

Skyway Endurance Race – May 2, 2026

2026 RACE BIBLE Version 1.0
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We are excited to welcome you to the return of the Skyway Endurance Race -- at beautiful Lake Howard!

This event is a fundraiser for COGS, the organization that builds and maintains trails in the Greater Sylacauga Area. Your race entry helps us build and maintain these amazing trails.

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Race Overview

Skyway is a FULL day of racing. We will recognize a minimum 3-deep podium in each category. The course is very challenging and technical in places. Racers are responsible for knowing the course. Please study the course information before your race.

Registration

- Online registration **is open** and is available at https://www.bikereg.com Registration **closes Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 11:59pm CT**
- Race shirts will not be available on site. Racers who pre-purchased a shirt may pick it up at check-in.
- Racers may check-in at Lake Howard South Trail Head from 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM on Saturday May 2.

Pricing

- Race Entry - Between $50 and $80 depending on when you do it
- Race T-shirt - $25
- Post race meals are available to purchase though registration.

Camping

Camping at the Lake Howard Trailhead will be available on a first come first serve basis. Some overflow camping and RV camping will be available at Oldfield Green Gable.

Race Categories

We will offer the following categories for men and women's fields:

Clydesdale/Athena
Single Speed
M/W Open
M 30-39
M 40-49
M 50+
M 60+
M/W Juniors

Locations and Directions

- Race Central, with registration and packet pickup for all races, and the start / finish area, is at the Lake Howard South Trailhead, 850 Boat Dock Lane Sylacauga AL.
- Oldfield Green Gable, packet pickup and potluck dinner Friday evening.

Schedule of Events

Start times are approximate and could be adjusted on race day

Friday May 1, 2026

Noon	Courses marked and available for Pre-Rides	Race Central
5:00	Packet Pickup	Oldfield Green Gable
6:00	Potluck	Oldfield Green Gable

Saturday May 2, 2026

6:30	Packet Pick-Up	Trail head
7:45	Deadline for drop bags	Registration
7:50	Rider meeting at start	Where you turn into the park
8:00	60 Mile Start	Trail head
8:50	Rider Meeting	Where you turn into the park
9:00	40 Mile Start	Trail head
1:00	Lunch is ready	Trail head
2:00	60 Mile Turn around aid station closes	Roughly mile 30
3:00	Bull's Gap Aid station closes	Roughly mile 20 and 40

Event Details

1. Preride - Friday May 1, 2026
    - All courses should be marked for pre-riding Friday. The course for 2025 will be the same as the course for 2026
2. Race Day - Saturday May 2, 2026

    - See the schedule above for your precise start time. Race will mass start 60 racers and then 40 racers.

XC Course

- You are responsible for knowing your race route! A full GPX route is available in through trail forks on the main Skyway page
- There will be a designated feed zone on course/ No outside feeding or support may take place on course in areas outside the designated feed zones.

Rules

1. This is an out and back race. You will receive a mark on your number plate at the turn around for your distance to prove you completed the race.
2. Follow all course markings. Cutting the course at any point will result in disqualification unless an obstacle blocking the course occurs after the race starts.
3. Don't be a jerk. Be kind and courteous to fellow racers, volunteers, spectators, and other trail users. We reserve the right to penalize or disqualify you if you are a jerk. We're all here to have fun.
4. This event is long and difficult. If you see other racers who appear hurt, sick, disoriented, or incapacitated, ask if they are ok. If they need help, notify the nearest volunteer.
5. Follow the rules of the trail.
6. You will race the distance you signed up for. If you signed up for 60 and only completed 40 you will not be scored against the 40 mile event.
7. You may bring a drop bag to go to the 60 mile turn around. You must deliver your drop bag to the location in 1 gallon bag labeled with your name and bib number.
8. If you drop out, you must notify the race director.
9. You are required to have a helmet and tail light.

This is an evolving document. Things are subject to change and will be updated as necessary until the event.

Timing, Results and Scoring

- All races will be **chip timed**. Your timing chip is on the backside of your number plate.
- **You must have your number plate firmly affixed to your bike** to ensure your results are counted!
- **Do not alter, bend, cut, or modify your number plate!** If you do so, we cannot guarantee your results will be counted.
- If you lose your number plate, please come and get a replacement at registration. If you happen to find your old plate after being assigned a new one, please do not use it, throw the old one away.
- Times will be recorded and posted along with finish order.

Awards

- Awards for each race are done as events are concluded.

- Each category and age group listed on the 'race offering' is awarded medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Some categories will also receive product/merch from sponsors depending on availability.

**Prizes, medals and Payouts will be distributed at the awards presentation upon entering the podium. For all racers, any prizes or payouts that are not picked up before leaving the event are forfeited.

Results Posting

Results will be available on the www.bumpngrindraces.com website. Printed results will be available next to the podium area following each race. There is a 15 minute protest period during which riders may contest any issues with results. After the protest period is over and any final changes are made, the results become final. Changes will not be made to results after this protest period is over.

Results Issues, Errors or Questions

If you are missing from the results or there is an issue please EMAIL Info@Chainbusterracing.com with the following information

- Name
- Race Number (on number plate)
- Race in which result need to be looked at (ie: 19-39 age group)
- *The issue* - ie: is the placement incorrect? Are they in the wrong category? Are they missing from the results?
- Additional info - Are there pictures/videos? If necessary, what additional evidence do you have to support your placement being different than ours?

Please send the email and help us get the information we need to get it resolved in a timely and professional manner.

Strava & Scoring

We do not accept Strava times as evidence to dispute our results. Strava can be helpful in determining a rough time of finish or proof of completion, but it does not override our chip-timed or photo-documented results.

Volunteers, Support, and Lodging

- **Volunteer info**

  We will be providing breakfast and lunch to all volunteers. They will also receive a custom event volunteer shirt. Volunteers who sign up in advance will receive a free volunteer T shirt. For volunteer information, please contact Perry Clark or Billy Bean

- **Trailhead Camping**
- Tent camping, Overland Camping, Hammock Camping, and Van Camping is available in the field across from the parking lot

- Race Contacts

- **Registration/Race Questions -** Chase Draper – Bump – President@bump.org
- **Timing, Scoring, and Results:** Dawn Chandler – Chainbuster Racing – 706-338-3789 Info@Chainbusterracing.com
- **Chief referee:** TBA
- **Medical contact:** Cell phone service is limited. For emergencies, dial 911.

Sponsors

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