



2021 GREAT BEAR CHASE RACE INFORMATION

RACE DAY INFORMATION

START TIMES (EST)

Corral 1 – 8:00 am – Skiathlon – Bibs 1-25
Corral 2 – 8:05 am – Skiathlon – Bibs 26-50
Corral 3 – 8:10 am – Skiathlon – Bibs 51-75
Corral 4 – 8:20 am – 50 km Classic – Bibs 76-100
Corral 6 – 8:35 am – 50 km Freestyle – Bibs 101-125
Corral 7 – 8:40 am – 50 km Freestyle – Bibs 126-150
Corral 8 – 8:45 am – 50 km Freestyle – Bibs 151-175
Corral 9 – 8:50 am – 50 km Freestyle – Bibs 176-200
Corral 10 – 8:55 am – 50 km Freestyle – Bibs 201-228
Corral 11 – 9:05 am – 25 km Freestyle – Bibs 229-253
Corral 12 – 9:10 am – 25 km Freestyle – Bibs 254-278
Corral 13 – 9:15 am – 25 km Freestyle – Bibs 279-303
Corral 14 – 9:20 am – 25 km Freestyle – Bibs 304-328
Corral 14B – 9:25 am – 25 km Freestyle – Bibs 329-355
Corral 15 – 9:30 am – 25 km Classic – Bibs 356-380
Corral 16 – 9:35 am – 25 km Classic – Bibs 381-405
Corral 17 – 9:40 am – 25 km Classic – Bibs 406-429
Corral 18 – 9:45 am – 25 km Classic – Bibs 430-440
Corral 19 – 9:55 am – 10 km Freestyle – Bibs 441-465
Corral 20 – 10:00 am – 10 km Freestyle – Bibs 466-490
Corral 20B – 10:05 am – 10 km Freestyle – Bibs 491-499
Corral 21 – 10:10 am – 10 km Classic – Bibs 500-524
Corral 22 – 10:15 am – 10 km Classic – Bibs 525-550

Find your start corral by going to the registration web site (runsignup.com) and searching for yourself under "Find A Participant"

RACE START/FINISH STADIUM

All races begin and finish near Spruce St in Calumet. Coming from Houghton, turn left on Swedetown Rd, right on Osceola Rd and left on Spruce St. Parking is available just a short walk from the stadium. See map below. Due to precautions related to COVID-19, there will be **no spectators allowed in the stadium.**

PARKING

Parking is available in lots on the North side of Spruce St. and West side of Osceola Rd. Parking is also available along both of these roads. **Please plan 10-15 minutes of walking time from parking to race start area.**

BIBS AND CHIP TIMING

Timing Chips (which are RFID tags) are attached to your race bib. Do not remove, bend or wrinkle the chip. Race times will be determined by gun time as the start and first toe across the finish line. Do not alter the foam on the cloth bib. The chip is under the foam.

PORTA-JOHNS

Porta-johns will be located near the start of the race and near the finish line.

INFORMATION

There will be an Info booth in the Stadium race morning.

SKIATHLON LOCATION CHANGE

The skiathlon exchange zone is a ten-minute walk from the stadium. See the map in this document for more detail.

CLOTHING BAGS

There will not be a bag drop-off and pick-up this year. Racers are responsible for their own items. Plan accordingly and leave as little at the race start as possible. Race officials are not responsible for lost or stolen property.

SEVERE WEATHER

The race committee will be monitoring weather conditions and will adjust the race as necessary based on FIS guidelines for low temperatures or poor visibility.

WARM-UP LOOP

A designated warm-up loop is located along the left (South) side of the start line. The warm-up loop is approximately ½ Km long and is a ONE-WAY only loop. See the map in this document for more detail.

WAXING

A wax area in the Swedetown Chalet is open Friday, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

AT THE START

In the starting pen, all racers must wear a mask or a buff covering their nose and mouth until 1 minute prior to their wave start, while maintaining social distance. All skiers must start in a set of tracks and stay in the tracks until the end of the double-pole zone (approximately 50 meters from the start line). No spectators are allowed at the start area.

ON THE COURSE

COURSE

Ski trail difficulty varies throughout the course. Most of the Swedetown Trails are incorporated in this event, including challenging trails rated “more difficult” and “most difficult.” Skiers are individually responsible to ski under control and within their ability for conditions. There are no road crossings and no use of snowmobile trails. The first ½ kilometer of the course is 25+ feet wide with one classic track on each side. The remainder of the course is 12 to 20 feet wide with one, two or three classic tracks depending on the width.

AID STATION

There will be only **ONE** aid station this year located at 14km and 40km. The aid station will only have water and energy drink where racer’s own water bottles can be filled via fast-fill nozzles. **Racers should be self-supporting for their own water bottles and for their own food; aid stations will not have drink cups or food this year.**

MEDICAL

Radio Operators and Medical Personnel will be available on the course and at the Race Finish for your safety. If you see an injured skier please get their bib number and location, then notify the nearest race official. In the event of an emergency, follow the directions of the race official. If you call 911 to report an emergency, let the dispatcher know you are at the Great Bear Chase and provide the location of the emergency. Let a race official know you have called 911.

CUT-OFF TIMES

All skiers must finish by 3 p.m. A race official will ask you to remove your bib if you are not on pace to reach the cutoffs. Officials will give you a ride to the Finish.

Cut-off times:

Stadium (25 km)	11:50 a.m.
Papa Bear Aid Station (39 km)	1:30 p.m.
Finish (50 km)	3:00 p.m.

DROP OUTS

If you are not able to complete the race for whatever reason, you must notify a Race Official before you leave the course so we may account for all racers at the completion of the event. It is imperative that we know if a skier drops out.

REGULATIONS

Classic event skiers are expected to use classic technique, which includes the diagonal techniques, the double poling techniques, herringbone techniques without a gliding phase, downhill techniques and turning techniques. Skating is not allowed in classic races. Turning techniques are comprised of steps and pushes in order to change direction. Where there is a set track, turning techniques with pushing are not allowed. This will also apply to competitors skiing outside of the set track. **Failure to abide by these rules may result in disqualification.**

SKIATHLON

The Skiathlon exchange zone includes a numbered exchange box for each competitor with an area large enough for skis, poles and boots (see Stadium map below). The competitor may do anything they wish in their exchange box: change poles, skis, boots, socks, etc. Clothing bags, hand warmers, etc. are allowed in the box. Skiathlon skiers must enter the exchange zone from the outsides and exit through the center. **All Skiathlon skiers must enter the Skiathlon exchange zone and proceed through their numbered box.** All

other 50km skiers must take the bypass (see Stadium map below). Only Skiathlon racers with bibs, their coaches and race officials are allowed into the exchange zone. This includes pre-race drop off and post-race equipment pick-up. During the first lap, skiers must use the classical technique only. During the second lap, racers use freestyle technique.

V-BOARDS AND COURSE MARKINGS

V-boards and sign arrows are placed throughout the course and in the stadium to indicate the course. Do not cross V-board barriers as you will be off course. Crossing V-board barriers in the stadium may result in disqualification or time penalties.

KILOMETER MARKERS

Descending kilometer markers are placed on the course beginning at 23Km to go.

SPECTATOR INFO

No spectators allowed in the start/finish area or at the Swedetown chalet.

AT THE FINISH

Participants must put their mask on after crossing the finish line and proceed to the exit, where they can pick up a snack bag, including chocolate milk. Please take your recovery items and proceed directly to your vehicle. A medical aid station will be at the finish line.

POST RACE

CHANGING FACILITIES

Changing facilities will not be available this year. Please plan accordingly.

LOST AND FOUND

Please email info@greatbearchase.com or call 906-369-2460 to inquire about Lost and Found items.

POST-EVENT FOOD

All in-person racers can pick-up to-go lunches (which include a pasty and cinnamon roll) from Calumet High School via a drive-through process beginning at 10 a.m. Lunch will not be available for purchase for non-racers this year.

RACE PHOTOS

Race photos will be taken by brockit, Inc. with downloads provided at no charge. Skiers will receive an email when the photos are available.

RESULTS

Live on-line results will be available at SuperiorTiming.com Final results will be posted at GreatBearChase.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Search for Great Bear Chase on Facebook!

PRIZES AND AWARDS

AWARDS

Awards will be mailed to racers this year, which will allow time for official results to be confirmed. Awards are given for each age category in each race. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers will receive medals, shipped to the racers home address. Unique awards will be mailed to the overall fastest man and woman in each race.

PRIZES

We will award over \$1,500 in door prizes (all in-person registered racers are eligible). Winners will be drawn after registration closes and handed out when racers pick up their racer packet.

Our Superior Partner, Salomon, will provide 7 individual prizes for middle of the pack skiers in each race. These prizes will be mailed to the racers. Salomon is also providing a pair of classic skies as our grand prize!

AGE GROUPS (Male and Female)

Skiathlon, 50K Free & Classic, 25K Free & Classic
19-&-under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+

10K Free

12-&-under, 13-15, 16-18, 19-34, 35-49, 50-64, 65+

10K Classic

18-&-under, 19-34, 35-49, 50-64, 65+

Sponsors

This event would not be possible without our partnerships with the following organizations:

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Save the Date – March 12, 2022 Great Bear Chase

GREAT BEAR CHASE

2021 10km Course [1 Lap]



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0.5 mi

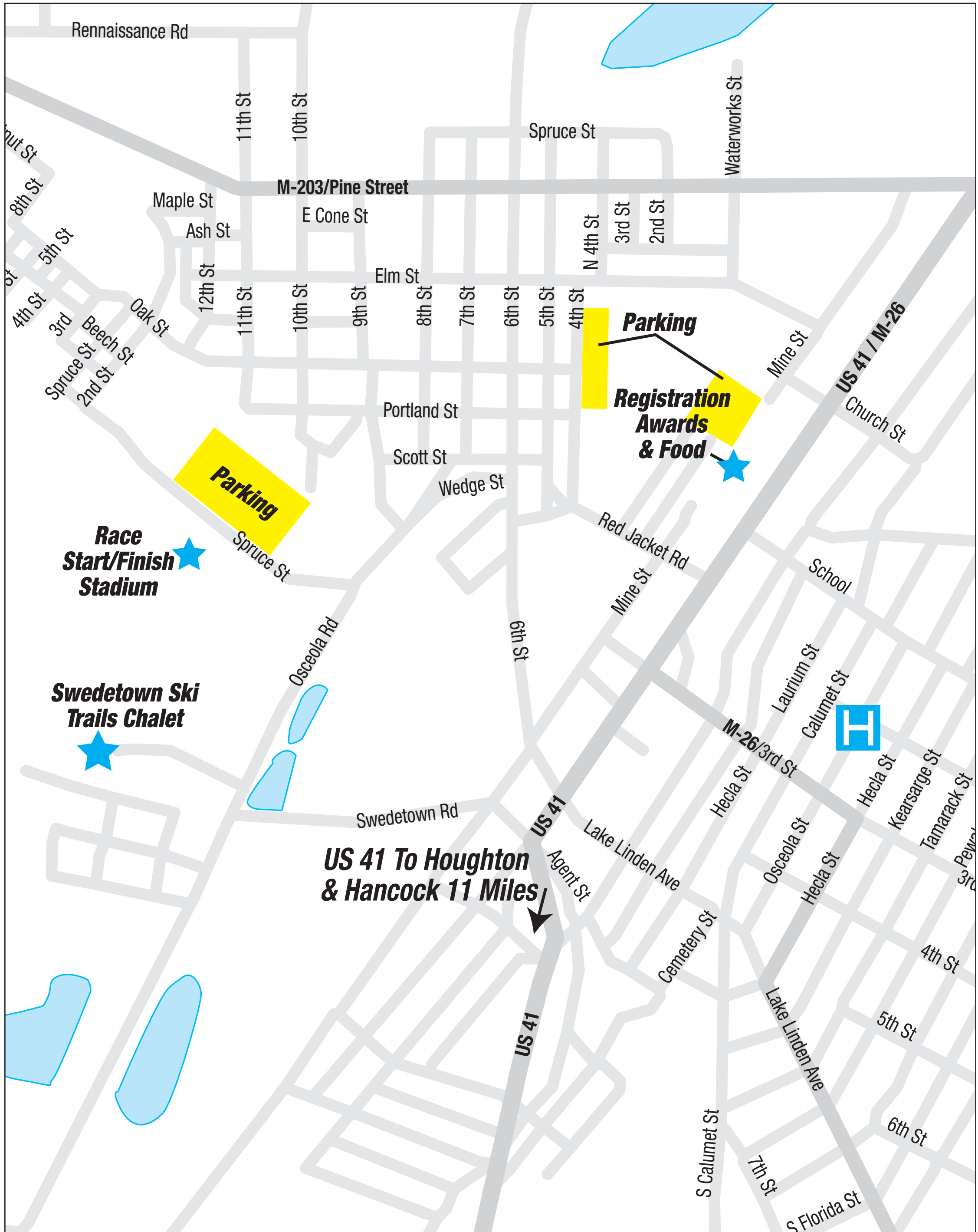
GREAT BEAR CHASE

2021 25km [1 Lap] & 50km [2 Lap] Course



GREAT BEAR CHASE

— Calumet Village Map —



2021 Great Bear Chase Stadium

