



22nd Annual City of Lakes Loppet Winter Festival Participant Guide- Next Generation Loppet- 1K, 2K & 3K

Thank you for participating in the 22nd Annual City of Lakes Loppet Winter Festival, Presented by Mayo Clinic! Your participation helps us continue our mission of connecting people to the outdoors through experiences that grow community.

PARTICIPANT BIB ASSIGNMENTS AND START TIMES

Please know your wave and start time.

To help protect and preserve our trails, please remind your spectators they are not allowed on the trails. Parents are allowed in the stadium, please wipe mud off shoes before entering.

PACKET PICKUP TIMES

- ❖ Thursday, February 1: The Trailhead, 4pm-8pm
 - Pick up your packet on Thursday and get a tootsie roll!
- ❖ Friday, February 2: Utepils Brewing (225 Thomas Ave N, Minneapolis, MN), 4pm-8pm
 - Pick up your packet on Friday and get a tootsie roll!
 - Packet pickup will not be available at the Trailhead on Friday (only Utepils)
- ❖ Saturday, February 3: The Trailhead, 7am-3pm

SATURDAY RACE SCHEDULE AND WAVES

Start Location: Trailhead- Lower Stadium

Renewal By Andersen Next Generation Loppet

	START	COURSE ARROWS
1K	2:00 PM	ORANGE ARROWS
2K	2:05 PM	PURPLE ARROWS
3K	2:10 PM	GREEN ARROWS

NO FLUORO

No fluorinated wax is allowed. For the full policy, go here: [No Fluoro Policy](#). LEAP (Loppet Environmental Action Plan) and Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy will be collecting

Fluoro Ski Wax during Packet Pickup and Festival Village. Fluoro Ski Wax collected will be destroyed through Hazardous Waste Incineration.

COURSE MAPS AND NOTES

Check out the [course map here](#).

NEW: 500 meter cutoff option for the **1K** skiers at the “Roundabout” if they need it. The cutoff avoids Jim’s Hill-not at all a big hill but enough to challenge some new skiers. Parents (no registration required) are welcome to join their 1K skiers on skis just stay to the side or behind so other participants can easily pass). Or just join everyone else at the finish line cheering in all the kids. Our course map will be updated soon to reflect this cutoff option.

PARKING (pretty important ...)

- ❖ We will do our best to provide the closest parking possible for our young Next Generation participants and their families. Watch your email for permits to park in areas not available to other Festival participants.
 - Saturday: Trailhead South Parking Lot or the Chalet Lot
- ❖ **Note that access to the Trailhead will be closed at Hwy 55.** You will need to approach the both the Chalet and Trailhead via Plymouth Ave from the east or Golden Valley Rd from the north.
- ❖ Watch your email. Permits will be emailed on the Thursday or Friday prior to Festival weekend.
- ❖ Please be respectful of your parking privileges and do not duplicate or share your parking permit with others. Your pass is intended for one vehicle only.
- ❖ **You will need to print out your permit to show to the parking attendants- please have it ready on your dash before you get to the checkpoint.** Do not plan to show it on your phone. It is too slow and hard to view for our parking volunteers who often have a line of cars to manage.
- ❖ Please note that **spectators** coming to Theodore Wirth Park should plan to park at the Mortenson Lots (700 Meadow Lane and 4100 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley). They are welcome to use the Trailhead-Mortenson shuttle bus, 10am-3pm, that leaves the Trailhead every 15 minutes on the quarter hour.

Dropoff/Pickup

[Chalet Lot Drop Off Zone](#): Shows the location in the Chalet Lot (1301 Theodore Wirth Pkwy) where dropoffs and pickups will be allowed (if you are not using the special Next Generation parking permits).

- Dropoff/Pickup is not available at the Trailhead.
- Please note that access to the Trailhead/Chalet area will be closed at Hwy 55. You will need to approach the Chalet via Plymouth Ave from the east or Golden Valley Rd from the north.

ROAD CLOSURES

- Make note of thi for getting around race morning. Let your spectator fans know as well.
- Theodore Wirth Pkwy from Hwy 55 to Plymouth Ave: Saturday (8am-2:30), Sunday (8am-12pm)

RACER BIBS

In an effort to reduce the waste generated by thousands of bibs, the Loppet will collect all bibs at several post-race locations. Bib Drop Locations: finish line, bag claim, the Trailhead exit.

This saves the Loppet significant expense which allows us to direct more finances toward our mission-based programs. We are hoping to reuse the vast majority of our Festival bibs to allow them to live out a full and active life. Thank you for helping us reduce waste and move towards greener events!

FESTIVAL AMENITIES

Be sure to check out all the festival amenities at and around The Trailhead! Festival Village, awards booth, merchandise, Mill Valley Market and more!

Chili and the Food Station: The finish line has a couple snacks but the real food station is inside the Trailhead! Find our traditional favorite Captain Ken's Chili along with cookies, M&Ms, bananas and oranges. And more water and gatorade for rehydrating.

Sweet Treat: Visit Isles Bun and Coffee in the parking lot in front of the Trailhead!

Photos(!): We are using RunnerTag for photos! You can look up your race number to see if we caught any pictures of you. We can't make promises but we do try to get everyone!

Results: Race results can be found at mtecreresults.com

For Parents: Utepils beer is available for \$8 in the Trailhead.

EVENT WEBSITE

Please also check the [Next Generation event specific page](#) for any additional information.

We look forward to seeing these kiddos this weekend!

Loppet Events Team