

THIS IS SOUTHERN CROSS 2017

The Turn it up to 11 10th Anniversary edition

This season ABES, the organizers, offer two days of cyclocross racing in Altona, Manitoba. *Southern Cross* will be a Manitoba Cycling Association Cyclocross cup series race held on Saturday and includes an **open category** for anyone who wants the chance to suffer and grin.

On Sunday we turn it up to 11, offering you the crazy chance to race at the local Moto-Park X (a dirt surface motocross track). Again, this day of racing will include an open category for any non-licensed racers.

We will be giving away two bikes this year, one per race day. Saturday's bike, an XS 27.5 Norco Storm mountain bike, will be drawn after the kids races, and for the kids (11 and under) only. Sunday's draw will be for a Medium version of the same bike, and all online registered racers will be eligible to win it.

If you register online at bikereg.com you will be eligible to win one of the bikes, and for the other draw prizes. Even though kids' registration is free they must register online if they want to be eligible to win the great prizes courtesy of the ABES the donations of Altona merchants.

For more info, go to altonasoutherncross.blogspot.ca, or email Paul Krahn at paulkrahn@gmail.com, or text/phone him at (204) 770-1396 (c).

WHEN IS IT?

Southern Cross – Saturday, October 14

Turn it up to 11 Cross – Sunday, October 15

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Online Registration

Kids under 14 - FREE but you must register online to be eligible to win the draw prizes

Citizens - \$30

Adults - \$30

Race Day Registration

Kids under 14 - FREE, but not eligible for the draw prizes

Licensed/Open/Citizen - \$40

WILL THERE BE FOOD ONSITE?

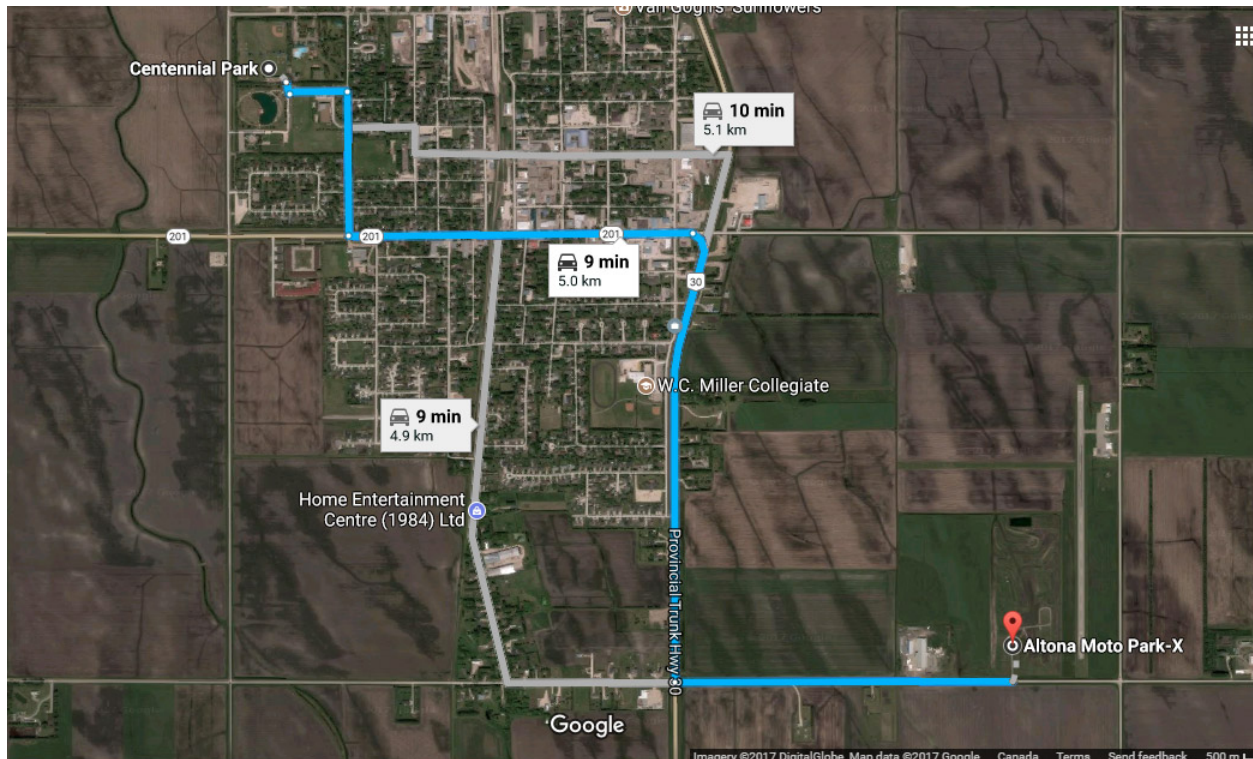
On Saturday there will be a free farmer sausage burger and a drink for racers.

On Sunday ... we're working on it.

WHERE IS IT?

Oct 14, Saturday, at Altona Centennial Park (227 10th Ave NW, Altona)

Oct 15, Sunday, at Altona Moto-Park X (1 mile (1.6 kms) south from the intersection of Hwy 201 (Centre Ave, Altona) and Hwy 30, turn left (East) on Rd 6N (look for the sign to Conquest Industries) and drive ¾ mile (1.2 kms). Turn left into the Moto-Park X.



HOW DO I REGISTER?

online

- Register online at bikereg.com/thisissouthernx
- Registration closes on Friday, October 13 at 5:00 pm CST
- Registering online is the only way to be eligible to win the draw prizes

in person

- Go to altonasoutherncross.blogspot.ca and download and fill out the appropriate waiver form and bring them to the race. If you come to the race without the form completed, you risk missing your race due to congestion at the registration desk.
- IF you register in person, **you will not be entered to win our draw prizes** (We're giving away two bikes! One for each day of racing!) and the walk-up race fee is more expensive, so just register online already. Registration/check-in will be held at the parks' central maintenance garage, just North of the start/finish line and NorthWest of the camping spots.

SATURDAY'S SOUTHERN CROSS SCHEDULE

- 10:00 – Registration opens
 - Course is open for pre-riding
- 11:30 – Under 7 Race
- 12:00 – Under 9, Under 11, and Under 13 riders who are less experienced
- 12:30 – Bike Draw (27.5 Norco Storm XS) for those who registered at bikereg.com
- Adult course set-up
- 1:00 – Open Race (no license required) - 40 minute race
- 2:00 – C Race: Cat 4 male and female, U13 male and female and U15 male and female racers with less racing experience, and MCA citizen (30 minute race)
- 3:00 – B Race: Cat 3 male, Cat 1/2/3 female (40 – 50 minute race)
- 4:15 – A Race: Cat 1/2 male (60 minute race)
- 6:00 – After party & Award ceremony at the Altona Curling Club (227C 10th Ave NW)

SUNDAY'S TURN-IT-UP-TO-11 CROSS – at Altona Moto-Park X*

- 11:00 – Registration and sign-in
- 12:00 – C-Race – 30 minute race
- 1:00 – Under 13 kids race
- 1:45 – Bike Draw (27.5 Norco Storm M) for those who registered
- 2:00 – Open race – 40 minute race
- 3:15 – B-Race – 40 – 50 minute race
- 4:30 – A-Race – 60 minute race

***Weather and track conditions permitting!**

If the Moto track is wet or otherwise unsuitable for a cross race, we'll still hold a race on Sunday, on the course at the Park. We'll likely make some adjustments (run it backwards, force a run-up, something like that) to make it feel like a new way to suffer.

We'll make an announcement about the location of the Sunday race before the end of Saturday's A-race.

ASSEMBLY AND SEEDING

Riders in the A, B, and C races will assemble 10 minutes before the scheduled race start and will be called to the start line in seeded order.

WILL THERE BE BEER AND GRUB ON SATURDAY NIGHT?

We wouldn't bring it up if we didn't have a little something to offer! After Saturday's sufferfest, and to prepare to fully turn it up to 11 on Sunday, you'll be able to buy beer (if you're 18 or over of course) to slake your thirst at the Curling Club. You will also be able to buy soft drinks, pizza by the slice, as well as a chip buffet to help you keep your munchies at bay – you're welcome!

IS THERE ANYWHERE TO STAY OVERNIGHT?

Yes, FREE camping is available at the campgrounds located beside the race course. Sites serviced with electricity are available, but water service may be shut off depending on the weather. Call the Altona Recreation Department at (204) 324-9005 to make your reservations. There are also hotel options at the Altona Motor Hotel ((204) 324-5241). The ABES will also be happy to welcome you into their homes if you don't mind sleeping on a couch or in the basement. Contact us at altonabikeclub@gmail.com or paulkrahn@gmail.com to check for couch-crashing options.

DIRTY DETAILS

SATURDAY: Bathrooms and showers will be available at the park.

SUNDAY: The facilities at the Moto-Park X track will be less developed. You can expect outhouses and a porta-potty. There is no water on site, please bring your own drinking water.