



Drexel Launch Party!

Launch Bike Park
 757 Spring Mount Road, Spring Mount, PA
September 27th and 28th

Held under USAC Cycling Event Permit 2014-2332



Schedule of Events

<i>Day 1, Saturday, September 27th</i>					
XC			DH		
Wave 1	Start	Distance	Field	Start	Course
Men C	8:00AM	2 laps	Men C	1:00PM	GES
Women B	to follow	2 laps	Men B	to follow	GES
Wave 2	Start	Distance	Men A	to follow	GES
Men A	10:15AM	4 laps	Men Open	to follow	GES
Open	to follow	3 laps	Women Open	to follow	GES
Men B	to follow	3 laps	Women A	to follow	GES
Women A	to follow	3 laps	Women B	to follow	GES
			Second runs, same order; 30 minute break		
			Clusterhuck	3:45PM	--

<i>Day 2, Sunday, September 28th</i>					
STXC			DH		
Field	Start	Distance	Field	Start	Course*
Men C	8:00AM	20 min	Men C	12:30PM	WL (B)
Men B	to follow	25 min	Men B	to follow	WL (B)
Women B	to follow	25 min	Men A	to follow	WL (A)
Women A	to follow	30 min	Men Open	to follow	WL (A)
Men A	to follow	30 min	Women Open	to follow	WL (A)
Team Relay B	to follow	25 min	Women A	to follow	WL (A)
Team Relay A	to follow	25 min	Women B	to follow	WL (B)
			Second runs, same order; 10 minute break		
			Awards Ceremony		

*Day 2 DH: All DH competitors must sign a waiver stating that they have walked the course prior to their first run of Sunday's course.

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Collegiate fields are open only to full-time collegiate students with valid USAC Collegiate licenses and full-time high school students with valid USAC Junior licenses. Jerseys and bibs for all such riders must feature school names and/or logo, or be generic blank kits; non-scholastic club and trade team kits are not permitted. In addition, new non-collegiate women racers with 1-day or first time Category 4 licenses may enter Collegiate Women's Intro fields. USA Cycling licenses available for sale on-site. Consult the ECCC website at <http://collegiatecycling.org/eccc> for more information on categories, eligibility, licensing, and other general questions. An annual USAC license or day-of USAC license will be required for all Open categories and non-collegiate racers for every event.

Registration Fees (Collegiate & USAC Open): Cross Country (XC/STXC) - \$20, Downhill (DH) - \$10°, Clusterhuck - \$10 per team

°All DH racers using lift access must also purchase a lift pass and sign off on a waiver provided by the Spring Mountain Adventure Corporation from the customer service desk at the upper lodge. A one-day lift access pass is \$20 and a 2-day lift access pass is \$35.

Pre-Registration will be available on-line at www.bikereq.com. Registrations not received before 11:59PM on Thursday, September 25th, will incur a \$5 per rider per event late fee. Large ECCC Teams may submit a spreadsheet with the following information: Rider Name, USAC License Number, Race Category and Races being entered for each rider. Please contact the event promoters, Brett Houser and Trevor Booz for further information regarding large team registration via spreadsheets. Registration is located at Spring Mountain's lower lodge parking lot, near the lift access, and opens 1 hour before the start of the first scheduled race and ends 15 minutes before the start of each race. Lift access for both days will begin at 10:00AM. Neither the promoters nor Launch Bike Park will refund pre-registration costs in the event of unforeseen cancellations.

Medical: A stand-by ambulance will be present, along with on-site EMT for all events. The nearest hospital is Pottstown Memorial Medical Center, 1600 E. High Street, Pottstown, PA, 19464 (610-327-7000)

ECCC Camping/Host Housing: Sign up as a host-housing guest or join us for a fun night of camping in the lower parking lot of Spring Mountain and Launch Bike Park, with games, impromptu contests, barbecue, bonfire, and fun. While staying at the mountain, the lodge bathrooms will be open for use in addition to any port-o-potties on site. Contact the event promoters with any questions. If host-housing is needed then please understand that all host-housing recipients are required to marshal during the weekend's races.

Directions to Launch Bike Park:

(GPS Coordinates: 40.273237, -75.453387)

From east/south: Take I-476 north (PA Turnpike Northeast Extension) and get off at exit 31. Turn right onto Route 63 and go through Harleysville. After crossing over Route 113, travel approximately 2 miles turn left on Shelly Road. Go another 2 miles and turn right on Spring Mount Road and follow signs to Spring Mountain. The lower lot will be at the bottom of the hill past the main lodge.

From west: Take I-76 (PA Turnpike) East to exit 312, Downingtown. Follow Route 100 North to Route 73 East. Route 73 and 29 merge at a circle intersection; bear right on 73 East and 29 South. Turn left at the first light, at Spring Mount Road. Bear right at the three way stop, cross the bridge and the lower parking lot will be on your right.

From north: Take I-78 West to Route 476 (PA Turnpike) South. Get off at Exit 44 and then turn right on to Route 663. Turn left onto Route 29 South. Follow Route 29 South until you see the signs for Spring Mountain Ski Area. Turn left at the light at Spring Mount Road. Bear right at thee way stop, cross the bridge and the lower parking lot will be on your right.

Lodging: Nearby hotels and motels that are available close to the race venue are the following:

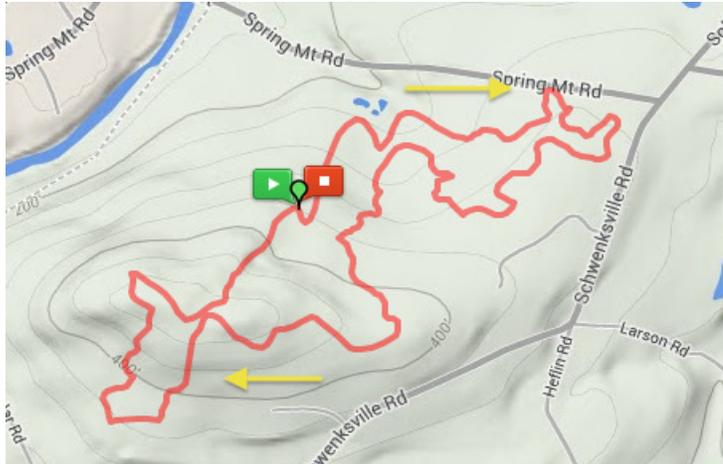
- Woodside Lodge, 150 East Park Avenue, Schwenksville, PA, 484-552-8457 (www.woodsidelodge.us)
- Holiday Inn, 1750 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpsville, PA, 888-465-4329
- All people are welcome to camp out with us at the Lower Lodge parking lot at Spring Mountain! It's a proven fact that camping in parking lots is a lot more fun at MTB races, too. Come and join us for the [reasonable and responsible] festivities!



XC Course Description and Map

3 mile loop, 500 feet of elevation gain/loss per lap

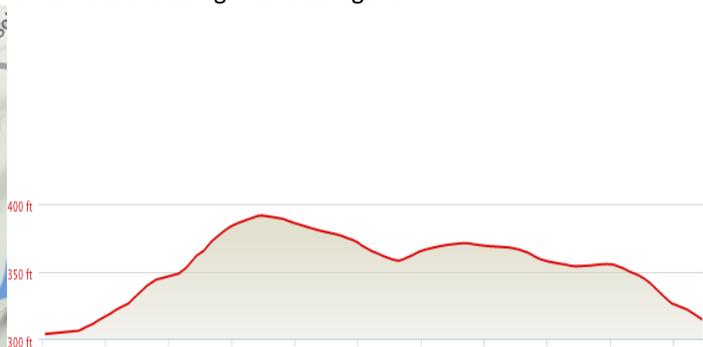
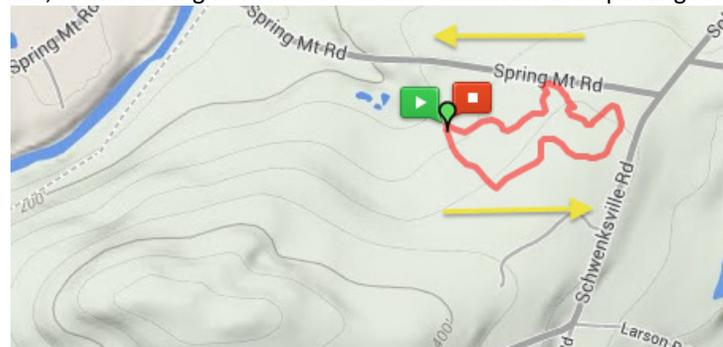
You've heard of how rocky and gnarly mountain biking in Pennsylvania is and in this race you'll experience it firsthand. We've picked out some technically challenging trails that traverse the land around Spring Mountain. While the 3 mile course may seem short, don't be fooled by its length or the mountain's non-mountainous location as riders will be tested with 500 feet of elevation gain per lap. Some ancient meteorite action has left us with the geological anomaly known as Spring Mountain in Philly's backyard. Your technical prowess will be tested as you navigate rock gardens and roots on your way up and down the mountain. The course starts out with a nice wide open whole shot down the main ski trail towards the lodge before turning and entering into a tight rocky and rooted single track ascent. The mellow grade of the "Lower Loop" will get your legs moving and as the course progresses riders work their way up the mountain on the "Goat Hollow" trail. Upon reaching the top of the mountain, riders will race down and back up the backside of the mountain on the "Area 51" trail. Before reaching the peak again, riders will be faced with a unique set of short quick switch backs that pay homage to Lehigh's XC Trail. Finally, riders will get a chance to rip down portions of Wally's Leg and Walt's Erector Set downhill trails (don't worry, no drops or crazy features) before crossing the starting line for another lap. Bring your suspension and dropper posts to this party!



STXC Description and Map

0.5 mile loop

Riders will get to race a portion of the "Lower Loop" beginning part of the XC course in the opposite direction. This combined with some quick connections will create an approximate 1/2 mile loop of single track interspersed with passing opportunities. The race begins with a hole-shot before the first climb up an abandoned access road that has long since been abandoned then flattens out and approaches the remaining technical single-track with fast turns and sprinkled with rocks. To finish the lap racers go down a fast, technical single-track descent that ends with a flat parking lot U-turn before doing it all over again.



Clusterhuck Description

0.7 mile XC loop, 150 ft elevation loss followed by 150 ft gain/2+ minute DH run

This is a team relay event consisting of one cross-country rider and one gravity rider. XC Riders will race down and back up the mountain on the "Area 51" trail where they will tag their partner. Their partner will descend down the "Toilet Bowl" trail towards the "Flowdacious" trail, and then towards the finish line. Lots of optional fun and flowy jumps and drops (all with work around routes) will add some strategy to the downhill portion of this race.

This is a challenging climb along the backside switchback, where the XC rider will tag their DH teammate before descending

{Area 51 to Bike Park Features, "Toilet Bowl" and "Flowdacious"}

{Full-face helmets are required for DH riders to compete}

DH (Day 1) Description

2+ minute run

Riders will get to enjoy the fruits of the Launch Trail Crew's labor as they race down the recently completed Gravity East Course built in June 2014. This course gives riders a good taste of the entire mountain as it weaves from top to bottom across fun sections with flow before some gnarly rocky descents, sprinkled with jumps and optional lines in between.

{Full-face helmets are required for DH riders to compete}

Course Preview Available at the following URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHQti5A48ns&feature=youtu.be>

**Note the Trail Crew is currently working on a new trail at the top which if completed, will change up the starting portion of the run!*

DH (Day 2) Description

2+ minute run

The second day riders will get to enjoy a Launch crowd favorite, Wally's Leg. This fun trail has flow and takes advantage of the natural rock formations found on the mountain as riders work their way back to the parking lot. Due to the presence of some fun time saving drops (with a work around present at each location) riders will be required to walk the course prior to the competition.

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**Note, the actual course starts at the white gate visible at 0:18*

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