



2025 **BarkieBirkie**
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GUIDE**

Hayward, Wisconsin - USA
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CROSS COUNTRY SKIING & DOG POWER!

You are registered for the 2025 Barkie Birkie Skijor!

Skijoring is derived from the Norwegian word skikjøring meaning ski driving. The sport has been around for hundreds of years and originally started using reindeer and wooden skis. This sport also uses horses, but dogs are now the most common animals used in skijoring. We are back on SNOW for 2025! Let's have some fun!

Event Options

- 5 km - for fast, experienced teams!
- 3 km - for those in-between.
- 1 km - for teams new to the sport or just looking for a fun experience!



REGISTRATION

Know anyone who still needs to register?

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

Skijor Team	\$50
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Note: Registration closes on Tuesday, February 18th, at 11:59 pm or when the race has reached capacity of 150 teams.

No on-site registration available.

DIRECTIONS & PARKING

Race Start

The Intersection of Main & 2nd Street, Downtown Hayward

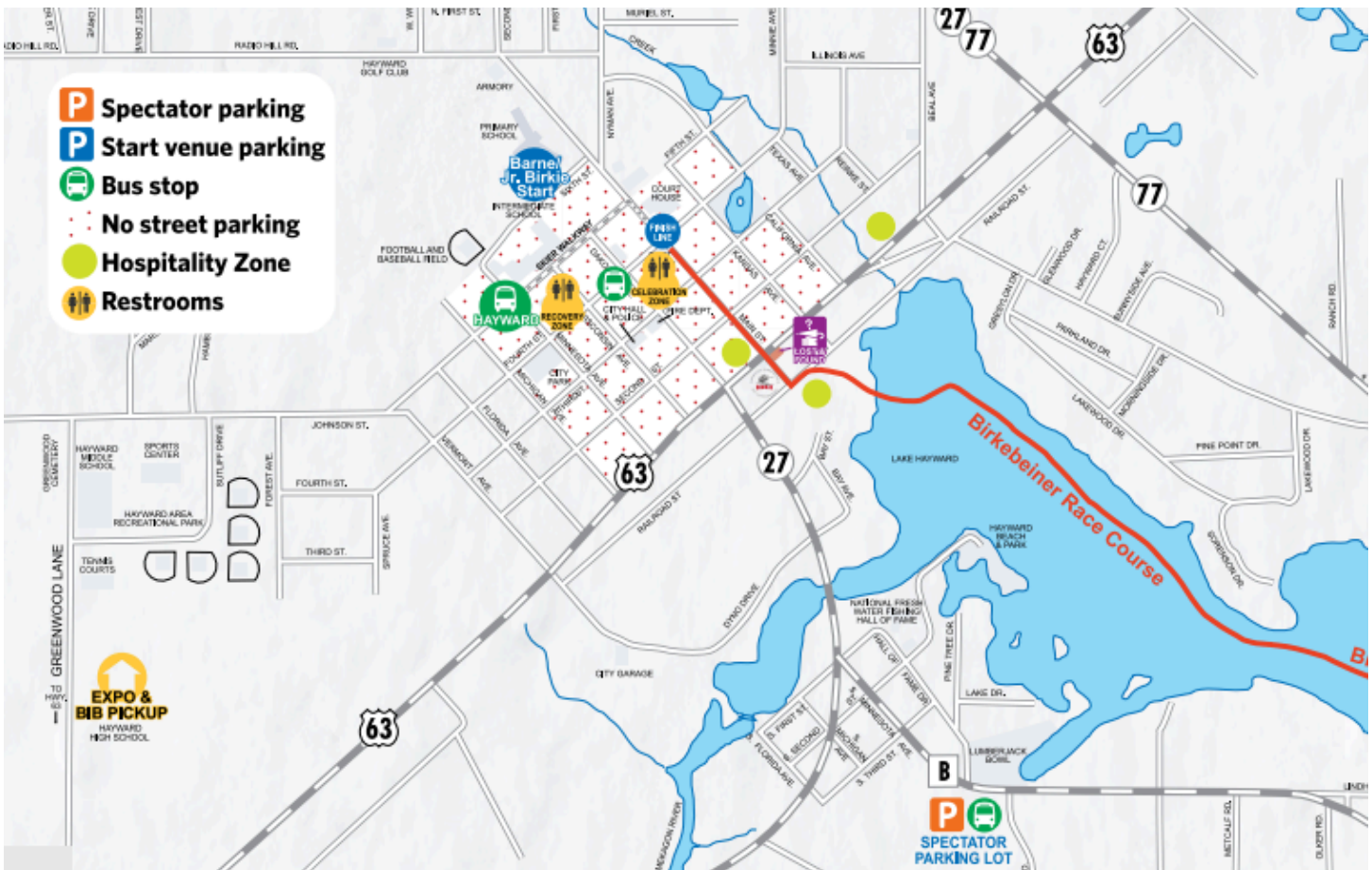
Race Finish

The American Birkebeiner Finish Line on Main Street

Limited parking is found in downtown Hayward. Please help ease the traffic congestion by utilizing the designated spectator parking on Hwy B (noted in orange on the map below). Buses will run continuously from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm from the Spectator Lot to the Registration Bus Stop, and from the Registration Bus Stop and the Celebration Zone Bus Stop to the Spectator Lot. Parking restrictions are in place on most of the downtown area streets.

THURSDAY SHUTTLE SCHEDULE		
TO	FROM	TIME
Spectator Lot	Recovery Zone/Bib Pick-up	9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Celebration Zone Bus Stop	Spectator Lot	9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Note: Dogs are NOT allowed on the shuttle buses.



BARKIE BIRKIE SCHEDULE

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Warm-up	Main Street & Golf Course
8:00 am - 9:15 am	Bib Pick-up	Celebration Tent
9:00 am	5 km Start	Main & 2nd Streets
9:45 am	3 km Start	Main & 2nd Streets
10:15 am	1 km Funskijor Start	Main & 2nd Streets
Immediately to Follow	Awards	Celebration Zone



BIB PICK-UP

Celebration Zone

(4th Street and Main Street)

Thursday | 8:00 am - 9:15 am

At bib pick-up, participants will receive their cloth race bib. Race bibs worn by skijorer must be visible at all times to ensure proper race results!

Note: Dogs are NOT allowed in the Celebration Tent.

GENERAL RULES

- Skijorers may ski using either skate or classic technique.
- Dogs must be treated humanely at all times.
- Dogs must be controlled and kept from other teams.
- Loose dogs are not permitted at any time.
- Aggressive dogs are prohibited from the event.
- Waste is the dog owner's responsibility and it must be picked up immediately.

DOG REQUIREMENTS



All dogs must be sufficiently fit to be able to complete the course without risk of injury.

Dogs must be healthy and have up-to-date vaccinations.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Skate or classic skis are allowed.
- Metal ski edges are not permitted.
- Skijor belt is required and must be padded.
- Towline must use internal bungee.
- The distance between the skier and the dog should be between 7 feet and 10 feet.
- A pulling style dog harness is required with padding around the neck area.
- Each dog must wear a snug fitting dog collar.
- Under no circumstances can the towline be attached to the dog's collar or any harness not specifically designed for pulling.

VENUE & COURSE MAPS

Barkie Birkie Skijor

The race starts at the intersection of Main & 2nd Street in Hayward and heads up Main Street to 6th Street. The course then turns left onto 6th Street and right onto the fields behind the Hayward Primary School.

From there a large loop circles the Hayward Golf Course. At the completion of the loop the 5K Skijorers will ski a second lap of the same loop. The 3K Skijorers will complete only one lap on the golf course. After completing the required number of laps racers retrace their route back to 6th Street, turn right on Main Street, finishing at the start area. The 1K Course will follow the same route as the other races but will turn right onto the 1K Cut-off trail shortly after entering the golf course, then right on the return trail to Main Street.



WARM-UP

Warm up is Main Street and the golf course before the 1st race, in the direction of race travel. Access to the golf course is behind the Hayward Intermediate School on 5th Street, only two blocks from the bib pick up tent in the Celebration Zone.

START FORMAT

- Skijorers must provide their own handler if there is any concern about maintaining adequate control in the start area. Handlers may not stay in the start/finish area while the team is on course.
- The front tips of the skijorer's skis must be behind the start line prior to the signal to start. The dog may start "lined out" ahead of the start line.
- The skijorer's race bib must be visible to race officials.

ON COURSE

- There are a few sections of course with two-way traffic.
- Skijorers must stay to the right if facing an oncoming team.

PASSING

- A passing skijorer must execute a pass only when conditions are safe.
- The skijorer must shout "Trail", "On your left", etc. before attempting to pass.
- The skijorer being passed should slow and move to the side of the trail, if possible.
- The skijorer being passed should stop poling and hold their poles behind, low, and away from the passing team.
- Skijorers must exhibit care, good judgment, and fairness whenever passing occurs.

FINISHING THE RACE

- Skijorers must exit the finish area as soon as possible.
- No finish line food or beverages will be available.
- **Dogs are not allowed in the Celebration Tent after the Barkie Birkie Skijor races**



AWARDS

Awards will be presented immediately following the races in the Celebration Zone!

The top three men and women in both Skijoring races –the 5 km and 3 km–will receive awards. All participants will be awarded finishers' medals at the finish line.

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RESULTS

Scan the QR code for Barkie Birkie race results!

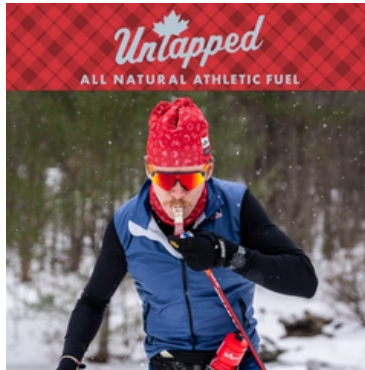


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