

COLDWATER

MTB TRAIL RUN

RACE

2026 PARTICIPANT INFORMATION PACKET

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RACE WEEKEND

Four races. One mountain. One big weekend.



THE HOME BASE

NEABA HEADQUARTERS

26 W. 10th Street | Anniston, AL 36201

FRIDAY / OCT 30

- 2:00-6:00 PM | Packet pickup and late registration
- 6:00 PM | Casual community ride / short paved fun run

SATURDAY / OCT 31

- Mountain bike races, post-race food and showers
- 5:00-8:00 PM | Music and Effina's dinner buffet
- Awards presentations: 17-mile MTB 12:00 PM; 40-mile MTB 2:45 PM

SUNDAY / NOV 1

- Trail running races, finisher snacks, BBQ sandwiches and showers
- 9:00 AM | Optional easy ~12-mile social bike ride (Canceled if Raining)
- Awards: 25K 12:00 PM; 50K overall 1:00 PM; under-40 age groups 2:30 PM; remaining age groups 4:30 PM

SATURDAY / OCTOBER 31

MOUNTAIN BIKE

40-mile and 17-mile race-day details

RACE STARTS

8:00 AM

40-MILE MTB

8:30 AM



CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION

- Friday pickup: 2:00-6:00 PM; Saturday pickup begins 6:30 AM.
- No race-day registration. Online registration closes Thursday, Oct 29 at 5:00 PM CT.

COURSE CUTOFF TIMES

- 40-mile only: Leave Coldwater Trailhead (mile 21) by 11:30 AM.
- 40-mile only: Leave Anniston Trailhead (mile 36.1) by 2:30 PM.

AID, GEAR & RULES

- GU gels, chews, drink mix, and snacks at aid stations. 40-mile MTB aid stations: 12.8, 21, 29.7, 36.2. 17-mile MTB aid stations: 6.2, 12.8. Portable toilets at miles 21 and 36.1; limited help from Wig's Wheels.
- Outside assistance is allowed only at Coldwater Trailhead (mile 21).
- Carry tubes, pump/CO2, tire plugs, and repair essentials. Be self-sufficient.
- No e-bikes. USA Cycling rules apply; marshals monitor safety and sportsmanship.

AFTER THE FINISH

Showers, food and drinks 10 AM-5 PM; music and buffet 5-8 PM.

SUNDAY / NOVEMBER 1

TRAIL RUN

50K and 25K race-day details

RACE STARTS

7:00 AM

50K TRAIL RUN

7:30 AM



CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION

- Friday and Saturday pickup: 2:00-6:00 PM; Sunday pickup begins 6:00 AM.
- No race-day registration. Online registration closes Thursday, Oct 29 at 5:00 PM.

COURSE CUTOFF TIMES

- 50K only: Leave Coldwater Trailhead (mile 15.2) by 11:30 AM.
- 50K only: Leave Anniston Trailhead (mile 28.8) by 4:00 PM.

AID & SUPPORT

- GU gels, chews, drink mix, and snacks at neutral aid stations. 50K run aid stations: 8.3, 15.2, 22.3, 28.9 (finish line 32.3). 25K run aid stations: 5.4, 12 (finish line 15.5). Portable toilets at miles 15.2 and 28.8.
- Outside support is restricted to Coldwater Trailhead. Confirm its precise location with race staff.
- Plan to carry your own essentials and navigate independently if needed.

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POST-RACE FOOD

Snacks and pulled-pork BBQ sandwiches Sunday; full dinner buffet is Saturday 5-8 PM.

MORE TO KNOW

WEEKEND DETAILS

Awards, community rides and finishing touches



PRIZES & CATEGORIES

- 40-mile MTB | Top 3 overall men and women: 1st $200 / 2nd $150 / 3rd $100.
- 50K Trail Run | Top 3 overall men and women: 1st $200 / 2nd $150 / 3rd $100.
- Age-group podium ceremonies on both MTB distances and both run distances: U19, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+.

AWARD PRESENTATION TIMES

- Saturday: 17-mile MTB 12:00 PM; 40-mile MTB 2:45 PM.
- Sunday: 25K Run 12:00 PM; 50K top 3 men and women 1:00 PM; 50K ages under 40 2:30 PM; remaining age groups 4:30 PM.

COMMUNITY & CELEBRATIONS

- Friday at 6 PM: Everyone is invited to the fun ride or short paved fun run along the Chief Ladiga Trail. Meet at NEABA Headquarters.
- Saturday 5-8 PM: Music and Effina's Italian dinner buffet outside NEABA Headquarters for MTB and trail-run participants.
- Sunday 9 AM: Optional, moderately easy 12-mile social ride on the Chief Ladiga Trail, with a possible McClellan Trails loop. Return to cheer on the runners. Canceled if Raining.

FINAL COURSE & FINISH-LINE NOTES

- MTB: Limited neutral mechanical support from Wig's Wheels is available on course; some neutral support is also available at the start. Carry your own tools and spares.
- Sunday: Showers, food and drinks available for finishers 10 AM-5 PM. Snacks and pulled-pork BBQ sandwiches are available, but no full post-race meal is planned.
- Outside assistance: permitted only at Coldwater Trailhead. The source specifies mile 21 for MTB; the run-course assistance mile marker should be confirmed with organizers.

READ BEFORE THE START

RIDE / RUN SMART

The essentials for every Coldwater participant





ON-COURSE ESSENTIALS

- Download your course route to a GPS device or phone before race day. Signs and arrows may shift or disappear.
- Stay on the marked course. No in-ear headphones, earbuds, or texting while moving.
- Leave no trace. Carry trash to an aid station or the finish line.
- Need a ride back? Make your way to an aid station and ask for help. Be prepared to manage unexpected issues.

COURSE MAPS + DOWNLOADS

Access route information for the 40-mile MTB, 17-mile MTB, 50K run, and 25K run at coldwatertrailrace.org.

PODIUMS & GOOD TIMES

- Cash prizes for the top 3 overall men and women in the 40-mile MTB and 50K run.
- Age-group podiums for both distances in each discipline: U19, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+.

HAVE FUN. BE SAFE. GET AFTER IT.

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