



2011

Wildcat Wildfire Pentathlon

HANDBOOK



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MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Tuckerman Ravine seeks to preserve and protect the unique alpine and sub-alpine Eastern slopes of Mount Washington NH and work in partnership with the US Forest Service to sustain the traditional uses of this distinctive area.

Friends of Tuckerman Ravine is a 501c3 non profit organization based in the Mount Washington Valley, NH. All sponsorships and donations are tax exempt. For more information log on to www.friendsoftuckerman.org or call/email Al Risch, Executive Director at (603) 367 4417 or info@friendsoftuckerman.org

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Painting by Sally Dinsmore-Baldwin



Wildcat Wildfire Pentathlon

The Wildfire is a recreational pentathlon run in conjunction with the Inferno Pentathlon. It follows the same format but finished at Wildcat Mountain Ski Area with stunning views of Tuckerman Ravine. The race legs are a 6 mile Run, 6 mile Kayak, 16 mile Bike, 2 mile Hike/Snowshoe up the Polecat Trail at Wildcat and a 1.5 mile Chinese downhill ski race down a trail to be determined based on ski conditions. This year will also be used to gauge interest in the event.

Wildman/Wildwoman Competition

One racer five events. Unlimited entry.

Wildfire Team Competition

5 person relay team - one member must be of opposite sex. Unlimited entry.

Wildfire All Woman Team Competition

5 person team – all women. Unlimited entry.

Wildfire Dynamic Duo Competition

This is a two person team relay competition, split the legs to suit your strengths. Unlimited entry.

Wildfire Ski Club Division

5 person team, any combination. To participate you must be a ski club member 14 years or older with parental permission.

PRESENTED BY



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RACE EXPOSURE

Television

Resort Sports Network – 2006 Reel Thrills with Glen Plake National RSN network coverage, Coverage on Local Mount Washington Valley RSN coverage yearly

Mountain Report – BCN Productions syndicated program featured on NESN, Fox Sports NY and other major outlets

Local Coverage – Race Day coverage on WMUR (NH) and WMTV (ME)

Print

Men's Health Magazine February 2008 – 2008 The To Do List: 6 Guy Trips That Will Get You (And Your Friendships) Back In Shape

Outside Magazine – Blitzing the Back Country, December 2001; Big Time Bragging Rights, December 2001

Newspaper/Magazine Coverage – New York Times, Boston Globe, National Geographic Adventure, Manchester Union Leader, Concord Monitor, The Nashua Telegraph, Worcester Herald Tribune, Berkshire Eagle, Mountain Ear, Conway Daily Sun, NH Business Review, Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald

Web

Friends of Tuckerman Ravine – Listing on Corporate Sponsor Page

Eastern Slopes – Grueling Mount Washington Valley pentathlon is strenuous even for spectators

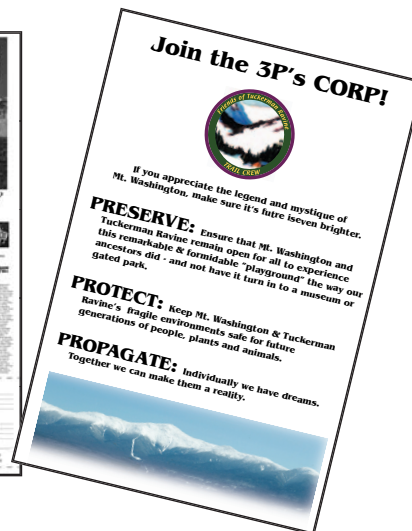
Time For Tuckerman – Link and race day forum trip reports

Participants/Spectators

Racers – Up to 150 competitors in race and attending post race awards banquet

Volunteers – 60 volunteers working on race and attending post race awards banquet

Spectators – Up to 500 race spectators along course and at Wildcat Mountain on race day





WILDFIRE EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, April 15, 2011

5:00 PM onwards – Team Registration and Welcome Party hosted by Eastern Slope Inn and The Flatbread Company. Each Racer and Volunteer receives one free Flatbread Pizza

Saturday, April 15, 2011

- 8:00 AM Wildfire Race Start at Story Land in Glen NH (hard time)
- 8:45 AM Wildfire First Run/Kayak transition at Thorne Pond (approximate time)
- 9:30 AM Wildfire First Kayak/Cycle transition at Intervale Lane (approximate time)
- 11:00 AM Wildfire First Cycle/Hike-Snowshoe transition at Wildcat C Lot (approximate time)
- 3:00 PM Last Wildfire Skier Finishes (approximate time)
- 5:00 PM Awards Banquet at Wildcat Ski Area, Pinkham Notch

Sunday, April 17, 2011 Clean up!

7:00 AM Onwards – Alternate race day for weather delay





RACE RULES

The Wildcat Wildfire consists of teams of 5, one of which must be of the opposite sex, individuals called the Wildman/Wildwoman. Team Skiers/snowboarders must carry their own equipment to the top of the course by hiking or by purchasing a lift ticket and riding the lift to the transition zone. Wildmen/Wildwomen must hike with all of their ski gear to the transition zone. Competitors must fill out a Transport Equipment Form if they will need equipment moved when they are through with it. It will then be transported to a place to be determined. YOU are responsible for getting your own equipment in place before the race! NO ski or board less than 150 centimeters will be permitted.

Bikers may not draft. Helmets recommended. No Team Support Cars will be allowed.

Kayakers must wear helmet and vest. It is strongly recommended that you be prepared for icy cold water and run the river the day before so that you do not go into this thing blind. If a fellow paddler is in trouble you must stop and help! The Intervale Village Improvement Association grants FOTR special permission to use its beach as the Wildcat Wildfire Kayak-Bike Transition Zone. This is a one time only special permission use and racers should not use this property at any other time other than race day. Any and all training runs prior to the race day should use the Humphrey's Ledge takeout. Special care should be taken on race day to minimize impact and traffic on this private property. Parking is very limited at the Kayak Bike Transition. Parking will be limited to one vehicle per team. Each team will be issued a parking pass at registration. Teams are encouraged to limit vehicle traffic in this private neighborhood. In order to limit congestion during the race support crews must wait until the last biker has left the kayak-bike transition before collecting and loading kayaks with vehicles. There is no parking on Intervale Lane.

BIB # must be visible at each tag zone and finish line. If skier is held up at start of GS racecourse for safety reasons, the time will be deducted from total. Team Captains may pick up goodie bags and Bibs at Eastern Slope Inn Friday starting at 5PM for their teams as long as registration fee is paid in full. Extra event shirts and barbecue tickets may be purchased on line or at Dinner and Awards Ceremony!

REFUND POLICY

Refunds will be allowed IF you find paid up replacements by April 10th. If we have to find replacements, we will deduct a membership fee of \$35.00 each. NO Refunds after April 10th. In case of sickness or injury 1/2 credit will be applied to the entry fee in 2012

Thank you for helping us achieves our goal of preserving and protecting the mystique of Tuckerman Ravine for future generations.



DETAILED WILDFIRE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Wildfire Run

Starts at Story Land parking lot west side of Route 16.
Stay on left side of Route 16 to
Junction of 16/302
Go right on Rte. 302.
Follow Route 302 to Bear Peak.
Take right across from Bear Peak entrance to Thorne Pond.
Go right around Thorne Pond on gravel road to field to the
Run/Kayak transition.
Total Distance for run is 6 miles





Wildfire Kayak

The Run-to-Paddle Transition Area is at Thorne Pond Conservation Area, located directly across Route 302 from Bear Peak Ski Area. The gate to the pond will be open only on race day. A parking lot and a porta potty will be available. You may pre-position your kayak at river's edge prior to the race.

Estimated time of 1st run-to-paddle tag is 7:50am for Pentathlon.

River Description:

This white water course has more technical boating skills than in the race course of the past. Total vertical drop over the 6.2 miles is approximately 200 feet or about 32 ft/mi. In other words, the distance is approximately the same as the old course, but with twice the vertical drop. Following a short run, paddlers will enter their boats on river right. Racers will then paddle a narrow river with many sharp bends, often containing fallen trees and obstacles. The current is strong and sometimes divided into several channels. There is a strong rapid about 200 yards above the Gift Shop Covered Bridge (mile 3.5), followed by a relatively easy rapid just below the Route 302 Bridge. Another strong rapid follows immediately, after which the course then integrates with the original race course (mile 4.0). The Saco widens and soon passes under a railroad trestle (mile 4.2). The Ellis River (mile 5.5) enters from river left, followed by a sharp right turn along the railroad embankments. The river then spreads out and becomes more gravelly. The Paddling Race ends 700 yards beyond Humphrey's ledge swimming hole, exit river left and proceed to kayak/bike transition area at Intervale Lane. The best spectator spots and support crew sites are between mile 3.5 and 4.0 as well as over the final 300 yards.





Wildfire Bike

Bike route goes north on Westside Road to Route 302.

Take right and go East on Rte 302

Follow straight through the Route 302 and Route 16 intersection. (This is an active intersection all traffic laws should be observed)

Turn Left into the Wooden Soldier parking lot.

Go around the rotary and turn right onto 302 west

At the junction of Route 302 and Route 16 turn right onto Route 16 north

The transition zone is past the main entrance of Wildcat at the end of the access road for Lot C

There will be one road crossing:

302 / Cross into the Wooden Soldier parking lot

Wildcat Wildfire Bike Leg 20 miles ~2,000 FT Total Climb



Wildfire Snowshoe/Hike

The snowshoer/hiker will be tagged in the tag zone by the biker at the junction of Rte. 16 and the entrance to the Wildcat C Lot access road.

The hiker will proceed up the access road and follow the directional traffic cones and arrows at each turn on both hike and ski course legs.

The exact course will be determined the day prior to the race based on snow and weather conditions.

Total Distance for hike is 2 miles, 1400 FT Total Climb

The word "DAKINE" is written in a bold, black, stylized font. The letters are blocky with some internal cutouts, particularly in the 'A' and 'K'. The logo is centered within a solid red rectangular background.



Wildfire Ski/Snowboard

The ski leg will be a Chinese downhill event set on a course to be determined the day prior to the race based on ski and snow conditions





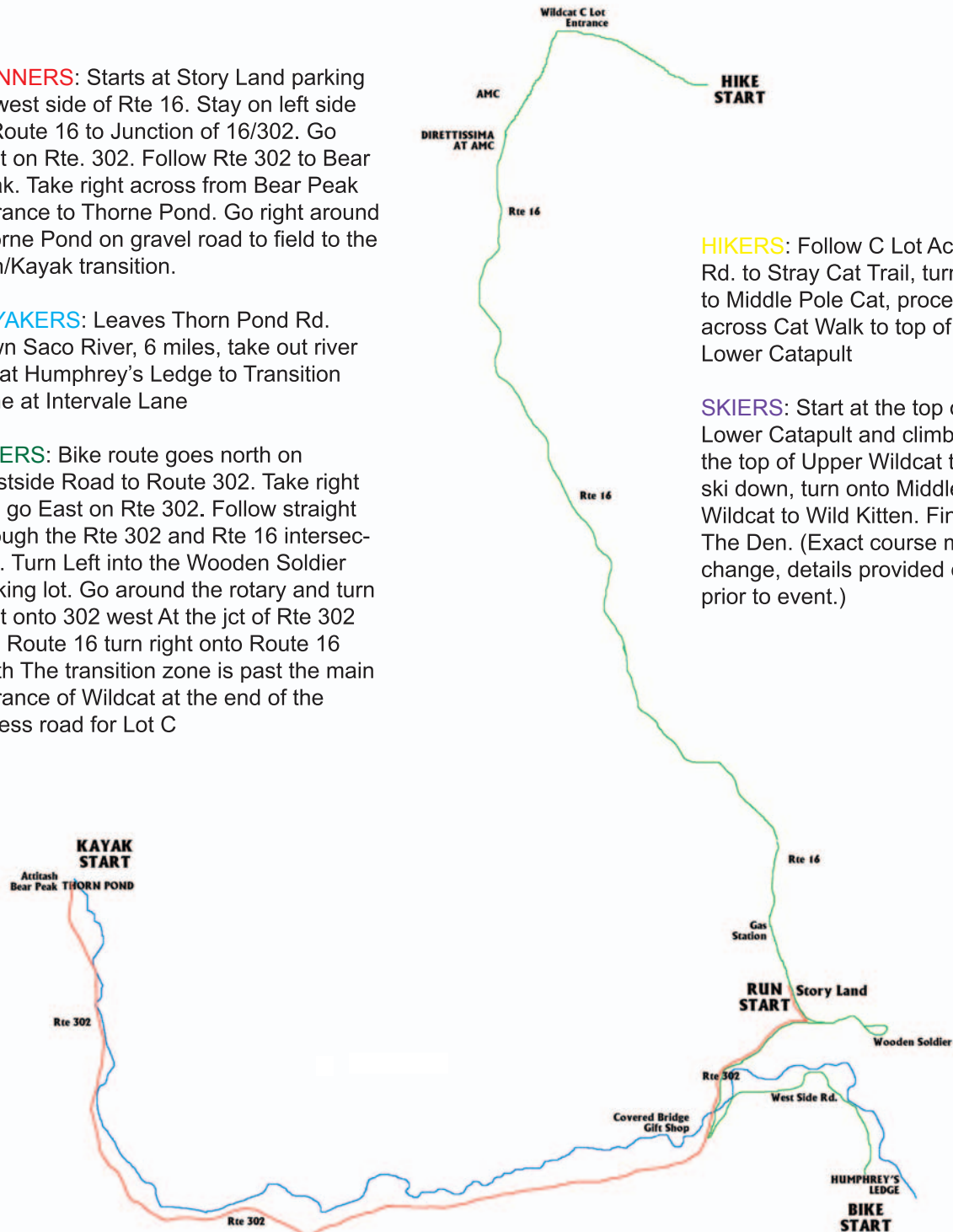
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KAYAKERS: Leaves Thorn Pond Rd. down Saco River, 6 miles, take out river left at Humphrey's Ledge to Transition Zone at Intervale Lane

BIKERS: Bike route goes north on Westside Road to Route 302. Take right and go East on Rte 302. Follow straight through the Rte 302 and Rte 16 intersection. Turn Left into the Wooden Soldier parking lot. Go around the rotary and turn right onto 302 west At the jct of Rte 302 and Route 16 turn right onto Route 16 north The transition zone is past the main entrance of Wildcat at the end of the access road for Lot C

HIKERS: Follow C Lot Access Rd. to Stray Cat Trail, turn on to Middle Pole Cat, proceed across Cat Walk to top of Lower Catapult

SKIERS: Start at the top of the Lower Catapult and climb to the top of Upper Wildcat then ski down, turn onto Middle Wildcat to Wild Kitten. Finish at The Den. (Exact course may change, details provided day prior to event.)





10 Supporting Sponsors

The supporting sponsor receives the following:

Name on all collateral materials, media, advertising - print and electronic including but not limited to:

- Stationary, Press Release Stationary

- Press packets

- Sponsor specific banners at prominent locations of events

- Event Credential

Opportunity to host other event activities – receptions, parties, etc.

4 VIP credentials

Sponsor Commitment

- 1000 sponsorship (\$250 cash/ \$750 approved in-kind goods, services, media)

- Sponsor Specific Banners

- Sponsor product support for awards

Contributing Sponsors

The contributing sponsor receives the following:

Name on all collateral materials, media, advertising - print and electronic including but not limited to:

- Stationary, Press Release Stationary

- Press packets 2 VIP credentials

Sponsor Commitment

- \$500 sponsorship (Cash or approved in-kind goods)

- Sponsor signs for awards banquet



5 -Event / Division Specific Sponsors

The event / division sponsor receives the following:

Name/Logo prominently featured on all collateral materials, media, advertising - print and electronic including but not limited to:

Event Poster

Stationary, Press Release Stationary

Press packets

Event bib for sponsored legs and divisions

Leg Start and Finish Banners

Sponsor specific banners at prominent locations of events

Event Credential

Opportunity to host other event activities – receptions, parties, etc.

6 VIP credentials

Right to have vehicles, tents, and inflatables on site as long as they are in keeping with environmental rules and regulations.

Sponsor Commitment

\$2500 sponsorship (\$500 cash/ \$2000 approved in-kind goods, services, media)

Camera Ready Art for collateral materials

Event Bib for all legs and divisions

Sponsor Specific Banners

Sponsor presence at awards ceremony

Sponsor product support for awards



EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Presenting Sponsor -Open

The presenting sponsor receives the following:

Name/Logo prominently featured on all collateral materials, media, advertising-print and electronic including but not limited to:

- Event Poster
- Stationary, Press Release Stationary
- Sponsor Specific Release in press packets
- Event Bib for all legs and divisions
- Start and Finish Banners
- Sponsor specific banners at prominent locations of events
- Event Credential

Opportunity to host other event activities – receptions, parties, ect

12 VIP credentials

Right to have vehicles, tents, and inflatables on site as long as they are in keeping with environmental rules and regulations.

Sponsor Commitment

- \$5000 sponsorship (\$3000 cash/ \$2000 approved in-kind goods, services, media)
- Camera Ready Art for collateral materials
- Sponsor Release on sponsor letterhead for press packets
- Event Bib for all legs and divisions
- Sponsor Specific Banners
- Sponsor presence at awards ceremony
- Sponsor product support for awards



RACE SPONSORSHIP

Dear Racer:

Here is an opportunity for you to help defray the cost of the registration fee for our 2011 racing events. Any corporation or company that pays your team or individual entry fee will be listed on our web page and be qualified for a tax deductible donation to Friends of Tuckerman Ravine in support of our mission:

The Friends of Tuckerman Ravine was founded to provide citizen support to the US Forest Service in order to preserve and protect Tuckerman Ravine And the Cutler River Drainage Area that surround it on Mount Washington And in Pinkham's Grant, Coos County, NH; to promote the continuation of The historic uses of Tuckerman Ravine and the Cutler River Drainage Area; To organize, fund, and manage projects, publicity, education and events for the purposes of this association; and to provide public input for legislation and regulation regarding Tuckerman Ravine and the Cutler River Drainage Area.

Those folks get two "Warm Fuzzies" - they help Friends of Tuckerman Ravine and they help you at the same time! You get to enjoy a weekend of fun and excitement in the Mount Washington Valley!

Fill out the Corporate Sponsor Form and hit the pavement running! Good Luck!
When you are successful, attach the form with the sponsor's check and send it all in to us at PO Box 43, Madison NH 03849.



2011 WILDCAT WILDFIRE

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Corporate Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
Contact Person _____
E-Mail Address _____
Web _____
TEAM NAME _____

WILDMAN/WOMAN COMPETITION

NAME _____
Donation \$ _____

This donation is fully tax deductible as Friends of Tuckerman Ravine is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Our Federal ID # is 31364.



EQUIPMENT TRANSFER FORM*

NAME _____

BIB # _____

WILDMAN/WOMAN _____

WILDMAN/WOMAN _____

Equipment description, please be specific as you can:**

BIKE DESCRIPTION _____

HELMET _____

SHOES _____

KAYAK DESCRIPTION _____

HELMET _____

VEST _____

PADDLE _____

ADDITIONAL NOTES OR INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSPORT TEAM:

***ALL GEAR WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO LOCATION WHERE
THE AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED!**

****NOTE: YOUR BIKE, KAYAK AND GARBAGE BAG
SHOULD HAVE YOUR BIB # TAPED TO IT!**