

2026



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

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You can't get rid of us that easy ;). During the middle of 2025 we received a random email from a wonderful family looking to get into the race production business. They wanted to take over Mammoth - they loved the races and loved the community that has formed around the events. After many prayers and late nights talking we decided it was Ok to move onto a new chapter after organizing hundreds of races and making countless wonderful memories. At the time, that meant we would no longer be able to be the sole organizers of the Island race. It broke our hearts but we would still be involved as co race directors so we would be able to see all our friends each July... Over the first few months of owning Mammoth they realized how passionate they were about the traditional format ANVIL ultra triathlons and asked if we would want to partner back with them to take over the 36 hour format again (the island race) and they would focus on the ANVIL format. Ummmmm... YES! So here we are - back to regularly scheduled programming and we're pumped about it. We're excited to back as the owners of Mammoth while the Riley family takes the lead and ownership of ANVIL and we work together to grow ultra triathlon (both formats) in the States. We can't wait to see everyone and share the goodness of this place that holds so many wonderful memories.



This event has morphed literally into a "friends reunion" and because of that our introduction page to the race is a little different than most. Here's some of what's been going on in our world:

1. We're pregnant!! After 7 years of trying, God has answered so many prayers and we're beyond excited to be welcoming a baby girl to our family at the end of May.. This also means Maddie most likely will not be on the Island (but who knows). If she's able you know she'll be there hanging out and enjoying the island.



2. Craig has went full time into another passion of his which is custom woodwork, cabinet and furniture making. It's something he's loved forever and has kept him busy during the week!

3. Leo has turned into a BMX racing machine. He won the regional championship in his age class last year and is aiming to be ranked in the top 15 in the nation this season. He's been asked and accepted to join a race team that travels nationally and loves nothing more than racing and spending time with his buddies at the track. Leo "the lion" Braun is all gas all the time... Not surprising. He loves to run for training (also not surprising) and plays the drums any chance he gets.

We can't wait to spend the weekend with you all. If you're new, welcome to the crew. If you're returning, welcome back! Safe travels and we'll see you very soon

- Craig, Maddie, Leo & Ellie.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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THURSDAY

1:00pm - 7:00pm | Pit area is open for setup / packet pickup at Gislason Beach
8:30pm - 9:00pm | 36hr athlete meeting on the beach (MANDATORY)
9:50pm | Call to start - cyclists enter onto road for countdown
10:00pm | 36 hour RACE START.

FRIDAY

7:00am | Swim course opens
7:00am - 8:30am | Pit area is open for setup / packet pickup at Gislason Beach
8:45am - 9:15am | 24 / 12 / 8 hr athlete meeting on the beach (MANDATORY)
9:50am | Call to start - swim, bike or run (must be in position to start)
10:00am | 24 / 12 / 8 hour RACE START.
1:00pm | Lunch is served inside the Red Barn
5:00pm | Quiet hours begin inside pit
6:00pm | Swim course closes
6:00pm | Dinner is served inside the Red Barn
6:00pm | 8 hour race is finished
7:00pm | Night hours begin (lights must be worn on the bike and run)
10:00pm | 12 hour race is finished
10:30pm | Pizza is served inside the Red Barn

SATURDAY

6:00am | Quiet hours end inside the pit. Coffee / Tea is served inside the Red Barn
7:00am | Swim course opens
7:00am | Night hours end (lights may be removed on the bike and run)
9:00am - 10:00am | Final hour of racing
10:00am | 24 / 36 hour race is finished



ARRIVING & PARKING

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WASHINGTON ISLAND FERRY

You'll need to take a car ferry across Deaths Door Passage via the Washington Island Ferry Line. This is the only way on and off the island. When you arrive to the docks, you'll need to stop at the small white ticket booth in the center of the road and purchase your ticket. Keep both receipts - one is your ride to the island, the other is your ride off the Island. You'll be instructed by the crew where to park your car on the boat. They squeeze the cars in very tight - if you're uncomfortable driving onto the boat the crew can park your vehicle for you.

For ferry schedules and boarding fees, please visit <https://wisferry.com>

DIRECTIONS TO GISLASON BEACH (RACE SITE)

1. Once you arrive to the Island, exit the ferry and continue driving along the main road (Lobdell Point Rd).
2. Continue on Lobdell Point Rd.
3. When you come to the four way stop, continue straight. Lobdell Point Rd becomes Detroit Harbor Rd.
4. Continue along Detroit Harbor Rd until you reach another stop sign.
5. Turn Right at the stop sign onto Range Line Rd.
6. Follow Range Line Rd to Gislason Beach and the race site.

CHECKING IN / UNLOADING GEAR / PARKING

IMPORTANT: Remember, there is absolutely NO parking at the race site. All cars will be parked down the road at the Washington Island Campground. You can walk or ride your bike back to the pit after parking at the campground.

See the diagram below for a visual on the flow of tracking arriving, unloading and exiting to go park at the campground.

1. Find a temporary parking spot in the loading / unloading area.
2. Once parked, come to the check in tent and check you or your team in and get your race packets.
3. Find your pit area using the map in your packet and unload your gear into that area.
4. Exit the loading / unloading zone and follow the directions in your packet to go park your car at the Campground.
5. Park your car according to the diagram in your packet and walk or ride your bike back to the race site.



ARRIVING & PARKING CONT...

DIRECTIONS TO THE WASH. ISLAND CAMPGROUND

THE CAMPGROUND IS 2 MILES AWAY.

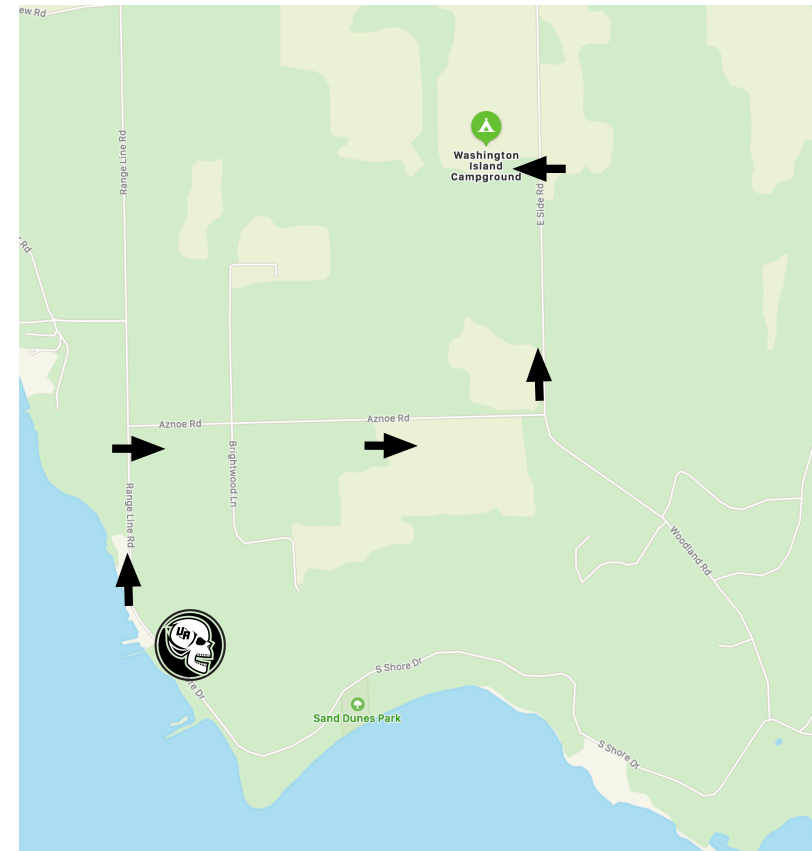
1. Head north on Range Line Rd.
2. Turn right onto Aznoe Rd.
3. Turn Left onto E. Side Rd.
4. The Campground will be on your left.

PARKING AT THE WASH. ISLAND CAMPGROUND

ONLY park in the designated parking space at the Washington Island Campground. Do NOT parallel park, but rather pull straight in as the parking spots are shown on the diagram below.



^ Please pull in tightly to the car next to you! Begin parking closest to the road and working your way into the campground.



^ Directions to the Campground



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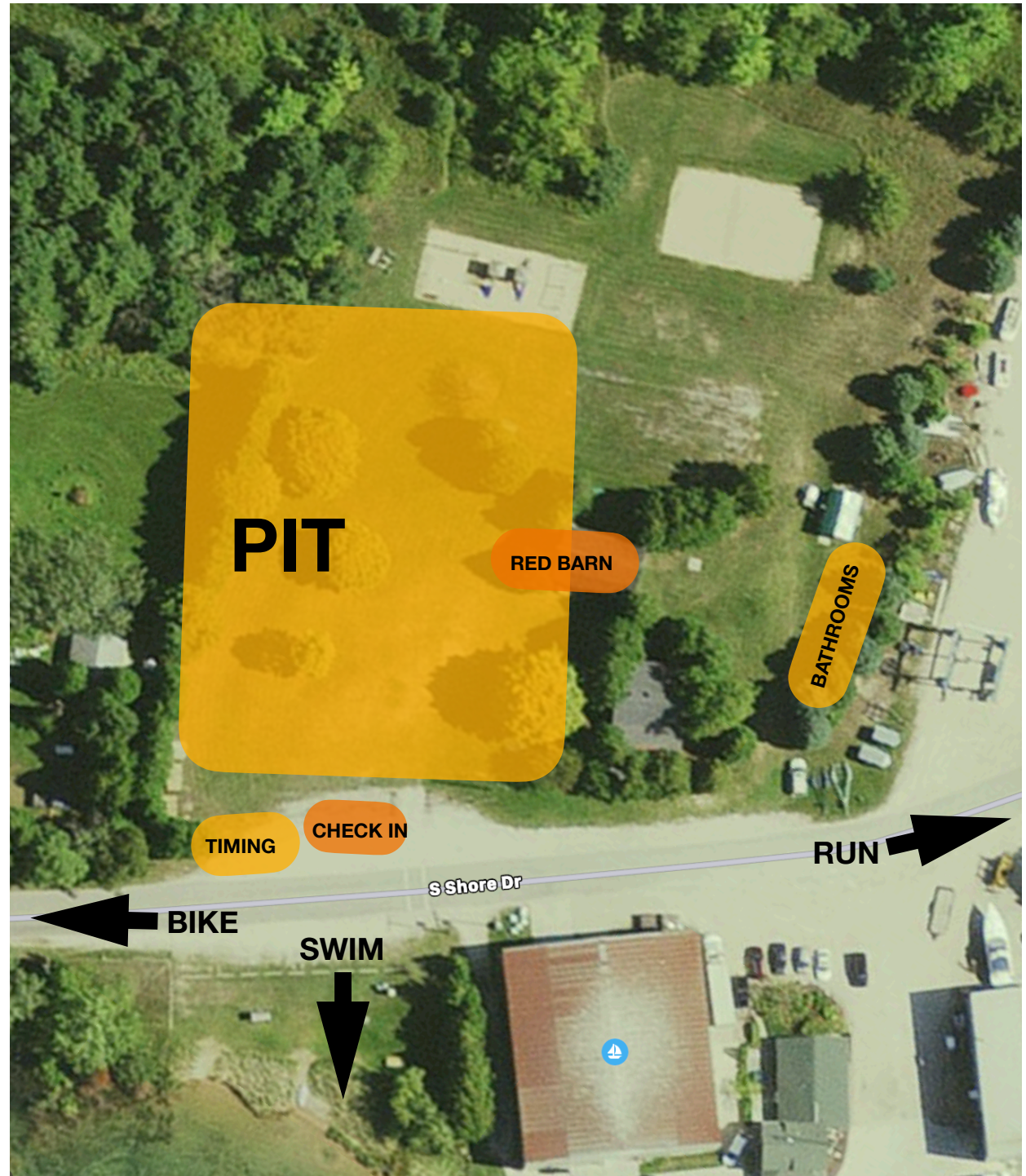


PIT AREA (DIAGRAM)

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The PIT area is where you sleep and keep your gear. It's basically your home away from home during the event. Solo athletes get a 10x10 space, teams get a 10x15 or 10x20 space based on team size. Everyone usually overflows a bit out of their space, just be respectful and don't take up too much space. We're still at a limited # of athletes so we shouldn't have to be packed in like previous years.

S. Shore Dr is OPEN so you need to be extra careful crossing the road. We have changed our setup a little but to allow for designated viewing area that is fenced in. You can pop your chair up, cheer on your buddies and support them within this area. The big rule here is to **STAY ON THE GRAVEL** when you're up by the road.



COURSE DETAILS

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NIGHT HOURS - Lights are REQUIRED!

Lights are required on the run and bike between the hours of 7:00pm and 7:00am. On the run, a headlamp or handheld flashlight must be worn at all times during the night hours. On the bike, a white headlight AND a red rear light are required at all times during the night hours. We do have a place where you can charge your batteries during the day to make sure your gear will last through the night.

SWIM COURSE - .25 mile open water swim loop

Swim Caps are required at all times when swimming. We ask that you try to wear a bright colored cap so you can be visible in the water. Wetsuits are allowed but not necessary. Since coming to the island the water temperature ranges from 62 - 68 degrees. You will exit the water after each swim lap to give our timer your number - then, you may re-enter the water for another loop or move on to a different discipline. A kayaker or paddle boarder with a floatation device will be present at all times when athletes are in the water.

BIKE COURSE - 9.90 mile loop

Helmets are required at all times while on the bike. Roads are OPEN and you must obey all traffic laws while on course. "Just like a training ride" is the mindset while on the route. It is the riders responsibility to know and understand the bike route. We do have glowing cones and reflective signs placed along the route during the entirety of the event.

There's a good climb as you turn right and ride by the lavender fields on the north side of the route. Please ride with caution. It is HIGHLY recommended you practice some night riding before making your way up to the event. **All 36 Hour athletes are REQUIRED to begin and complete one loop of the bike course to begin the event with the exception of 36 hour runners.**

RUN COURSE - 2 mile out and back

The run is on paved roads and takes you alongside the shore of Lake Michigan with plenty of shade but also a few sections of exposure to sun. Remember that roads are OPEN - please run with caution as vehicles will still be using the roadway.

Breaking my own rule: The stars are usually incredible on the island at night. We encourage you to break our headlamp rule for about 10 seconds. Make sure there are no cars around, stop, turn off your light and look up - the sky can be amazing!

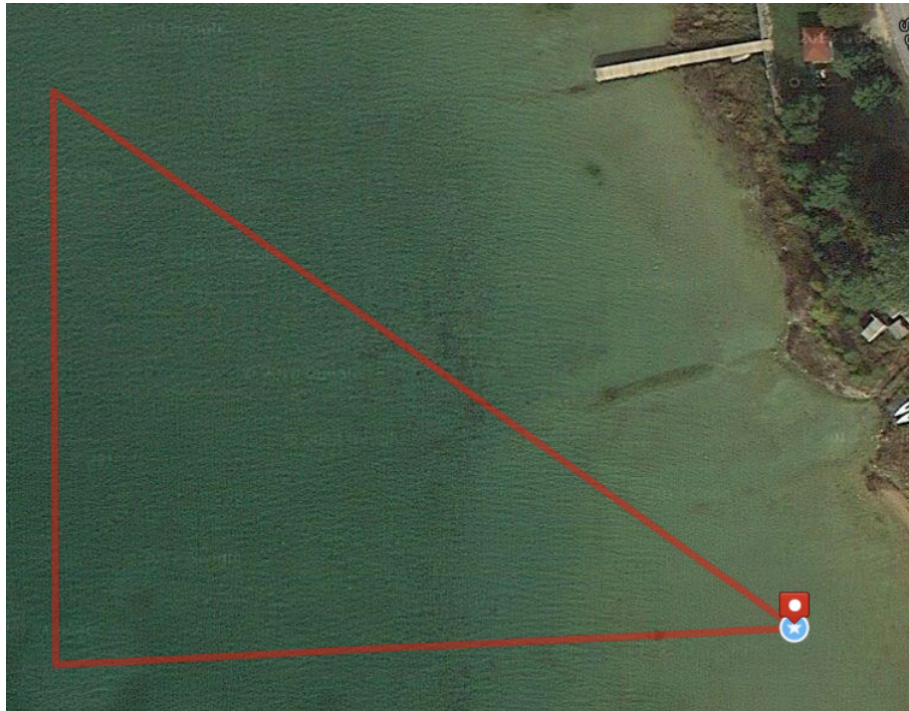
COURSE MAPS

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Swim Course (Left)

Bike Course (Top Right)

Run Course (Bottom Right)



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1. No Generators
2. No Grills (camp stoves are OK)
3. No Campfires

Pits are marked with white marking paint. Please keep your setup inside the marked area.

Food is served inside the Red Barn.

Bathrooms are located to the left of the Red Barn and are not shown on this Pit Area Diagram.

*Trash is difficult and expensive to manage on the island. Therefore, we can offer additional bags for your pit at a \$5 per bag charge (what we're charged per bag).

MAIN ROADWAY

TO SWIM *

MAIN ROADWAY

< RUN IN / OUT

CROSSWALK

BIKE IN / BIKE OUT >

MANMOTH ENDURANCE TRAILER

Area Set aside for chairs / watching

Stand Here for
Check-in and
Merchandise

RUN TURNAROUND

BIKE TURNAROUND

MERCH /
CHECK-IN

MAIN
TENTING

AD DROP

SMALL
BARN

MTT

Idle Keep Tying

Activator Rucklowsky
Jesse Peister

Josh
Kieckler

Randy
Grand

Susan
McWayne

Team Kol
Pond

Mike
Himesh

Ingrid Barber

Heidi Videto

TriForce
Smazfest

< BATHROOMS

RED BARN

Team Firebird 1 & 2
Shannon Keating
Megan May

Chartreanagins

Runaway
Choo Choo

Where's The Finish

Heart & Sole

Bold Not Old

Addax

WestConsin

Miles &
Mistmomy

MKE to the
Rescue

Oliver Overhouse

Melissa Overhouse

Jen Kormanis

Nora McAndrew

David Holzer

Sara Hanaway

Madison
Ellenbecker

Christine Crawford

Joy Cantrall

Dawn Gruber

Jen Kormanis

Thomas Rosen

Karen Shandhan

Nicole Suts

Lori Jo Thomas

Alicia Burrill

Anthony Cantrall

Pamela Gau

John Biese

Aliana Nesbitt

Joy Palack

Shelly Colette

Shawn Johnson

Angie Karas

Jen Kieton

Elina Arroya

Joe Azara

Paro Baragh

Bob Bell

Joel McCutchen

Tad Reymes

Tonya Luniak

Organized Chaos

Team Pelt Shark

Aaron Paul

Don Wiger

Joe Peters

Ida Tri
Evy Keller

Susan
Andrew

CF
Winnebago

Sweet & Spicy Tamaras

Mermaid Squad

TRI-wizard Champions

Matt Kuehler
Latina Kuehler
Patrick Rusch
Allie Rusch

We Are On Vacation

Red, White & Blue Teams

TIMING / SCORING

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Completed triathlons (defined as: equal number of swim – bike – run laps) will be tallied to determine the final standings and overall results. Completed duathlons (defined as: equal number of run – bike – run laps) will be tallied to determine the final standings and overall results. Completed Endurance Cycling / Run laps will be tallied to determine final standings and overall results. Note: It is not necessary to do the laps in sequential order, but laps will be recorded and scored as swim – bike – run. Individual laps will be tallied to determine overall results counting the swim leg first, bike leg second and run leg third for the triathlon division. Individual laps will be tallied to determine overall results counting the run leg first, bike leg second and run leg third for the duathlon division.

EXAMPLES:

A. Completes 12 swims – 9 bikes – 10 runs

- Scoring = 9 complete triathlons + 1 swim lap

C. Completes 13 swims – 12 bikes – 11 runs

- Scoring = 11 complete triathlon + 1 swim lap + 1 bike lap

D. Completes 23 runs – 11 bikes

- Scoring = 11 complete duathlons + 1 run lap

E. Completes 21 runs – 12 bikes

- Scoring = 10 complete duathlons + 1 run lap + 1 bike lap

F. Completes 27 bikes

- Scoring = 27 bike laps

1. Extra laps that were completed, but not tallied due the swim, bike, run or run, bike, run scoring, will not count towards the final standing.

2. Ties will be broken by awarding the place to the first athlete back into transition, thus completing an equal amount of triathlons, duathlons or cycling faster than their competitor.

3. Athletes will have 48 hours to review the final standings posted by race official and argue any standing or finish position. After the 48 hour window – all results become official.

BASIC PACKING LIST

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CLOTHING:

- Running shoes
- Biking shoes
- Team Shirts
- Running shirt/tank x3
- Running shorts/pants x3
- Running socks x3
- Sports bra/ underwear
- Post-race shirt
- Long sleeve tech layer
- Sweatpants
- Warm Hoodie
- Light jacket
- Raincoat
- Compression socks
- Running Hat
- Flip Flops
- Running headband
- Running belt
- Swimsuit/Tri suit
- Wet suit
- Warm hat

ACCESSORIES:

- Goggles
- Swim cap
- Towel
- Smartphone
- Charger
- Camera
- Sunglasses
- Headphones
- Watch
- Foam Roller
- Helmet
- Bike
- Hydration belt

NIGHT GEAR:

- Headlamp
- Hand Flashlight
- Bike lights
- Chargers
- Reflective Gear

TOILETRIES:

- Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- comb/brush
- Anti-chafe cream
- Toothbrush/ paste
- Blister protection
- Ibuprofen
- Extra roll of TP
- Hand Sanitizer

CAMPING GEAR:

- 4 Person Tent
- Rain fly
- Camping Table
- Lantern
- Camping Chairs
- Sleeping bags
- Sleeping pad
- Cooler
- Tent decorations
- Reusable water bottle
- Hot/ Cold cup

NIGHTS ARE COLD!

Please be prepared for cold evenings on the Island. Although the weather is usually beautiful during the day, the temperature does typically drop quite a bit in the evening. We will have hoodies, blankets and other items for sale but you should be prepared for cold evenings when you're sitting around waiting for your turn to race.

COURSE MAPS

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INSIDE YOUR PACKET

1. All athletes receive a glow in the dark Mammoth Endurance wristband that must be worn at all times during the event. These wrist bands also act as your bib number and have your athlete ID on them. After completing a lap on the swim, bike or run you'll need to tell our timer your ID number so we can count your lap.
2. Pit Diagram, Schedule of Events & Lap Counter: All solo athletes and teams receive a lap counter in their packet. This can be used to track your own laps as you race. We time by hand and have done so from the start. If you'd like to check your lap count at anytime you may come ask our head timer. You'll also receive a schedule of events and a pit diagram to help you locate your pit area.
3. Merchandise Credit: Inside your packet will be a merchandise credit half sheet of paper that can be used to save money on race merchandise. I'll be honest, our gear is kind of expensive but it is very high quality. You put a ton of work into getting here, so we made the decision to spend the money on nicer gear.
4. Food Tickets: If you ordered lunch, pizza or dinner, you're meal tickets will be in your packet. You may purchase more meal tickets at the event for \$10 per meal - Please bring cash! When you go to fill your plate, just hand the volunteer your ticket as you enter the Red Barn.
5. Donation gifts: We've been working with the Island to make improvements at Gislason Beach, where the race is held. Special gifts for those who donated the proper amount will be inside your packet. You know who you are and you're thank you gift (s) will be in your bag!



FINISHER MEDALS

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MADE BY US - FOR YOU

In 2019 we decided to stop sourcing our medals from overseas and start making them by hand. I was tired of handing athletes a medal made in a factory in china - It just didn't mean anything. You bust your ass for hours on end so it just makes sense that you get something made by our hands. I know you don't do this stuff for the medal, but I want your finisher award to mean something more :) We spend lot's of late nights at the dinner table assembling, cutting, painting, staining and gluing these bad boys together. We hope you love them!



< example of our home made 2021 finisher medals

You know this years medals will be awesome since we have a full woodshed at our property now... stay tuned for more on this :)

And yes, Leo AND Ellie will have a say in this years design (like always).

RACE MERCHANDISE

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We've Got New Stuff!!

We've got new Mammoth and Island gear again this year. The bench hoodies sold so quickly last year so we decided to bring that idea back with a new design that again tips our hat at a historically part of the area that we get to race out of. We'll have some locally made pottery again and all the good things you're used to checking out. T's, Long sleeves, Sweatpants are back and some cool new smaller items we think you're going to dig.

Remember to bring cash with you! We DO NOT get any service or internet at the race site so we can't charge your card. We can get you change and we can also charge you after the race if you're unable to gran some cash on your way up.



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