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# RACE GUIDE



## 52<sup>nd</sup> AMERICAN **BIRKEBEINER**<sup>®</sup> *& Birkie Week Events*

CABLE-HAYWARD, WI \* FEBRUARY 18-22, 2026

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Wednesday, February 18, 2026

- **American Birkebeiner Open Track Start in Cable** - 8:00am to 9:00am
- **Kortelopet Open Track Start at OO Trailhead** - 11:00am to 11:45am
- **Prince Haakon Open Track Start on Phipps Rd.** - 11:00am to 11:30am

## Thursday, February 19, 2026

- **Barkie Birkie Skijor** - 9:00am
- **Birkie Expo & On-Snow Ski Demo** - 10:00am to 8:00pm
- **Barnebirkie** - 11:30am
- **Junior Birkie** - 1:00pm
- **Junior Birkie Relays** - immediately following Junior Birkie individual sprints
- **Birkie Giant Ski** - 5:00pm
- **Birkie Bash** - 5:30pm Social, 6:00pm Dinner
  - Tickets must be purchased in advanced at [www.Birkie.com](http://www.Birkie.com)
  - Steakhouse & Lodge, Hayward WI

## Friday, February 20, 2026

- **Birkie Expo & On-Snow Ski Demo** 9:00am to 8:00pm
- **Kortelopet - 29K Classic & Skate** - 10:15am
- **Prince Haakon 15K** - 1:15pm

## Saturday, February 21, 2026

- **52nd Annual Slumberland American Birkebeiner**
  - **50K Skate/53K Classic** - 8:15am

## Sunday, February 22 | On-Snow Ski Demo - 9:00am to 1:00pm

- Mt. Telemark Village Hub - Try equipment from the world's greatest ski brands!

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# Welcome to BIRKIELAND!



On behalf of the ABSF Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and community, welcome to the 52nd Anniversary of the American Birkebeiner during the 2026 Winter Olympics! We hope you're ready to embrace your Olympic moment on in Downtown Hayward!

After two challenging years, winter in the Northwoods is back! Ever since Thanksgiving week brought a dumping of snow back in November, Mt. Telemark Village has come to life as North America's premier cross-country ski destination. The snow has been consistent, along with the cold. This is what winter in Northern Wisconsin is supposed to be.

With such a wonderfully snowy season, this week couldn't come soon enough. Birkie isn't just a race—it's a tradition, a celebration, and a test of endurance, passion, and community spirit. Whether you're here to ski, cheer, or take in the electric atmosphere, we're committed to delivering an incredible experience.

Be sure to review this guide for key updates and changes to this year's event. Whether it's your first Kortelopet, third Prince Haakon, or sixteenth American Birkebeiner, being prepared will help you make the most of your race.

2026 has already been an incredibly successful winter, and we're looking forward to this Birkie Week of skiing celebrations as the pinnacle of this ski season. Huge thanks to our community, volunteers, and everyone working behind the scenes to bring you a world-class event. If you have any questions, reach out—we're here to help. See you at the finish line on **Main Street, Hayward!**



Ben Popp, Executive Director  
American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation

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## PRE-RACE TRAIL CLOSURE

The American Birkebeiner Ski Trail officially closes for final preparations on Sunday, February 15 at 11:59pm.

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# General Birkie Week Info

## BIRKIE EXPO

- Parking is available on-site
- Camp Norway On-Snow Ski Demo from 11:00am - 4:30pm Thursday & Friday
- Merchandise in the Birkie Store
- Expert talks by top brands - schedule on [birkie.com](http://birkie.com)
- See race sections for bib pickup details

### Hours:

- Thursday, February 19, 10am-8pm
- Friday, February 20, 9am-8pm

### Location:

- Hayward High School, 10320 Greenwood Lane

## Vendors

ABR Trails Foundation	EnjoyWinter: Peltonen	Nordic Ski Lab
AdventureUS	Fischer/ One Way	Nordjork
Alpina	Gear West	Pioneer Midwest
American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation	Hallett Ironworks	Rex Wax
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Birchleggers Club	Kastle	Slumberland
Bjorn Daehlie	Kemps	Sons of Norway
Borah	Kuvetta	Swix
Brynje of Norway	KV+	Telemark Biathlon Club
Cable Natural History Museum	La Crosse Technology	Telemark Northwoods
Camp Norway	Lumi Experiences	Lodging
Cedar & Stone Nordic Sauna	Madshus	Toko
Cool Planet	Maloja	Ulko Gear
CXC	Milwaukee Man Cave/	UnTapped
Earth Rider	Northern Lakes Cooperative	YMCA of the North
EnjoyWinter: Bliz	Mt. Van Hoevenberg &	
EnjoyWinter: KinetiXx	Olympic Jumping Complex	
EnjoyWinter: Noname	Muck Boots	

## BIRKIE STORE

- At the Birkie Expo, Thursday 10am-8pm & Friday 9am-8pm
- Downtown Celebration Area
  - Wed. 10am-3pm
  - Thur. 10am-5pm
  - Fri. 10am-5pm
  - Sat. 9am-5pm
  - Sun. 9am-1pm



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# General Birkie Week Info

## AMERICAN BIRKEBEINER APP

- Download the Birkie App from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
- Track participants, get notifications, find the participant guide, and more!
- Make a plan in advance of the race to reunite with skiers
- Cellular service can be spotty & unpredictable during Birkie Week
  - Download before coming up to the Northwoods or while on WiFi



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Need assistance on course?  
Find one of these bibs to help!



## IF YOU SEE SOMETHING... SAY SOMETHING

To send an anonymous tip to law enforcement officials for activities related to and during Birkie Week events, please text: TIP BIRKIE, followed by message or report, to phone number 888777.



Share your Birkie Week photos with us!

#BirkieFever | #Birkie52 | [birkie.com](http://birkie.com)

# Wednesday, February 18, 2026

## Open Track Events



**American  
Birkebeiner**  
Open Track

**Kortelopet**  
Open Track

**Prince  
Haakon**  
Open Track

### OPEN TRACK DISTANCES / START TIMES

- American Birkebeiner OT (50K/53K) 8am-9am Start Window
- Kortelopet OT (29K) 11am-11:45am Start Window
- Prince Haakon OT (15K) 11:00am-11:30am Start Window
- 5:00pm Finish time cut off

**If you are registered for Wed. Open Track you MUST ski on Wednesday. No transfers allowed to events on other days.**

### OPEN TRACK BIB PICKUP

- Tuesday, 4pm-7pm at the Celebration Tent, Corner of 4th & Main Streets, Hayward
- Wednesday, 6:30am-10:00am at the Celebration Tent Corner of 4th & Main Streets, Hayward
- **No bibs are available at the start area of Open Track events**

### Credentials Required for Bib Pick-Up

- You must bring a PHOTO ID to pick up your bib
- Youth without a photo ID need to be verified by their parent/guardian.
- You may pick up a bib for another skier. You must have a paper or electronic copy of the other skier(s) bib confirmation email(s), copy of photo ID, and signed authorization
- Entries are non-transferable between individuals

### Birkie Gear Bag Pick-Up

- You will receive your pre-ordered Birkie Gear Bag or Plastic Bag at Bib pickup in the Celebration Tent. Or reuse a Birkie Gear Bag that you already have! #BirkieGreen



# Wednesday, February 18, 2026

## Open Track Events

### 2026 OPEN TRACK RACE BIBS



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BIRKIE OPEN TRACK BIRCHLECKER



BIRKIE OPEN TRACK



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### OPEN TRACK RACE DAY BAG DROP/PICKUP

**There is only one drop zone in the start area**

- Only Birkie gear bags and plastic gear bags received at bib pick-up will be accepted
- Absolutely no skis, poles, or other bags will be accepted
- Your bib number must be prominently displayed on your gear bag
- Do not overfill your bag or place items in the outside pockets
- Close, buckle, or tie your bag before dropping it off

#### Picking up your bag

- All bags will be transported to the Recovery Zone in downtown Hayward
- You must present a bib to retrieve your gear bag, you may send someone to pick your bag up for you
- The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation is not responsible for lost or stolen items

# Wednesday, February 18, 2026

## Open Track Events

**American  
Birkebeiner**  
Open Track

**Kortelopet**  
Open Track

**Prince  
Haakon**  
Open Track

### GETTING TO THE START

- Bus from Spectator Lot, 15643 Co Rd B, Hayward
- Get dropped off at the start - American Birkebeiner and Kortelopet only
- Park at the Start - Birkie and Korte participants only.
  - Upon finishing, skiers must arrange transportation back to the start venues
  - No bussing back to the start!
- All Prince Haakon participants must bus from the Spectator Lot!

### OPEN TRACK SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Continuous Shuttle Service To & From (see map pg 48)	Continuous Shuttle Service To & From (see map pg 43)	Hours of Operation
Spectator Parking Lot	American Birkebeiner OT Start	7:15am-8am
Spectator Parking Lot	Kortelopet OT Start	10am-10:30am
Spectator Parking Lot	Prince Haakon OT Start	10am-10:30am
Celebration Zone Bus Stop	Spectator Parking Lot	12pm-5:30pm

**Spectators are welcome to ride buses!**

### WAX QUESTIONS?

Visit our industry partners at the Expo for wax recommendations.



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## Open Track Events

### AID STATIONS

- **Fuel Up!** UnTapped Fuel, UnTapped Waffles & MapleAid  
Hydration, water, & food options at the aid stations
- **Trash Penalty!** Trash disposal available at every aid station on course in labeled bins. If you throw trash anywhere along the trail, you may receive a 15 minute time penalty added to your official finish time
  - Report trash violations by emailing [birkie@birkie.com](mailto:birkie@birkie.com)
- **Wax:** Rex Wax is available at each aid station
- **Poles:** SWIX replacement poles are available at each aid station
- After the race, return the pole(s) at the finish line



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of the American Birkebeiner



### AID STATION LOCATIONS & CUT-OFF TIMES

#### Kortelopet Open Track & Prince Haakon Open Track Aid Station Hours & Cut-Off Times

Aid Station Location	Distance from Start Kortelopet	Distance from Start Prince Haakon	Aid Station Hours	Cut-off Time Open Track
Gravel Pit Aid Station	9km	--	10:30am-1:30pm	1:30pm
Mosquito Brook Aid Station	15km	--	11:00am-2:30pm	2:30pm
Camp Norway Hatchery Park Aid Station	21km	7.5km	11:30am-3:30pm	3:30pm
Finish Line	29km	15km	5:00pm	5:00pm

# Wednesday, February 18, 2026

## Open Track Events

### American Birkebeiner Open Track Aid Station Hours & Cut-Off Times

Aid Station Location	From Start (Skate)	From Start (Classic)	Aid Station Hours	Cut-off Time
Start	0	0	--	--
Timber Trail Aid Station	7km	6km	9:20am-11:00am	11:00am
Fire Tower Aid Station	12km	12.5km	9:30am-12:00pm	12:00pm
Bodecker Aid Station	16.5km	18km	10:00am-1:00pm	1:00pm
DH Docks Highway OO Aid Station	21km	24km	10:00am-1:30pm	1:30pm
Gravel Pit Aid Station	30km	33km	10:30am-2:00pm	2:00pm
Mosquito Brook Aid Station	36km	39km	11:00am-2:30pm	2:30pm
Camp Norway Hatchery Park Aid Station	42km	45km	11:30am- 3:30pm	3:30pm
Finish Line	50km	53km	Finish Cut-off Time: 5:00 pm	5:00pm



### MEDICAL CARE

- The course is monitored by medical professionals and members of the National Ski Patrol.



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### DROPPING OUT OR MISSING THE CUT-OFF TIME

- It is imperative that we know if a skier drops out!
- If you drop out at another location, you must call Birkie Office at 715-634-5025
- Skiers who drop out must report to a Birkie Chief at an aid station or Finish Line
- Transport to the finish line will be provided for those who are unable to continue or missed the cut off time at aid stations

### FINISH TIMES

Participants are expected to finish on Main Street from 11am-5pm.



### FINISH ZONE



#### Medical Care

- A team of trained medical professionals from Tamarack Health will be serving those in need of assistance in the Finish Zone

#### Finisher Medals and Pins

- Each finisher will receive a commemorative medal or pin indicating the total number of races completed (2026 included) and Salomon ski ties
- Completing the American Birkebeiner Open Track or Kortelopet Open Track counts toward your decade award
- Decade awards can be picked up at the Birkie Store in the Celebration Zone during store hours see page 38.
- If you can't pick up your award in person, you may request that it be shipped to you, at your expense, until March 31, 2026. Visit [Birkie .com](http://Birkie.com) and complete the necessary form to ship your award.

#### Refreshments & Nutrition- immediately at the finish

- UnTapped Hydration & water
- Kemp's chocolate milk
- Kodiak bars
- Please remember to recycle your milk jugs and dispose of trash in the designated containers found throughout the Finish Zone

### RECOVERY ZONE

#### 15918 5th St, Hayward

#### Birkie Gear Bag & Plastic Gear Bag Pick-Up

- You must have your bib with you to claim your gear bag
- Go to the sign indicating your wave number, show the volunteer your bib number, and they'll retrieve your gear bag
- Friends/family can pick up your bag if they have your bib

#### Changing Area

- Changing space only, there are no showers available
- Mother's Tent available ([see Page 36](#))

#### Finisher Meal

- Enjoy soup (vegetarian and gluten free options available), bananas, oranges, cookies, Swiss Miss Hot Chocolate, and bread
- Earth Rider Beer will be for sale in the Celebration Zone, cheers!

# Thursday, February 19, 2026

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## THURSDAY EVENTS - SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

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| • Barkie Birkie Skijor Races | 9:00am         |
| • Birkie Expo                | 10:00am–8:00pm |
| • Barnebirkie                | 11:30am        |
| • Junior Birkie              | 1:00pm         |
| • Birkie Giant Ski           | 5:00pm         |
| • Birkie Bash                | 5:30pm–8:30pm  |

## BIB PICKUP

### Barkie Birkie Skijor Races

8:00am–9:15am Celebration Zone, Corner of 4th & Main Streets, Hayward

### Barnebirkie

9:30am–11:30am Hayward Intermediate School, 15930 5th St, Hayward

### Junior Birkie Races

9:30am–1:30pm Hayward Intermediate School, 15930 5th St, Hayward, (Individual Sprints)

2:30pm Main Street (Relays)

### Giant Ski

Hayward Area Chamber 15805 US-63, Hayward, until 3pm & Start line at 4pm

## JR. BIRKIE GEAR BAG PICK-UP

- Birkie Jr. Gear Bag pickup at Barnebirkie and Junior Birkie bib pickup
- If you are unable to pickup your Junior Bag, you can have it mailed to you if requested by March 31, 2026. Visit [birkie.com](http://birkie.com) for more details.

## HOW TO GET THERE

- Park in the Spectator Parking Lot and ride to Downtown Hayward (see map, pg 42)
- Dogs are not allowed on buses
- Parking on city streets is VERY limited. Please park at the Spectator Lot and utilize shuttle buses

Continuous Shuttle Service To & From (see map, pg 48)	Continuous Shuttle Service To & From	Hours of Operation
Spectator Parking Lot	Recovery Zone/Bib Pick-Up	9:30am-2pm
Celebration Zone Bus Stop	Spectator Parking Lot	9:30am-4:30pm

# Thursday, February 19, 2026

**BarkieBirkie**  
**BIRKIE**



## BARKIE BIRKIE RACES

**Races begin at 9:00am**

- **Location:** All races start and finish on Main Street, Hayward
- **Bib Pick-Up:** Thursday, 8:00am–9:15am in the Celebration Zone
- **Awards:** Awards are presented immediately following races.  
All participants will be awarded a finisher medal.

Start Time	Group	Location
8am–8:45am	Warm Up	Golf Course & Main Street
8am–9:15am	Bib Pick-Up	Celebration Zone Tent
9am	5km Start	Main Street
9:45am	3 km Start	Main Street
10:15am	1 km Start	Main Street

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**Begins at 11:30am**

- **Location:** Start behind the Hayward Intermediate and Primary Schools and finish on Main Street
- **Parking:** Continuous shuttle bus service is available to/from the Spectator Lot from 9:30am–4:30pm
- **Bib Pick-Up:** Thursday, 9:30am–11:30am in the Hayward Intermediate School. Register online anytime before the start of the race.
- **Awards:** Individual medals are awarded at the Finish Line
- **Celebrate:** Swiss Miss Cocoa and cookies provided by the Sons of Norway at the Finish Line
- **More:** To preserve the integrity of the course, spectators must stay on the pedestrian path and sidewalk area. Only kids and adults **on skis** are allowed on the course.

Start Time	Wave	Distance
11:30am	Purple	500 m (0.3 miles)
11:35am	Red	3 km (1.9 miles)
11:40am	Green	1 km (0.6 miles)



# Thursday, February 19, 2026



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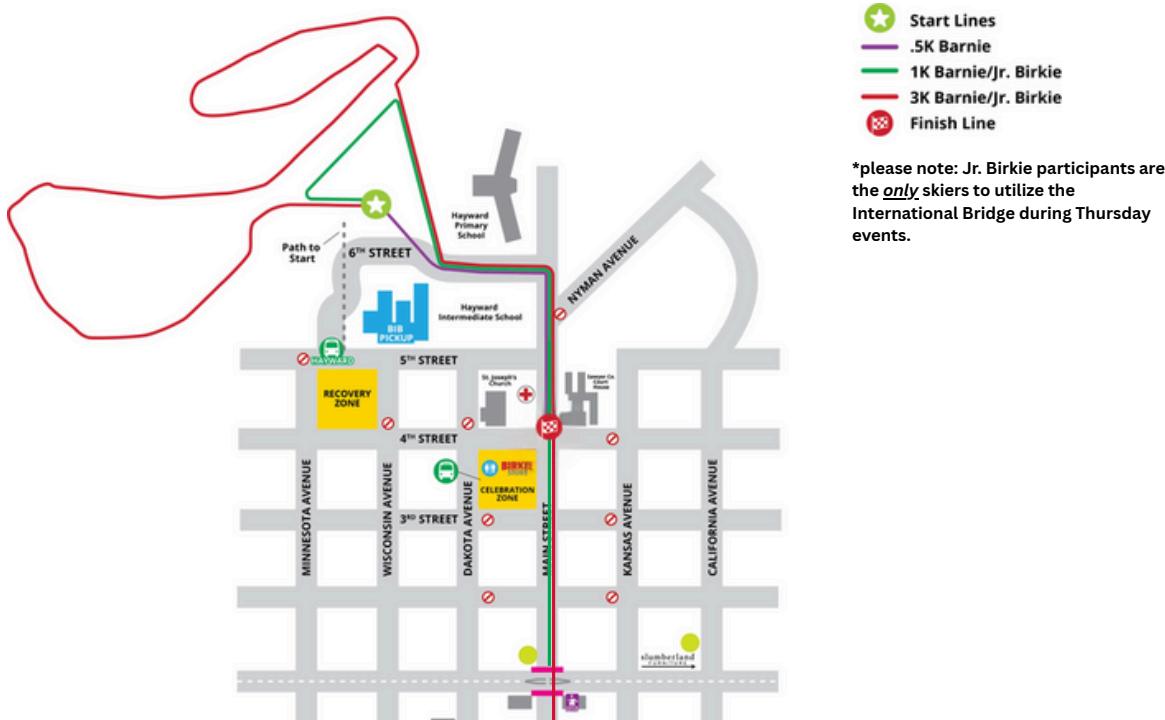
## JUNIOR BIRKIE MASS START FREESTYLE RACES - Begins at 1:00pm

- **Location:** Races begin behind the Hayward Intermediate and Primary Schools and finish on Main St.
- **Parking:** Continuous shuttle bus service is available to/from Spectator Lot from 9:30am–4:30pm
- **Bib Pick-Up:** Thursday, 9:30am–1:30pm in the Hayward Intermediate School. Registration closes at 6:59pm on Wed, February 18
- **Awards:** Awards for top 3 in each age group are presented after each race at the Champions Stage in the Celebration Zone

## JUNIOR BIRKIE TEAM SPRINT RELAYS

**Begins at 3:00pm**

- **Location:** Races start and finish on Main Street, Hayward
- **Parking:** Continuous shuttle bus service is available to/from the Spectator Lot from 9:30am–4:30pm
- **Bib Pick-Up:** Thursday 2:30 pm, at the Start line on Main Street after the individual events finish. Registration closes at 6:59pm on Wed, February 18th
- **Awards:** The top team in each age group will receive an award at the Champions Stage in the Celebration Zone



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## BIRKIE GIANT SKI – Heats Begin at 5:00pm

- **Location:** Races start and finish on Main Street, Hayward, between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- **Bib Pick-Up:** Bib pick-up for team captains is available Monday through Wednesday from 9am–5pm and Thursday from 9am–3pm at the Hayward Area Chamber of Commerce or Thursday after 4pm at the start line
- **Awards:** Presented following races to the top 2 teams
- **Costume Contest:** Winning team will receive free entry into the 2027 Birkie Giant Ski



## BIRKIE BASH- Our Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!

- **5:30PM–8:30PM (Buffet closes at 8:00pm)**

The Birkie Bash pasta feed includes a pasta & salad bar, Earth Rider Beer, Tattersall WI-Ski, and live music by Molly and the Danger Band.

- **Birkie Trivia!** New this year is Birkie Trivia! Win prizes!
- **Tickets:** Purchase online at [Birkie.com](http://Birkie.com) \$60 a person, \$45 for ABSF Members
- **Location:** Steakhouse & Lodge, 15860 T Bone Lane, Hayward, WI 54843

## CELEBRATION AREA & AWARDS

See pages 37-38 for Celebration Area & Awards info

# Friday, February 20, 2026



## FRIDAY EVENTS - SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

- Worldloppet Breakfast Gathering 7:30am
- Birkie Expo 9:00am-8:00pm
- Kortelopet 10:15am-5:00pm
- Prince Haakon 1:15pm-5:00pm

## WORLDLOPPET BREAKFAST GATHERING

- **Who:** All skiers are invited to join Worldloppet Passport holders and Worldloppet Master Skiers for a European-style breakfast.
- **Where:** Steakhouse and Lodge, 15860 T Bone Lane, Hayward, WI
- **When:** 7:00am coffee & social, 7:30am breakfast
- **Tickets:** Pre-register: \$20 / At the Door: \$25 (Masters – contact Ben Popp for Free Admission)
- **Shuttle bus:** Available to Kortelopet start directly from the Worldloppet breakfast - for skiers only

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## BIRKIE EXPO: 9AM-8PM

- **Location:** Hayward High School, 10320 Greenwood Lane
- Parking is available on-site
- Over 50 vendors
- On-Snow Ski Demo
- Birkie Store merchandise 9:00am-8:00pm
- Expert talks by top brands
- Bib pick-up for the Slumberland American Birkebeiner

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## PASTA FEED

- **Location:** St. Joseph Church, 5th & Dakota Ave
- **Time:** 4:00pm-7:00pm
- **Price:** \$15 Adults | \$7 Ages 6-12 | FREE Ages 5 & under
- **Proceeds benefit:** All proceeds support Meals on Wheels, helping provide nutritious meals and care to seniors in Sawyer County. Bring your family, invite your friends, and enjoy a warm meal for a great cause!

# Friday, February 20, 2026

**Kortelopet**  
BIRKIE

**SALOMON**

## KORTELOPET – BIB PICKUP

- Thursday, 10:00am – 8:00pm | Birkie Expo
- Friday, 8:30am–11:00am | at the Kortelopet start

### Credentials Required for Bib Pick-Up

- You must bring a PHOTO ID to pick up your bib
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- You may pick up a bib for another skier. You must have a paper or electronic copy of the other skier(s) bib confirmation email(s), copy of photo ID, and signed authorization
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### Birkie Gear Bag Pick-Up

- You will receive your pre-ordered Birkie Gear Bag or Plastic Bag at Bib pickup during listed Expo hours before your race, or at the Bib pickup tent on race morning. Consider reusing a Birkie Gear Bag that you already have! #BirkieGreen

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## GETTING TO THE START - KORTELOPET

- All participants and spectators must bus from the Birkie Ridge Lot (see map, pg 43)
- Birkie Ridge to start: 8:00am-12:30pm
- Recovery Zone back to Birkie Ridge: 12:30pm-5:30pm

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## TIMING YOUR ARRIVAL

- Allow plenty of drive time to get to Birkie Ridge Parking due to race day traffic
- Plan to arrive at the parking lot at least an hour and a half before your start time
- If you miss your start, you will be allowed to start in a later wave

Continuous Shuttle Service To & From (see map, pg 43)	Continuous Shuttle Service To & From	Hours of Operation
Birkie Ridge Parking Lot	Kortelopet Start	8am-12:30pm
Spectator Parking Lot	Celebration Zone Bus Stop	9:30 am-5:30pm
Recovery Zone	Birkie Ridge Parking Lot	12:30 pm-5:30pm
Recovery Zone	Kortelopet Start (permit holders only)	12:30pm-5:30pm

# Friday, February 20, 2026

## 2026 KORTELOPET RACE BIBS



KORTE ELITE MALE



KORTE ELITE FEMALE



KORTE WAVE 1



KORTE WAVE 2



KORTE WAVE 3



KORTE WAVE 4



KORTE WAVE 5



KORTE WAVE 70



KORTE U20 MALE



KORTE U20 FEMALE



KORTE TJUE



KORTE TRETTI



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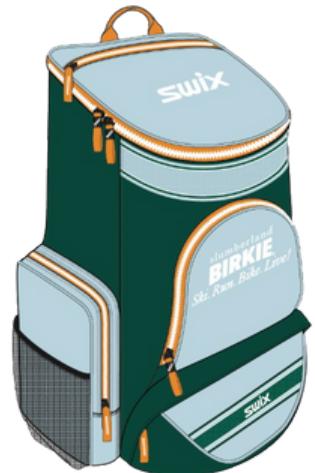
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## RACE DAY BAG DROP/PICKUP

**Bag drop is arranged by wave**

**Classic and Skate waves drop in the same location**

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- Absolutely no skis, poles, or other bags will be accepted
- Your bib number must be prominently displayed on your gear bag
- Do not overfill your bag or place items in the exterior pockets
- Close, buckle, or tie your bag before dropping it off
- Once your bag is dropped it cannot be retrieved until it arrives in the Recovery Zone



### Picking up your bag

- All bags will be transported to the Recovery Zone in downtown Hayward
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- You must present a bib to retrieve your gear bag, you may send someone to pick up your bag for you if they have your bib

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## START PROCEDURE

- There are three start pens leading to the start line. Skiers should enter at the back of gate 3, where they will advance through the pens toward the start.
- Check the wave table start to determine your appropriate time to enter gate 3
- Late skiers may be able to enter through the side gates, but will not get priority
- Skiers may not put on their skis until they enter Gate 1
- Skiers must line up in the classic tracks, not between the tracks
- The lifting of the Start Gate is the official wave start
- Please follow the instruction of the Gatekeepers

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## TIMING PROCEDURE

- Starting before your assigned start time will lead to disqualification
- Skiers who miss their start will be allowed to start in a later wave
- Race times for the Elite and U20 waves will be determined by Gun Time (all skiers in the wave receive the same start time). All other waves will be determined by Chip Time (start time is assigned to each skier when they cross the start line)
- Kortelopet winners are first skiers male and female skiers across the finish line

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## WAXING QUESTIONS

Visit our industry partners at the Expo for wax recommendations.

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## KORTELOPET WAVE TABLE

Wave	Gate 3 Entry	Gate 2 Entry	Gate 1 Entry	Start Time
Elite Skate Men			10:05am	10:15am
U20 Men		10:05am	10:10am	10:15am
Elite Skate Women	10:05am	10:10am	10:15am	10:25am
U20 Women	10:10am	10:15am	10:20am	10:25am
Elite Classic Men/Women	10:15am	10:20am	10:25am	10:35am
U20 Classic Men/Women	10:20am	10:25am	10:30am	10:35am
Wave 1 Classic	10:25am	10:30am	10:35am	10:40am
Wave 1 Skate	10:30am	10:35am	10:40am	10:45am
Wave 70	10:35am	10:40am	10:45am	10:50am
Wave 2 Classic	10:40am	10:45am	10:50am	10:55am
Wave 2 Skate	10:45am	10:50am	10:55am	11:00am
Wave 3 Classic	10:50am	10:55am	11:00am	11:05am
Wave 3 Skate	10:55am	11:00am	11:05am	11:10am
Wave 4 Classic	11:00am	11:05am	11:10am	11:15am
Wave 4 Skate	11:05am	11:10am	11:15am	11:20am
Wave 5 Skate	11:10am	11:15am	11:20am	11:25am



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## AID STATIONS



- **Fuel Up!** Water, UnTapped Fuel & Hydration and other food options
- **Trash Penalty!** Throwing trash outside of an aid station will result in a 15 minute time penalty added to your official finish time
  - Report trash violations by emailing [birkie@birkie.com](mailto:birkie@birkie.com)
- **Wax:** Rex Wax is available at each aid station
- **Poles:** SWIX replacement poles are available at each aid station
  - Return borrowed poles at the finish line
  - Broken poles may be picked up at Lost & Found



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## AID STATION LOCATIONS & CUT-OFF TIMES

Aid Station Location	Distance from Start Kortelopet	Cut-off time
Gravel Pit Aid Station	9 km	1:30pm
Mosquito Brook Aid Station	15km	2:30pm
Camp Norway Hatchery Park Aid Station	21km	3:35pm
Finish Line	29km	5pm

**Camp Norway**  
ALFA BRYNJE MADSHUS  
ROJEFELLA SWIX åsnes

## AID STATION MEDICAL CARE

- Each aid station is equipped with a shelter and staffed by medical professionals
- The course is monitored by members of the National Ski Patrol

## DROPPING OUT OR MISSING THE CUT-OFF TIME

- It is imperative that we know if a skier drops out!
- Skiers who drop out at an aid station must report to the on site Birkie Medical Chief
- If you drop out at another location, you must call Birkie Office at 715-634-5025
- Transport to the finish line will be provided for those who are unable to continue or missed the cut off time at an aid station

# Friday, February 20, 2026



## FINISH ZONE



Tamarack Health

### Medical Care

- A team of trained medical professionals from Tamarack Health will be serving those in need of assistance at the Finish Zone

### Medals, Pins, and Ski Ties

- First time finishers will receive a commemorative medal
- All other finishers will receive a pin indicating the total number of Kortelopet races completed
- Everyone receives a pair of Salomon ski ties

### Refreshments & Nutrition

- UnTapped Mapleaid, Kemp's chocolate milk, and Kodiak bars
- Please remember to recycle your milk jugs and dispose of trash in the designated containers found throughout the Finish Zone



## RECOVERY ZONE 15918 5th St, Hayward

### Gear Bag Pick-Up

- You must have your bib with you to claim your gear bag
- Go to the sign indicating your wave number, show the volunteer your bib number, and they'll retrieve your gear bag
- Friends/family can pick up your bag if they have your bib

### Changing Area

- Changing space only, there are no showers available
- Mother's Tent available

### Finish Area Food Tent - Skiers Only

- Enjoy soup (vegetarian and gluten free options available), bananas, oranges, cookies, and bread
- Additional food is available for purchase in the Celebration Zone

**See Bus Schedules on page 50 to return to parking lot**



## CELEBRATION AREA & AWARDS

**See pages 37-38 for Celebration Area & Awards info**

# Friday, February 20, 2026



## BIB PICKUP - PRINCE HAAKON

- Thursday, 10am-8pm, Birkie Expo
- Friday, 12:00pm-1:30pm, at the start

### Credentials Required for Bib Pick-Up

- You must bring a PHOTO ID to pick up your bib
- Youth without a photo ID will be verified by their parent/guardian
- You may pick up a bib for another skier. You must have a paper or electronic copy of the other skier(s) bib confirmation email(s), copy of photo ID, and signed authorization
- Entries are non-transferable between individuals

### Birkie Gear Bag Pick-Up

- You will receive your pre-ordered Birkie Gear Bag or Plastic Bag at Bib pickup during listed Expo hours before your race, or at the Bib pickup Tent on race day. Consider reusing a Birkie Gear Bag that you already have! #BirkieGreen

## RACE DAY BAG DROP

### There is only one drop zone in the start area.

- Only Birkie gear bags and plastic bags received at bib pick-up will be accepted
- Absolutely no skis, poles, or other bags will be accepted
- Your bib number must be prominently displayed on your gear bag
- Do not overfill your bag or place items in the outside pockets
- Close, buckle, or tie your bag before dropping it off
- The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation is not responsible for lost or stolen items

### Picking up your bag

- All bags will be transported to the Recovery Zone in Downtown Hayward
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# Friday, February 20, 2026

## GETTING TO THE START - PRINCE HAAKON

- All participants and spectators must bus from the Birkie Ridge Lot (see map, pg 43)
  - Birkie Ridge Lot to Start: 11:30am-1:45pm
  - **There is no parking or drop-off at the start area**
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## TIMING YOUR ARRIVAL

- Allow plenty of drive time to get to skier parking lots due to traffic on race day
- Plan to arrive at the Birkie Ridge parking lot at least 1.0 hours before your start time
- Spectators are welcome to ride buses (see schedule below)

Continuous Shuttle Service To & From (see map, pg 43)	Continuous Shuttle Service To & From	Hours of Operation
Birkie Ridge Parking Lot	Prince Haakon Start	11:30am-1:45pm
Recovery Zone Bus Stop	Birkie Ridge Parking Lot	12:30pm-5:30pm
Spectator Parking Lot	Celebration Zone Bus Stop	12:30pm-5:30pm



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## 2026 PRINCE HAAKON RACE BIBS



ENDMENT



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PRINCE HAAKON

## TIMING PROCEDURE

- All start times will be recorded when you ski through the start tower
- Winners will be based on chip time and not based on the first to cross the finish line
- The first finishers to cross the line may not be the overall winners

## START TIMETABLE

Wave	Start Time
U19/U16 Boys	1:15pm
U19/U16 Girls	1:20pm
Competitive Start	1:25pm
Relaxed Start	1:25pm-1:35pm



# Friday, February 20, 2026

## ⊕ AID STATIONS



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- **Trash Penalty!** Throwing trash outside of an aid station will result in a 15 minute time penalty added to your official finish time
  - Report trash violations by emailing [birkie@birkie.com](mailto:birkie@birkie.com)
- **Wax:** Rex Wax is available at each aid station
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## ⊕ AID STATION LOCATIONS & CUT-OFF TIMES

### Prince Haakon Cut-Off Times

Aid Station Location	Distance from Start Prince Haakon	Cut-off time
Camp Norway Hatchery Park Aid Station	7km	3:35pm
Finish Line	15km	5pm



## ⊕ AID STATION MEDICAL CARE

- Each aid station is equipped with a shelter and staffed by medical professionals
- The course is monitored by members of the National Ski Patrol

## DROPPING OUT OR MISSING THE CUT-OFF TIME

- It is imperative that we know if a skier drops out!
- Skiers who drop out at an aid station must report to the on site Birkie Medical Chief
- If you drop out at another location, you must call the Birkie Office at 715-634-5025
- Transport to the finish line will be provided for those who are unable to continue or missed the cut off time at an aid station

# Friday, February 20, 2026



## FINISH ZONE



Tamarack Health

### Medical Care

- A team of trained medical professionals from Tamarack Health will be serving those in need of assistance in the Finish Zone

### Medals, Pins, and Ski Ties

- All Prince Haakon finishers will receive a commemorative medal
- Everyone receives a pair of Salomon ski ties

### Refreshments & Nutrition

- UnTapped Mapleaid, Kemp's chocolate milk, and Kodiak bars
- Please remember to recycle your milk jugs and dispose of trash in the designated containers found throughout the Finish Zone



## RECOVERY ZONE 15918 5th St, Hayward

### Gear Bag Pick-Up

- All bags will be transported to the Recovery Zone in downtown Hayward
- The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation is not responsible for lost or stolen items
- You must present a bib to retrieve your gear bag, you may send someone with your bib to pick your bag up for you

### Changing Area

- Changing space only, no showers available
- Mother's Tent available

### Finish Area Food Tent - Skiers Only

- Enjoy soup (vegetarian and gluten free options available), bananas, oranges, cookies, and bread
- Additional food is available for purchase in the Celebration Zone

**See Bus Schedules on page 51 to return to parking lot**



## CELEBRATION AREA & AWARDS

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# Live Race Coverage

## LIVESTREAM COVERAGE

- The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation is providing a livestream of the Slumberland American Birkebeiner and Kortelopet, free of cost
- Watch online at [birkie.com](http://birkie.com) or the Birkie Facebook page @AmericanBirkebeiner
- If video transmission issues occur, there will be a delayed broadcast of the programs

### Viewing Schedule:

- **Kortelopet:**

Friday, February 20, 2026 live at 8am

- **Slumberland American Birkebeiner:**

Saturday, February 21, 2026 live at 7am

**WATCH NOW**



## RACE COVERAGE – RADIO

- From pre-race Birkie stories, to exciting live coverage from the American Birkebeiner Trailhead, and celebratory post-race skier interviews, local radio stations WRLS 92.3FM, WHSM 101.1FM and WOJB 88.1FM will have the latest Birkie.



## LIVE CAMERA FEEDS

- Our American Birkebeiner Trailhead feed is live 24/7 on our [YouTube channel](#).
- Check out the trail conditions year-round and watch thousands of skiers on the trail this weekend!



Saturday February 21, 2026

# Slumberland American Birkebeiner

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Birkebeiner**

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## BIB PICKUP

- Thursday, 10am–8pm, Birkie Expo
- Friday, 9am–8pm, Birkie Expo
- Saturday, 7am–10am, at the American Birkebeiner start

### Credentials Required for Bib Pick-Up

- You must bring a PHOTO ID to pick up your bib
- Youth without a photo ID will be verified by their parent/guardian
- You may pick up a bib for another skier. You must have a paper or electronic copy of the other skier(s) bib confirmation email(s), copy of photo ID, and signed authorization
- Entries are non-transferable between individuals

## Birkie Gear Bag Pick-Up

You will receive your pre-ordered Birkie Gear Bag or Plastic Bag at Bib pickup during listed Expo hours before your race, or at the Bib pickup Tent on race day. Consider reusing a Birkie Gear Bag that you already have! #BirkieGreen

## RACE DAY BAG DROP

### Drop zones are arranged according to wave

- Only Birkie gear bags and plastic bags received at bib pick-up will be accepted
- Absolutely no skis, poles, or other bags will be accepted
- Your bib number must be prominently displayed on your gear bag
- Do not overfill your bag or place items in the outside pockets
- Close, buckle, or tie your bag before dropping it off
- The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation is not responsible for lost or stolen items

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Saturday February 21, 2026  
**Slumberland American Birkebeiner**  
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## GETTING TO THE START

- All participants **must** ride a bus from the parking area to the start. No drop offs allowed.
- Spectators are welcome to ride buses!

### Saturday Parking (see map, pg 43)

- Birkie Ridge 6:15am-10:30am - for participants arriving from the South
- Cable Lot 6:15am-10:30am - for participants arriving from the North
- Only Premium Parking Permits allowed at the start

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## TIMING YOUR ARRIVAL

- Allow plenty of drive time to get to skier parking lot due to traffic on race day
- Plan to arrive at the parking lot at least an hour and a half before your start
- If you miss your start, you will be allowed to start in the next available wave in the same technique

Continuous Shuttle Service To & From (see map, pg 43)	Continuous Shuttle Service To & From	Hours of Operation
Birkie Ridge Parking Lot	American Birkebeiner Start	6:15am-10:30am
Cable Parking Lot	American Birkebeiner Start	6:15am-10:30am
Celebration Zone Bus Stop	Spectator Parking Lot	9am-6:30pm
Recovery Zone Bus Stop	Birkie Ridge Parking Lot	12:30pm-6:30pm
Recovery Zone Bus Stop	Cable Parking Lot	12:30pm-6:30pm
Recovery Zone Bus Stop	American Birkebeiner Start (permit holders only)	12:30pm-6:30pm



Saturday February 21, 2026

# Slumberland American Birkebeiner

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### START PROCEDURE

- There are three start pens leading to the start line. Skiers should enter at the back of gate 3, where they will advance through the pens toward the start.
- Check the wave table start to determine your appropriate time to enter gate 3
- Late skiers may be able to enter through the side gates, but will not get priority
- Skiers may not put on their skis until they enter Gate 1
- Skiers must line up in the classic tracks, not between the tracks
- The lifting of the Start Gate is the official wave start
- Please follow the instruction of the Gatekeepers

### TIMING PROCEDURE

- Starting before your assigned start time will lead to disqualification
- Skiers who miss their start will be allowed to start in the next wave. You must follow the instruction of the Gatekeepers.
- Race times for the Elite waves will be determined by Gun Time (all skiers in the wave receive the same starting time). All other waves will be determined by Chip Time (start time is assigned to each skier when they cross the start line).



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# Slumberland American Birkebeiner

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## WAVE TABLES

Wave	Gate 3 Entry	Gate 2 Entry	Gate 1 Entry	Start Time
Spirit of 35				8:15am
Women Skate Elite Skate			8:25am	8:30am
Men & Women Elite Classic		8:25am	8:30am	8:35am
Wave 1 Classic	8:25am	8:30am	8:35am	8:40am
Men Skate Elite Skate	8:35am	8:40am	8:45am	8:50am
Wave 1 Skate	8:40am	8:45am	8:50am	8:55am
Wave 2 Classic	8:45am	8:50am	8:55am	9:00am
Wave 2 Skate	8:50am	8:55am	9:00am	9:05am
Wave 70 Skate & Classic	8:55am	9:00am	9:05am	9:10am
Wave 3 Classic	9:00am	9:05am	9:10am	9:15am
Wave 3 Skate	9:05am	9:10am	9:15am	9:20am
Wave 4 Classic	9:10am	9:15am	9:20am	9:25am
Wave 4 Skate	9:15am	9:20am	9:25am	9:30am
Wave 5 Classic	9:20am	9:25am	9:30am	9:35am
Wave 5 Skate	9:25am	9:30am	9:35am	9:40am
Wave 6 Classic	9:30am	9:35am	9:40am	9:45am
Wave 6 Skate	9:35am	9:40am	9:45am	9:50am
Wave 7 Skate	9:40am	9:45am	9:50am	9:55am
Wave 8 Skate	9:45am	9:50am	9:55am	10:00am
Wave 9 Skate	9:50am	9:55am	10:00am	10:05am
Wave 10 Skate	9:55am	10:00am	10:05am	10:10am



## CELEBRATION AREA & AWARDS

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## 2026 AMERICAN BIRKEBEINER RACE BIBS



ELITE FEMALE



ELITE MALE



WAVE 1



WAVE 2



WAVE 3



WAVE 4



WAVE 5



WAVE 6



WAVE 7



WAVE 8



WAVE 9



WAVE 10



WAVE 35



WAVE 70



UBERLEGGER



BIRCHLEGGER



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ENDOWMENT



"C" INDICATES CLASSIC WAVE

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## AID STATION LOCATIONS & CUT-OFF TIMES

Slumberland American Birkebeiner Aid Stations & Cut-Off Times

Aid Station Location	from Start (Skate)	from Start (Classic)	Cut-off Times
Start	0	0	-
Timber Trail Aid Station	7 km	6 km	11:10am
Fire Tower Aid Station	12 km	12.5 km	12:00pm
Boedecker Aid Station	16.5 km	18 km	12:55pm
DH Docks Highway OO Aid Station	21 km	24 km	1:40pm
Gravel Pit Aid Station	30 km	33 km	3:00pm
Mosquito Brook Aid Station	36 km	39 km	3:55pm
Camp Norway Hatchery Park Aid Station	42 km	45 km	4:45pm
Finish Line	50km	53km	6:00pm

**Camp Norway**

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## AID STATION MEDICAL CARE

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- The course is monitored by members of the National Ski Patrol

## DROPPING OUT OR MISSING THE CUT-OFF TIME

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- If you drop out at another location, you must call the Birkie Office at 715-634-5025
- Transport to the finish line will be provided for those who are unable to continue or missed the cut off time at an aid station

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## FINISH ZONE

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### Refreshments & Nutrition

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## RECOVERY ZONE

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### Changing Area

- Changing space only, no showers available
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### Finish Area Food Tent - Skiers Only

- Enjoy soup (vegetarian and gluten free options available), bananas, oranges, cookies, and bread
- Additional food is available for purchase in the Celebration Zone

**See Bus Schedules on page 50 to return to parking lot**



## CELEBRATION AREA & AWARDS

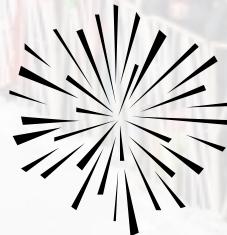
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# Celebration Zone

Corner of 4th & Main Streets, Hayward



## EARTH RIDER BEER GARDEN

The Earth Rider Beer Garden proudly serves Earth Rider Beer, crafted from cold, clear, Lake Superior water.

### Earth Rider Beer Garden hours:

**Wed:** 11am-5pm

**Fri & Sat:** 10am-6pm



## BIRKIE STORE @ the Celebration Zone

The Birkie Store is home to official Birkie apparel, gifts, and commemorative items.

### Birkie Store hours Downtown Hayward:

**Wednesday:** 10am-3pm

**Saturday:** 9am-5pm

**Thursday:** 10am-5pm

**Sunday:** 9am-1pm

**Friday:** 10am-5pm

## INFORMATION BOOTH – BIRKIE STORE

**Wednesday:** 10am-3pm

**Saturday:** 9am-5pm

**Thursday:** 10am-5pm

**Sunday:** 9am-1pm

**Friday:** 10am-5pm

## RACE RESULTS

### Birkie Store, Birkie App, &Birkie.com

- Slumberland American Birkebeiner, Kortelopet, and Prince Haakon skiers can stop by Frandsen Bank Race Result Selfie Stations in the Celebration Zone to see your results and take a picture
- Results can also be found in the American Birkebeiner App and at Birkie.com
- Please note, later wave finishers may affect your final placement
- Submit result discrepancies at Birkie.com





# Awards



## CHAMPIONS STAGE AWARDS CEREMONIES

### Friday, February 20

#### 1pm - Kortelopet Awards

- Top three male & female finishers in Skate and Classic

#### 3pm - Prince Haakon Awards

- Top three male & female finishers by time (no technique distinction)

### Saturday, February 21 - Slumberland American Birkebeiner Awards

#### 11:30am - Skate Champions Ceremony

- Tony Wise Award for the Top American male and female finishers
- Sprint Bonus awards presented by Madshus
- Top six male and female 50k Skate finishers will be awarded prize money.  
Must have a valid FIS license to win prize money.

#### 12:30pm - Classic Champions Ceremony

- Top three male and female finishers
- Prize money will be awarded for the first three male and female competitors

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## AWARDS PICK-UP

All awards can be picked up at the Birkie Store in the Celebration Zone, unless noted

### Open Track

- Decade awards: 10 years, 20 years (Birchlegger), 30 years (Uberlegger), 40 years
- Wednesday 10am-3pm, Thursday 10am-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 9am-5pm
- Sunday 9am-1pm (On Sunday Birchlegger/Uberlegger/40 year awards will only be available for pick-up at the Birchleggings Club Breakfast)

### Kortelopet

- Age group awards: Top three male and female skiers (classic & skate)
- Decade Skiloper awards: 10 years (Ti), 20 years (Tjue), 30 years (Tretti)
- Friday 3:30pm-5pm; Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday 9am-1pm

### American Birkebeiner

- Age group awards: Top three male and female skiers (classic & skate)
- Decade awards: 10 years, 20 years (Birchlegger), 30 years (Uberlegger), 40 years
- Saturday 2pm-5pm; Sunday 9am-1pm
- On Sunday Birchlegger/Uberlegger/40 year awards will only be available for pick-up at the Birchleggings Club Breakfast

If you can't pick up your award in person, you may request that it be shipped to you, at your expense, until March 31, 2026. Visit [Birkie.com](http://Birkie.com) and complete the necessary form to ship your award.

# After the Race

## WORLDLOPPET PASSPORT STAMPING

Get your passport stamped after your event in the Birkie Store in the Celebration Zone!

- **Wednesday:** 12pm-3pm
- **Thursday:** 10am-5pm
- **Friday:** 10am-5pm
- **Saturday:** 9am-5pm
- **Sunday:** 9am-1pm

Bring your passport in to get stamped or purchase a passport in the Celebration Zone.

## RACE DAY PHOTOS!



- MarathonFoto is the official on-course race photographer Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday
- Your bib number must be visible and readable by photographers
- You'll be notified when photos are uploaded and ready to view.
  - Until then, you can visit [www.Marathonfoto.com](http://www.Marathonfoto.com)

## NEW! Frandsen Bank Race Result Selfie Stations

- Slumberland American Birkebeiner, Kortelopet, and Prince Haakon skiers can stop by Frandsen Bank Race Result Selfie Stations in the Celebration Zone to see your results and take a picture

## BIRKIE OFFICE

The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation (ABSF) office is located at: 10527 Main St, Hayward

- **Monday:** 8am-4pm
- **Tuesday:** 8am-4pm
- **Wednesday:** 8am-4pm
- **Thursday:** 8am-5pm
- **Friday:** 8am-5pm
- **Saturday:** 8am-5pm
- **Sunday:** Closed (lost & found at Vet Center is open 8-1)
- **Monday:** 8am-4pm

## LOST & FOUND

- **Location:** Veteran's Community Center, 10534 Main St, Hayward (see map, [page 47](#))
- **Hours:** Friday 11am-6pm; Saturday 11am-7pm; Sunday 8am-1pm
- Upon request, found items will be shipped at the owner's expense until March 31, 2026. See [Birkie.com](#) for instructions.

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# Sunday, February 22, 2026



## BIRCHLEGGINGS CLUB ANNUAL BREAKFAST

**When:** 8:30-11:00am

**Where:** Steakhouse & Lodge,  
15860 T Bone Lane, Hayward

**Tickets:** Get tickets at  
[birchleggings.com](http://birchleggings.com)

**Awards:** Receive your Decade award  
and share stories, non-Birchleggers  
invited to attend as well. New!  
Kortelopet Skiloper 20 and up skiers  
are invited!



## SUNDAY SKI & BIKE DEMOS

**When:** 9am-1pm

**Where:** Mt. Telemark Village Hub

Try it. Ski it. Love it.

The Slumberland American Birkebeiner Sunday On-Snow Ski Demo returns February 22, 2026, the day after the big race. From first-timers to elites, test the newest skis, poles, boots, bindings, and even fat bikes—many brand-new or debuting for next season. Best part? You try it all right on the Birkie Trail.

Hosted at the Mt. Telemark Village Hub, Sunday is relaxed, fun, and pressure-free. No saving your legs—just one more great ski with friends and family. All the major brands from the Birkie Expo will be there.



# Barnebirkie & Jr. Birkie Map

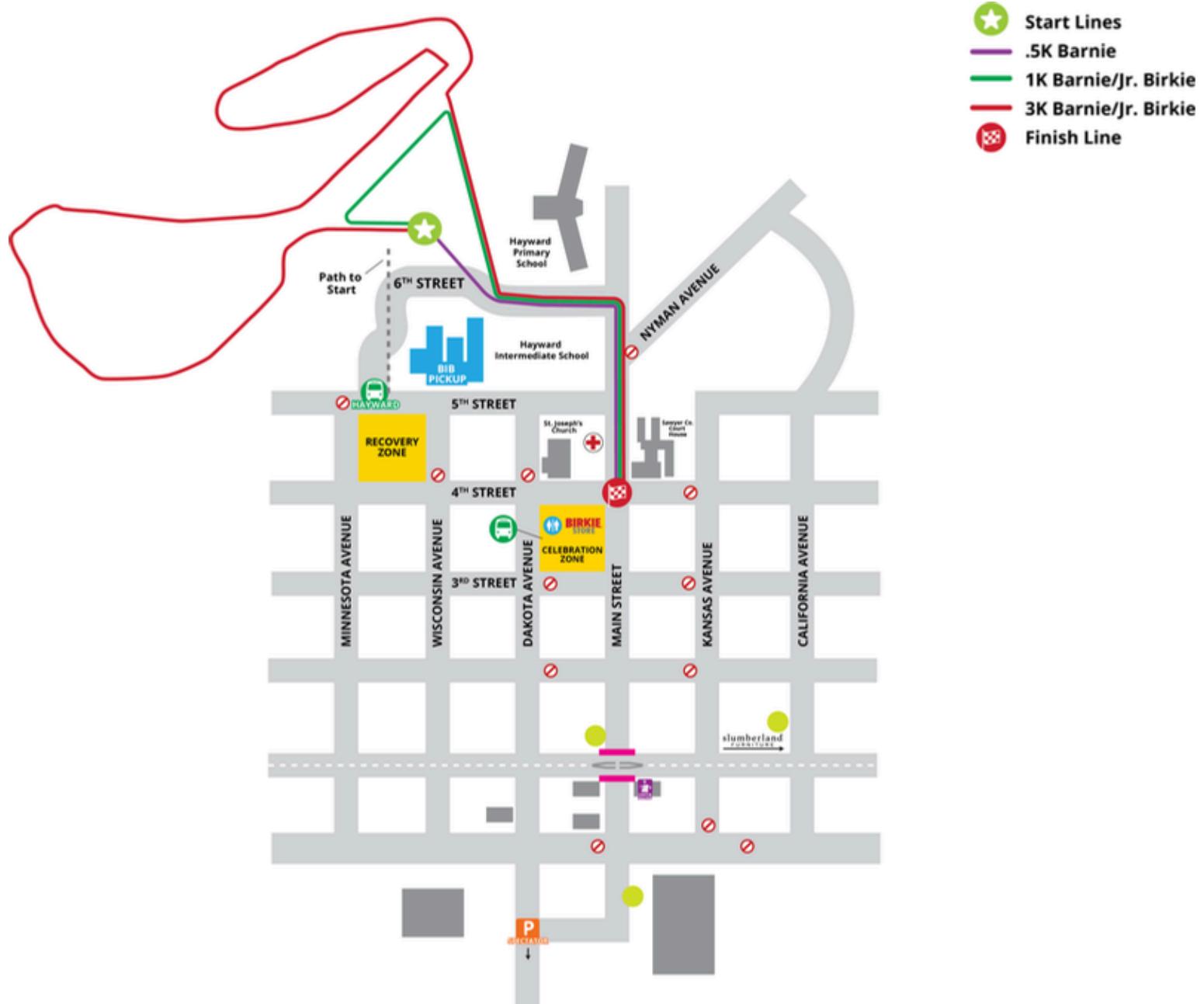
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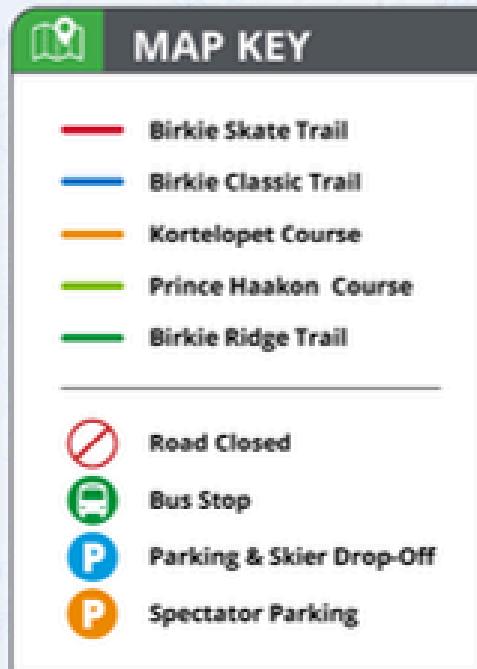
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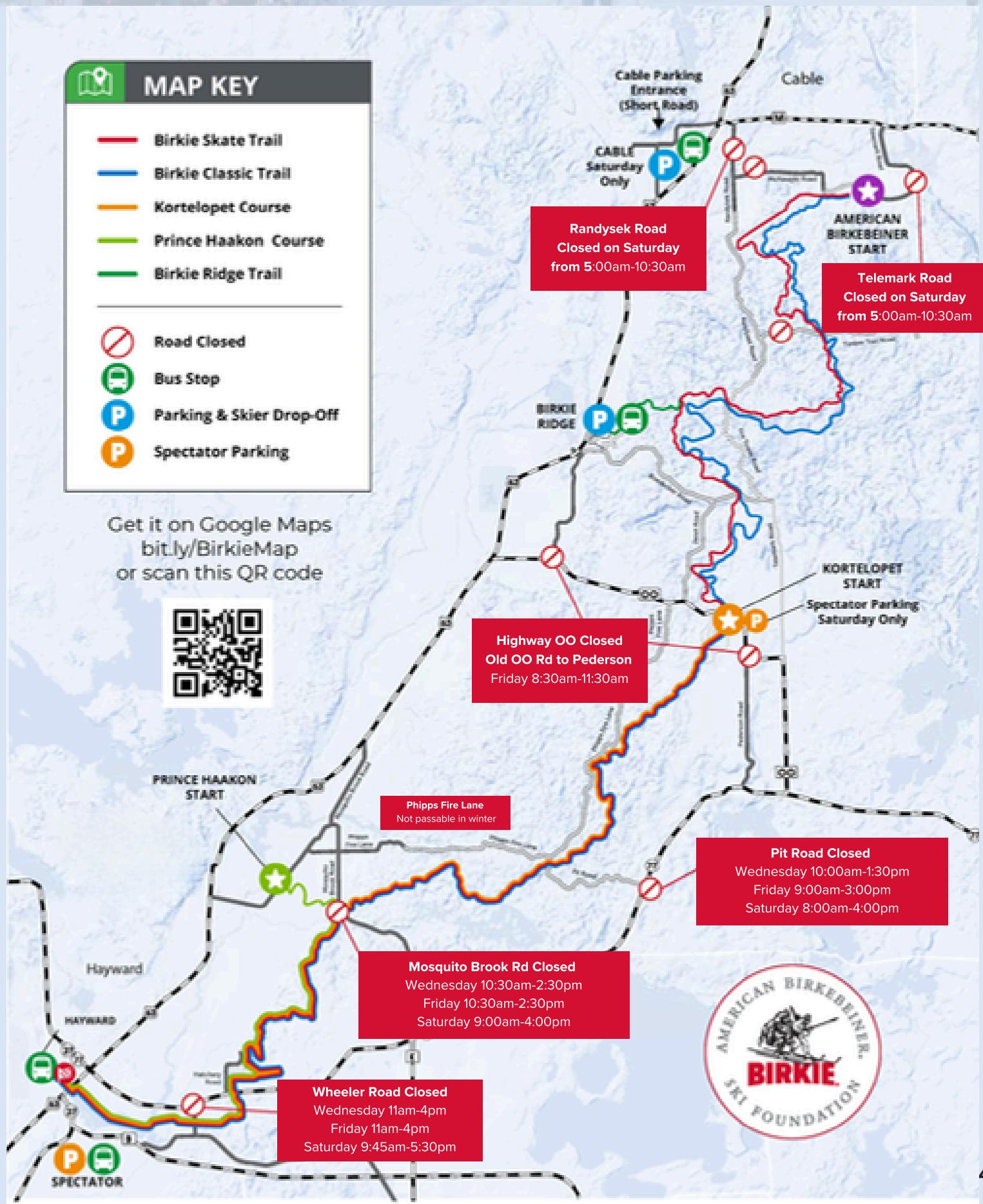
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# Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday Race Course Maps



Get it on Google Maps  
[bit.ly/BirkieMap](http://bit.ly/BirkieMap)  
or scan this QR code



# Road Closures

**Randysek Road:** Closed on Wed/Saturday from 5:00a-10:30a

**Highway OO:** Closed Old OO Rd to Pederson Rd on Friday from 8:30a-11:30a

**Pit Road:** Closed Wed/Friday 9am-3pm & Saturday 8:00a-4:00p

**Mosquito Brook Rd:** Closed Wed/Friday 10:30a-2:30p & Saturday 9:00a-4:00p

**Wheeler Road:** Closed Wed/Friday 11:00a-4:30p & Saturday 9:45a-5:30p



# Kortelopet Start Area Map

**Kortelopet** | **SALOMON**  
**BIRKIE**



## Kortelopet Start Area

- Path to Start
- Bus Drop-Off
- Restrooms
- Warm-Up Area  
Do not warm up on the race course

# American Birkebeiner Start Area Map

**American**  
**Birkebeiner**<sup>®</sup>

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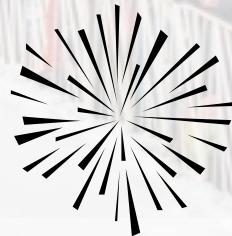
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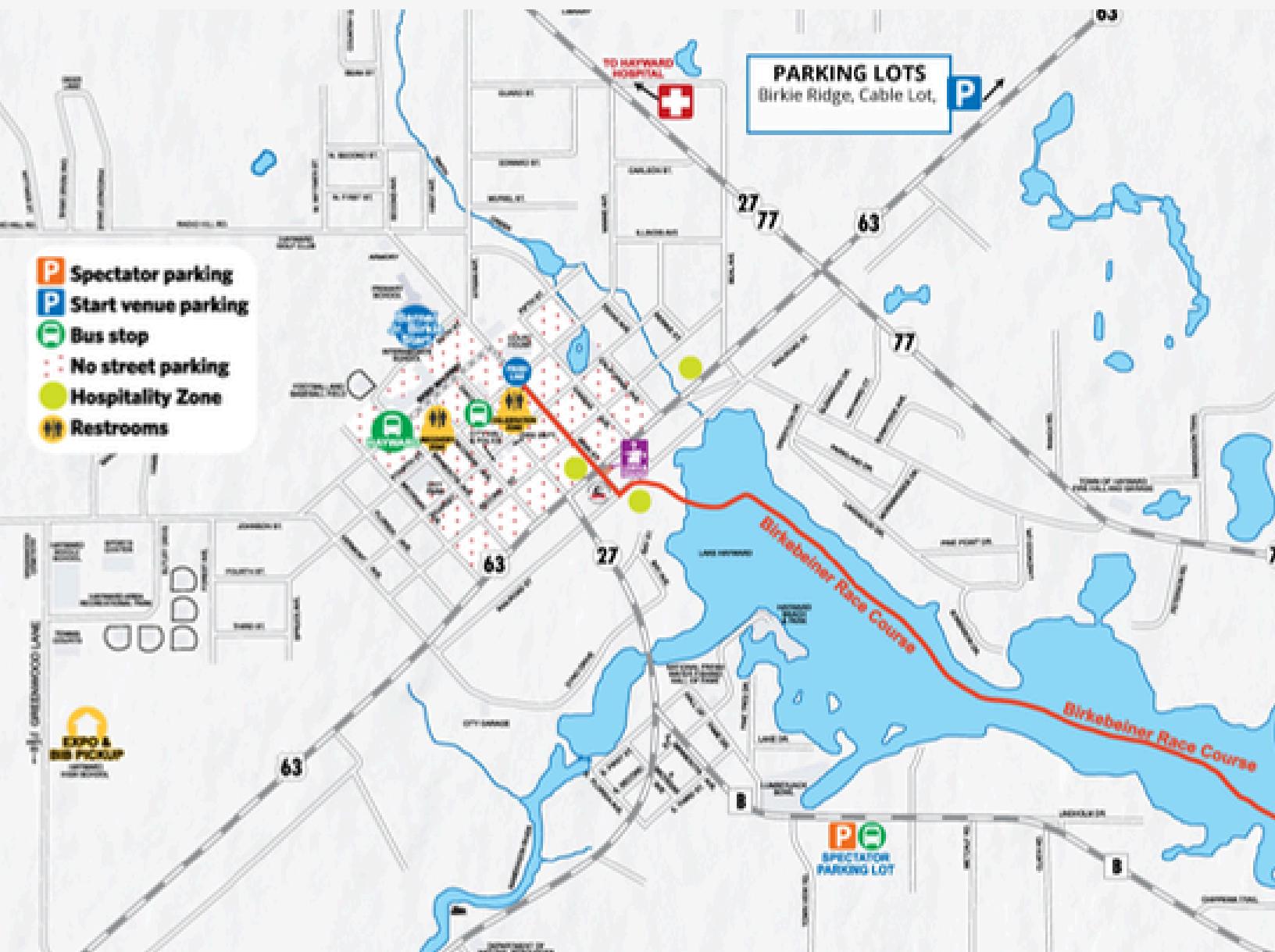




# Celebration Area Map



# Map of Downtown Hayward

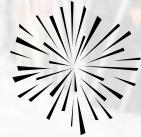


# SPECTATOR GUIDE



**Kwik Trip**

## Celebration Zone



### FUN THINGS TO DO

- Photo opportunities
- Music provided by Red Bull
- Champions Podium
- Take your picture at the Frandsen Bank Race Result Selfie Stations
  - Located throughout the Kwik Trip Celebration Zone, these stations provide a digital keepsake for participants complete with results from your event
- Warm up at Slumberland's Hospitality Zone! Visit the Slumberland store in downtown Hayward for complimentary hot cocoa and a comfortable place to relax.

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### FOOD IN THE CELEBRATION AREA

- |                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| • Honey Badger Bites        | • Badger Kettle Corn   |
| • Big T's Rolling Smoke BBQ | • Hopper's Mini Donuts |
| • Hayward Lions             | • Backroads Coffee     |

### BATHROOM OPTIONS

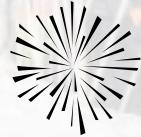
- Porta Potties in the Celebration Area and at each intersection along Main Street
- Public restrooms at the Hayward Lakes Visitor Center - 15805 US-63 - Monday-Saturday, 9am-5PM

# SPECTATOR GUIDE



**KWIK TRIP**™

## Celebration Zone



### THINGS TO KNOW

#### • FINISH TIMES

- Friday Kortelopet
  - Top finishers at approximately 11:30
  - Podium Awards 12:30
- Saturday American Birkebeiner
  - Top finishers at approximately 10:50
  - Be in your location on Main Street by 10:30

#### • EAT, DRINK SHOP!

- Be sure to give yourself plenty of time downtown to check out the great restaurants, bars and quaint shopping experiences along Hayward's Main Street

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# Birkie Week Bus Schedule

February 18-21, 2026

## BIRKIE WEEK BUS SCHEDULE

**Spectators may ride buses to the race start areas.**

- Preference will be given to skiers boarding the bus.
- Buses will return spectators to skier parking lots after the start of each race.
- Dogs are not allowed on buses

Continuous Shuttle Service To & From	Continuous Shuttle Service To & From	Hours of Operation
<b>WEDNESDAY OPEN TRACK EVENTS</b>		
(Participant may ride the bus, park, or get dropped off at the start for Open Track events)		
Spectator Parking Lot	American Birkebeiner OT Start	7:15am-8am
Spectator Parking Lot	Kortelopet OT Start	10am-10:30am
Spectator Parking Lot	Prince Haakon OT Start	10am-10:30am
Celebration Zone Bus Stop	Spectator Parking Lot	12pm-5:30pm
<b>THURSDAY EVENTS</b>		
Spectator Parking Lot	Registration (Recovery Zone) Bus Stop	9:30am-2pm
Celebration Zone Bus Stop	Spectator Parking Lot	9:30am-4:30pm
<b>FRIDAY EVENTS</b>		
Birkie Ridge Parking Lot	Kortelopet Start	8am-12:30pm
Birkie Ridge Parking Lot	Prince Haakon Start	11:30am-1:45pm
Spectator Parking Lot	Celebration Zone Parking Lot	9am-5:30pm
Recovery Zone Bus Stop	Kortelopet Start (permit holders only)	12:30pm-5:30pm
Recovery Zone Bus Stop	Birkie Ridge Parking Lot	12:30pm-5:30pm
<b>SATURDAY EVENTS</b>		
Birkie Ridge Parking Lot	American Birkebeiner Start	6:15am-10:30am
Cable Parking Lot	American Birkebeiner Start	6:15am-10:30am
Celebration Zone Bus Stop	Spectator Parking Lot	9am-6:30pm
Recovery Zone Bus Stop	Birkie Ridge & Cable Parking Lots	12:30pm-6:30pm
Recovery Zone Bus Stop	American Birkebeiner Start (permit holders only)	12:30pm-6:30pm

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## 2026-2027 EVENT SCHEDULE

**2026**

FEB 28	FAT BIKE BIRKIE
MAR 9-14	JUNIOR NATIONALS
JUNE 5-7	EPIC BIKE FEST
JULY 18	LUMBERJACK 5K RUN/WALK
TBA	STRIDE DE SHE
SEPT 28	BIRKIE TRAIL RUN
JAN 9	SEELEY HILLS CLASSIC
JAN 15-17	SKI DE SHE CAMP & RACES
FEB 23-28	BIRKIE WEEK EVENTS
JUNE 4-6	EPIC BIKE FEST
SEPT 25	BIRKIE TRAIL RUN



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