

# 2019 Turtle River Pursuit Racer Handbook - February 9th & 10th

## ***Registration and Bib Pickup***

### **Friday Night 5-9pm:**

Registration and bib pickup will be held at the Liberty Way Tap House on Highway 51 in Mercer.  
[2040 Saarnio Rd, Mercer, WI 54547](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2040+Saarnio+Rd,+Mercer,+WI+54547)

If you are coming from the south it is 1.3 miles north of Highway 182 on the right. If you're coming from the north it is 3 miles south of the Great Northern Hotel, on the left.

### **Saturday 9-10:45am:**

Bib pickup and day of registration will be held at the MECCA Ski Cabin.  
[4686 N Fierck Road, Mercer WI, 54547](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4686+N+Fierck+Road,+Mercer+WI,+54547)

### **Sunday (for teams) 7:30-8:50am:**

Bib pickup is at the **WinMan Chalet**.  
[6870 Highway W, Winchester, WI 54557](https://www.google.com/maps/place/6870+Highway+W,+Winchester,+WI+54557)

## **Cancellation Policy**

In the event of extreme weather conditions, check the Turtle River Pursuit website at [www.turtleriverpursuit.com](http://www.turtleriverpursuit.com) or our [Facebook page](#) beginning the Thursday night prior to the race (2/7/19) for information on race cancellations or delayed start times. Race policy states if we cancel the race due to lack of snow or extreme weather, we will refund 50% of your racer fee.

## ***General Information***

### **Bibs**

**Individual racers will be assigned a single bib that is to be used for both the Saturday and Sunday events - it is your responsibility to hold on to it. Team members will each be assigned a bib.** If your bib is misplaced or damaged, please head to the Registration/Information table for a replacement.

### **Photography**

Professional photographers will be along the race course. Photos will be available for download on the TRP website and a Google photos link will be emailed to all racers. Racers and spectators are also encouraged to take photos and share on social media.

## **Lost & Found**

Lost & Found is at the WinMan Chalet until Sunday at 2pm. Please email [info@turtleriverpursuit.com](mailto:info@turtleriverpursuit.com) with description to report any lost items at a later date. If found, we will gladly reunite you with your item in person or by mail, at your expense.

## **Food & Aid Stations**

Food and refreshments will be found in the MECCA and WinMan Chalets on both days. **There will be no aid stations on either course.** EMS and the Fire Department will be at both races as well. Ski patrol will be on the race course each day along with a ski sweep.

## **Bag Drop, Changing Facilities & Waxing**

### **MECCA (Saturday)**

Bag storage and wax bench will be located in the heated MECCA maintenance shed. A changing room is located in the MECCA Cabin.

### **WinMan (Sunday)**

Bag storage and wax bench will be located in the heated chalet garage. There are two indoor bathrooms (suitable for changing in) and a changing room located in the heated chalet.

## ***Detailed Event Schedule***

### **Wednesday, February 6th**

**12pm: Online Registration Closes**

### **Friday, February 8th**

**5pm - 9pm: Bib Pick Up & Walk-In Registration** at the Liberty Way Tap House

[2040 Saarnio Rd, Mercer, WI 54547](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2040+Saarnio+Rd,+Mercer,+WI+54547)

### **Saturday, February 9th**

**11am: 11k Classic Race at MECCA Trails**

[4686 N Fierck Road, Mercer WI, 54547](https://www.google.com/maps/place/4686+N+Fierck+Road,+Mercer,+WI+54547)

## **Parking**

Racers and volunteers parking available just past the MECCA Cabin located at the Town of Mercer facility. There will be signs to direct you.

## **Bib Pick Up & Day of Registration**

**9am - 10:45am:** Located in the MECCA Cabin.

### **Start Times**

At bib pick up or registration, you will be assigned a start time. **Odd numbered bibs are assigned to Gate 1 in chronological order and even bibs are assigned to Gate 2 in chronological order.** The starting line is located in the hemlocks just behind the MECCA Cabin. Racers will be released out of one of the two gates at the starting line in 15-second intervals. If you miss your start time, please notify the timing assistants at the starting line.

### **Finish Times**

Racer's will be emailed their official finish time after crossing the finish line. **This is not your starting time for Sunday. Starting times and gate assignment for Sunday's race** will be emailed Saturday evening to racers, linked on the Turtle River Pursuit website and will be posted in the WinMan Chalet.

### **Sunday, February 10th**

#### **9am: 11k Freestyle Race at WinMan Trails**

[6870 CR-W, Winchester WI, 54557](#)

### **Parking**

Volunteers will park in WinMan lower parking lot. **Racers are asked to park the Discovery Center** and will be shuttled to WinMan. The **Discovery Center is located at [14006 Discovery Ln, Manitowish Waters, WI 54545](#)**. Buses will run from 7:30am until 2pm.

### **Bib Pick Up (for Sunday only participants)**

**7:30am - 8:50am:** Located in the WinMan Chalet.

### **Start Times**

Starting times and gate assignment for Sunday's pursuit will be emailed to you **Saturday evening** and will be posted in the **WinMan Chalet** on Sunday. If a racer misses their starting time on Sunday they will be sent out as soon as possible but will have to make up for the lost time on the race course.

Starting line is located near the WinMan Chalet. We may group the starting times of noncompetitive racers together.

### **Awards Ceremony**

The Awards Ceremony will begin promptly at 12:30pm and will be located in the WinMan maintenance building. A complimentary chili buffet will be provided for skiers and volunteers during the awards ceremony (there is a \$5 charge for non-participants).

## **Course**

### **Classic Leg at MECCA - Saturday, February 9th**

The entire race course, with the exception of a bridge crossing, will have two tracks set. Trails not used for the race will be blocked off with pine boughs. There will be k-markers placed at every kilometer and there will be meter-markers (500, 250, 100, etc) in the last kilometer counting down the finish. There are four snowmobile crossings that will be monitored during the race and snowmobile traffic will be stopped as skiers approach the crossings.

The MECCA Warm-up Trail will be open for wax-testing and warm-up.

### **Freestyle Leg at WinMan - Sunday, February 10th**

Sunday racers can ski any discipline they like and a single classic track will be set next to the skate lane for those that want to classic ski or double-pole the course. Trails not used for the race will be blocked off with pink pin-flags. There will be k-markers placed at every kilometer and there will be meter-markers (500, 250, 100, etc) in the last kilometer counting down the finish. The snowmobile trail will be closed during the event so racers will not need to worry about crossings.

A warm-up trail for use prior to your start will be signed and located near the chalet close to the start gates. Be aware that this will be a two-way trail so be cautious of other skiers.

### **Dropouts**

Individuals who are not able to complete the course for whatever reason must inform the ski patrol and ski sweep will pick up you.

### **Course Etiquette**

Respect the Tracks: Both courses will have classic tracks for the entire length. Sunday skater skiers: please do not skate across the tracks.

Passing: Be vocal while passing and alert skiers that you are passing. Pass quickly. When being passed by a faster skier move out of the track and double pole if possible to allow the faster skier to pass. If in the tracks and you hear "Track!" behind you, move out of the tracks to allow the faster skier to pass, then move back into the tracks. If you want to pass someone in the tracks, either yell, "Track!" or move out of the tracks and overtake the skier in front of you.

## ***Spectators***

### **Saturday, February 9th - MECCA Trails**

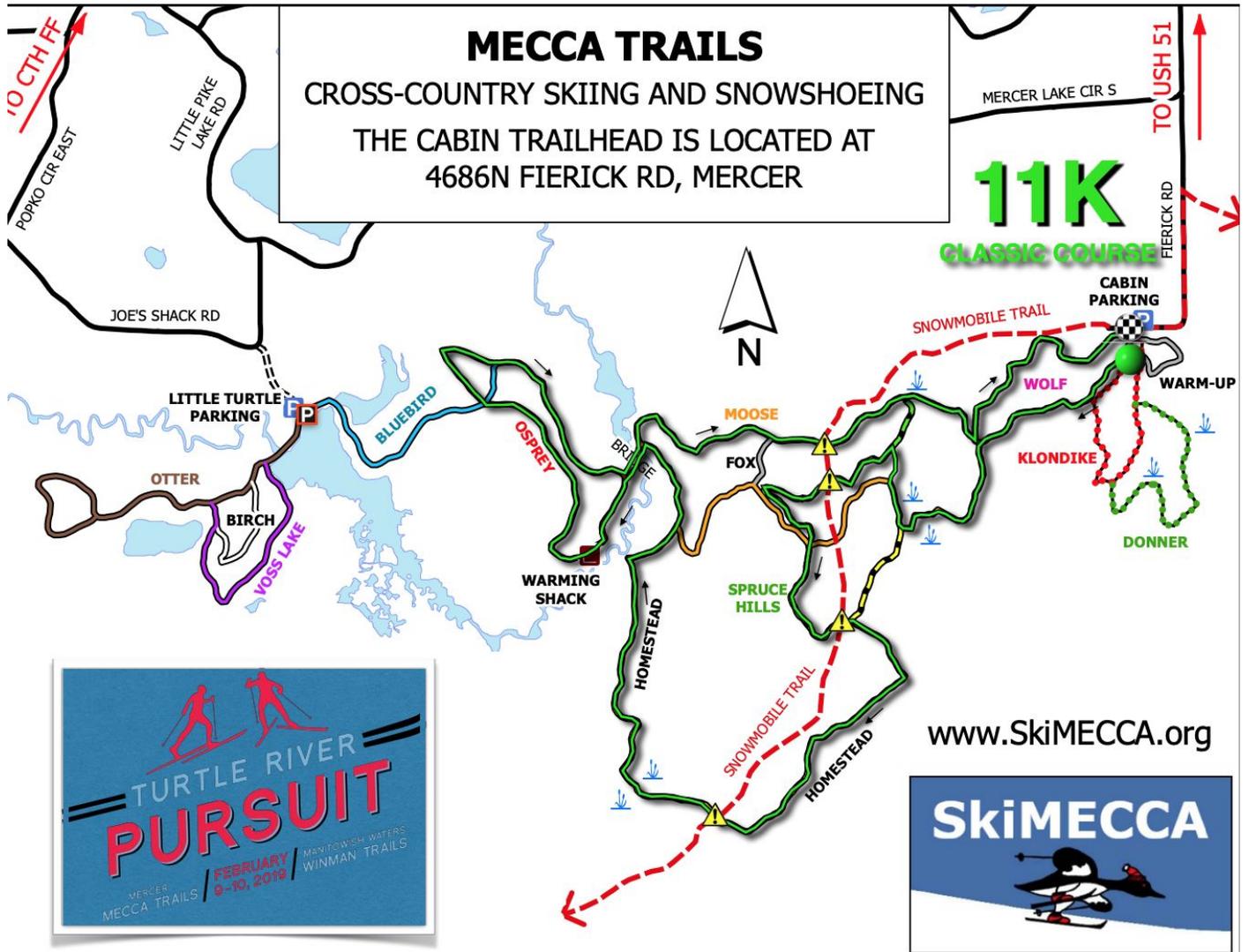
Spectators will have access to both the start and finish areas as well as a section of trail leading to the finish that runs alongside the parking area. Spectators that would like to cheer on racers at about the midway point of the course can get access to the trail through the [Little Turtle Flowage Trailhead](#) located on Joe's Shack Road.

### **Sunday, February 10th - WinMan Trails**

The start and finish locations are located near the chalet and are easily accessible by spectators. Spectators that would like to cheer on the skiers while on course are encouraged to use the snowshoe trails which intersect the race course in a number of locations. Consult the [snowshoe map](#) or ask a volunteer for suggested routes. Please use snowshoes while on the trail and watch for skiers when crossing the race course.

# Maps

## 11k Classic Race - Saturday, February 9th



# 11k Freestyle Race - Sunday, February 10th

