

# Northgate Classic - *Race Guide*

Presented by **Decipher Wilderness Services**

ONLINE Registration ONLY - NO ON-SITE Registration



# HYPERTHERMIA

FAT BIKE RACE

FEBRUARY 4, 2023



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**Race Name:** Northgate Hyperthermia Fatbike Race

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**Race Date:** February 4th, 2023

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**Host:**

- Decipher Wilderness Services

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**Location:**

The Northgate Trails are located adjacent to the north gate of Riding Mountain National Park (South of Dauphin). **The race sign-in and starting location is at the Selo Ukrainian Heritage Site, not at the Northgate trailhead.**

**Directions:** To get to the race sign-in and starting location, go to the Selo Ukrainian Heritage Site. The site is located approximately 11 km south of Dauphin, or 5 km south of the Hwy 5/Hwy 10 intersection, and 1 km west of Hwy 10 before climbing the escarpment hill. Highway signs on Hwy 10 mark the turn-off.

Google Maps Link:

[Selo Ukraina-Ukrainian Folk Arts Centre & Museum - Google Maps](#)

**Eligibility:**

The race is open to all. Valid UCI/CCA/MCA race license or a Day Permit\* are required. To purchase a UCI/CCA/MCA license visit the [MCA Website](#). If you do not have an MCA license, you can purchase a single day pass for \$20 when you register online.

\*Day permits are available at a cost of \$20 per event for non-MCA licensed riders who wish to participate in an MCA-sanctioned event without purchasing a full license. Up to three Day Permits may be purchased per year. The cost of Day permits can be “rolled” into a full license at any time.

\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\* Day permits DO NOT provide sport accident or liability insurance for the permit holder. Rather, they are in place to “Protect” the MCA, the Race Organizer and volunteers, and licensed riders. We strongly encourage all participants to consider the benefits of a full MCA racing license.

## Registration:

**PLEASE NOTE: Unlicensed persons may register and participate but they must purchase an additional "Day Permit" for \$20 when registering.**

Link: <https://decipherservices.ca/wilderness-experiences>

Registration closes: **11:59pm Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Race day registration:

**There will be No Race Day Registration**

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**Check In:** All registered riders must "Check-in" at the registration table. On-site check-in opens at 10:00 am and closes 1/2 hour before your event start time.

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## Categories:

**Main Event\*** - Choice of four distances:

**5 km XC event** - recommended for novice racers and youth aged 11+ (30-60min), two laps of a 2.5 km course at Selo.

**10 km XC event** - XC event for intermediate riders (60-90 min), one lap of the above course plus a tour of the groomed Northgate trails.

**20 km XC event** - experienced racers looking for an endurance event 18+ (90-120 min), two laps of the 10 km course.

**40 km XC event** - experienced racers looking for an endurance event or are preparing for Actif Epica 18+ (180-240 min), one lap of the 10 km course plus 30 km of gravel and snowmobile trails along the valleys at the north end of Riding Mountain National Park.

\*All Races at the Northgate Hyperthermia will have gender neutral starts. Please self-seed at staging based on your perceived ability level for your event of choice. Allow faster riders to the front.

## Pricing:

\$50

## **Course Pre-ride:**

The full course will be available for pre-ride anytime on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and on race day (February 4<sup>th</sup>) between 8:00-12:30 pm. Course preparation work will be underway on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Pre-riders must be off the course by 12:30 pm in order to be on time for staging the start of the race.*

## **Podium & Prizing:**

There will be Male and Female podiums for each distance (X3).

Prizing will go three deep. There will also be draw prizes for main event participants.

## **Course Description:**

The track surface will primarily consist of groomed fatbike and snow shoe trails. They are approximately 0.5 to 1.0 m wide singletrack trails. The trails will be groomed to be a firm surface, but may become soft with warmer temperatures. Recommended tire pressure will be provided the day of the race. The course will offer technical features that may include rocks, roots, logs, and human-made special features with varying amounts of snow cover. Difficult technical features may offer several line choices, "A" denoting the more difficult option, and "B" denoting the alternate or moderate option, and potentially an option "C" which would denote the easiest option. The long (40 km) course branches off the single track and onto the quiet gravel roads and snowmobile trails to the north of Riding Mountain National Park.

## Race-day Schedule:

(Staging for each race will begin at least 15 minutes in advance, please listen for the commissaires to announce staging and prepare early)

8:00 am	All course options open for pre-ride
11:00 am	Registration table Open (Check In only- no race-day registration)
12:50 pm	30 km event staging
12:55 pm	15 km event staging 4 lap and 3 lap event START
1:00 pm	5 km event staging
1:05 pm	30 km event START
1:10 pm	15 km event START
1:00 pm	5 km event START
4:00 pm	Podium and Draw Prizes

## Food:

There will be food and beverage available for all event participants from 2 pm until 4:00 pm. Lunch is included with all registrations. Additional food may be available on a first-come-first-serve basis for non-participants. Cash Only.

To be announced: Pre-race film festival and dinner on Friday night! (Not included in race registration fee. Pay at the door. Racers receive discount and free drink ticket)

## Parking:

There will be parking on-site at the upper Selo parking lot (Adjacent to the staging area). Please watch for children and cyclists.

## General Race Rules :

- Pre-riding may only be done during the designated times.
- Everyone riding on the course during scheduled Pre Ride/training times MUST have a current MCA general membership (or race license). Non members are not permitted to operate a bicycle on the course during scheduled event times.
- All racers must operate a fatbike (minimum 3.8" tires) with both front and rear working brakes.
- All racers must wear a safety approved helmet deemed appropriate for cycling AT ALL TIMES while riding (i.e. while training, racing, riding around the staging area etc.). No exceptions.
- Riders shall act and race with caution and respect for their fellow racers. They shall be held responsible for any accidents that they cause.
- Racers MUST present their license at the Registration/Check in table. Do not come to a race without your license. FYI, technically, the license is to remain on your person throughout the race.
- It is a racer's responsibility to know the race course and the number of required laps before the race starts. Marshals are not obligated to give out directions to confused riders.
- A racer must act in a sporting manner at all times and shall permit any faster rider to overtake without obstructing.

- If a rider exits the course for any reason, he/she must return to the course at exactly the same point from which they exited (i.e. do not cross over tape to re-enter the course).
- Music players and electronic devices are NOT allowed by any racers during any events.
- You may only wear the jersey of a club or team to which you currently belong, i.e. do not wear a Pro team jersey unless you are currently a member of that Pro team.
- Handlebars must have end caps. Kickstands should be removed. Water bottle holders must be secured in appropriate locations on the bicycle frame or seat post.
- Race plates must be secured to the handlebar so that the number can be clearly read by the Commissaires at the Finish line. Do not alter the plate in any way. Ensure the plate is not obscured by brake cables or bent such that the numbers are difficult to read from a distance. Ensure the bottom of the plate is secured so that it cannot flip up.
- Before the race, know exactly where the finish line is situated. Your finish time is recorded on the finish line. Do not stop your race until you cross the finish line. Once finished, exit the area immediately.
- The finish line is for finishers. Never cross the finish line twice.
- If you leave the race for any reason you MUST alert one of the Commissaires as soon as you are able. It is not fun to look for a "lost" rider who has left the race course unannounced.
- Glass containers are not allowed on the course, including the feed zone.
- Please walk your bicycle in the parking areas & any other road ways adjacent to the race site.
- Please walk your bicycle in the registration, spectator and staging areas.
- Please consult the UCI and CCA rules to see all applicable rules and regulations.