will be somewhere around 45 minutes. The course markings will be more extensive and the trails will not be as soft and fresh. Overall, this course is sure to breed champions.

Dual Slalom

I think everyone would agree our slalom course last year was epic. Unfortunately, it also took us 4 full weekends and some heavy equipment to build, and it got plowed for ski season. So we built a new one that will also be real sweet, just different. It will be tighter and more technical, with more rhythm sections and tight berms, some sweet drifty flat turns, and a cool finish line double where all the magazine photographers will congregate. It will be located up the hill behind the South Ridge Lodge, under the Chondola, near where our course was 2 years ago.

Short Track Cross Country

This course will be similar to last year's, which was popular with the masses. However, it will be extended and it will have more sweet single track to break up the gravel climb. It will start near the old lift, proceed up the gravel road, pop into the woods and climb up a bit, descend down a real nice single track grade, and finish by climbing back up to the lift, where there will be plenty of room for passing.

A/B Downhill

We brought back the course from last year that was so radical. The only part we didn't bring back was the 1 minute flat sprint out of the start because we realized we are racing *downhill*. The course starts under the old lift with the steep, gnarly chutes and tight switchbacks, then goes to the quick, tight, and rooty middle section and finishes with the wide-open shot down through the woods. The critically-acclaimed showtime huck will be back to own some more people. The course will finish near where it did last year at the base of the North Peak lift.

C/Women's Downhill

The best course of all this year will be the C downhill so all you novices should bring your old hockey pads, borrow a bike, and ride it. Sunday River's very legitimate Bike Park crew built a new trail called Easy Tiger and they're letting us race it. The course will start at the same place as the A/B course, then go down a fire road and jump on Easy Tiger. This trail is smooth and fast, with big, man-made berms and is reminiscent of Fancy Feast for all you Highland aficionados. After that, the course will follow Crater Trail (another legendary SRBP trail) down to the common finish at the North Peak lift. Overall, this course will be awesome for beginners and you all have no excuse not to race.

Buffet Dinner

As in years past, an Italian-style buffet dinner will be served on Saturday evening at 6:00 PM. The food will be delicious, as usual, and there will be a lot of it, since it's a buffet. This is a very entertaining experience and it's a great place to rag on the people you beat that day or trash talk the ones you will race the next day. Tickets will be available at registration or at the door for \$12.50.

Lodging

Discounted lodging is available at Sunday River in the condos. Studio (2-3 PPL), one (3-4 PPL), and two (4-6 PPL) bedroom condos will be available for \$88.50, \$118.00, and \$135.70 per night plus tax and resort fees. These condos are located on the mountain and are just a short ride from the race venues. Individual team reservations at the Sunday River Condos can be made by calling (800) 207-2365. Also check out the website at www.sundayriver.com/condominiums.html. **Be sure to mention you are with the ECCC Mountain Bike Race and that the reservation number is 84V0WL to receive the special rates.**

Other lodging is also available in the Bethel, ME area.

Directions

Follow this Google Maps link: http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=south+ridge+road+newry+me&sl=44.473313,-70.855486&sspn=0.008988,0.020642&gl=us&ie=UTF8&ll=44.452899,-70.796585&spn=0.287714,0.660553&z=11

Or...

From Boston & Points South

Take I-95 north into Maine. Continue to follow I-95/Maine Turnpike north to Exit 63/Gray, ME towards Route 26. Follow Route 26 north to Bethel, ME. Refer to directions from Bethel below.

From Vermont and New Hampshire

Take I-93 north to Exit 35/Twin Mountain towards Route 3 North. Follow Route 3 north to Route 115 North. Take Route 115 to Route 2. Take a right onto Route 2 and follow it to Gorham. Take a right, staying on Route 2, and follow it to Bethel. Refer to directions from Bethel below.

From Bethel

Follow Route 2 East 2.6 miles to Sunday River Road. This intersection is marked by the Sunday River Brewery (large building with a red roof). Take a left onto Sunday River Road and follow it to a fork with a "Sunday River Ski Resort" sign. Stay left at this fork and continue on until you reach the resort.

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