



## For Immediate Release

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## Quick Facts:

- Between 11:30am and 1:30pm approximately one skier crosses the finish line per second (Hayward)
- The 107K Birkie Trail is used by skiers, runners, bikers, trekkers and hikers year-round
- The trail is available for use 365 days a year
- There are 8 trailheads: Powerline (4.5K), North End Cabin (Randysek Rd, two miles south from Cable), Timber Trail (9K), Birkie Ridge (Highway 63 two miles north from Seeley), Boedecker (18.5K), OO (22.8K), Mosquito Brook (38.1K), and Hatchery (44.3K)
- There are 5 warming huts along the trail
- The highest point on the trail is 1733 feet (528 m)
- The first Birkie had 35 participants
- The first Korte had 19 participants
- There are 8 aid stations for the Birkie
- There are 3 aid stations for the Kortelopet
- More than one in four participants classic ski
- Each year, three skiers and an infant dress in full costume as the original Birkebeiner warriors, Inga (mother of Prince Haakon) and Prince Haakon. In the final stretch of the race, a real infant "Prince" crosses the finish with the trio.
- At 48.5K, the trail leads onto Lake Hayward, then into town for the finish

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