



SQUIRREL CHASER MTB RACE

May 24, 2026 | Squirrel Hills Trail Park

Registration link: <https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=41561&lan=1&cartlevel=1>

Pre-registration closes: 11pm, Monday, May 18, 2026

Race Guide

Race Name: Squirrel Chaser XC MTB 2026 (Provincial Mountain Bike Championships)

Race Date: Sunday, May 24th 2026

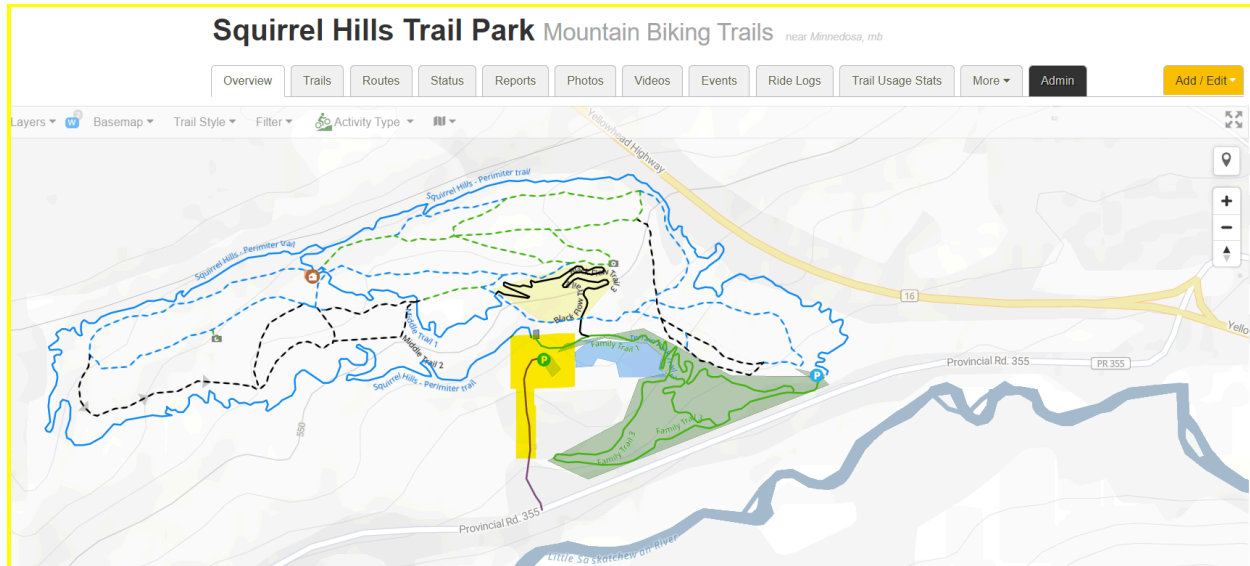
Host: Prairie Mountain Cycling Association Inc., Minnedosa Manitoba

Contact: prairiemountaincycling@gmail.com (Richard Dupuis & Paul Archbutt)

Location:

Squirrel Hills Trail Park Trailhead and Parking Lot (highlighted in Yellow on the map).

Pin <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QePHj5iEB8Nu4NVY7>



Directions: Access to the Squirrel Hills Recreation Area Parking lot. From the Junction of **#10 Highway and PR 355** head **West** and take the **second junction on your right and through the Minnedosa Regional Compost yard.**

Eligibility:

The race is open to all, MCA members and non-members (day permits required for non-MCA members). Valid UCI/CCA/MCA race license or a Day Permit* are required and must be shown to registration on race day. To purchase a UCI/CCA/MCA license visit the [MCA Website](#).

*Day permits are available at a cost of \$35 per event for non-MCA licensed riders 17+, \$10 for U17 and \$5 for U13, 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. Day permits can be added to race registration at the time of payment/registration.

*****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.

Categories:

	Suggested Race Duration [hour:min]	
	<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Event #1 (KIDS, no podium)		
Under 7 Male/Female together	0:10	0:20
Under 9 Male/Female together	0:15	0:30
Under 11 Male/Female together	0:15	0:30
Event #2 (YOUTH, JUNIORS)		
Under 13 (Male/Female)	0:20	0:45
Under 15 (Male/Female)	0:30	0:55
Under 17 (Male/Female)	0:40	1:05
Under 19 (Male/Female)	0:50	1:10
Main Event (ADULT)		
Sport Men/Women (Under 35)	0:50	1:10
Sport Men/Women, Master (35+)	0:50	1:10
Comp Men/Women	1:00	1:20
Expert/Elite Men/Women	1:15	1:30

*Commisaires will call up racers for seeding order at the start of each event. For those invited to self-seed at staging, please do so based on your perceived ability level for your event of choice. Allow faster riders to the front.

If riders need race license adjustments made to change categories (for example, a U17 moving up to Comp or Expert), please complete [this form](#) or contact MTB Director Darcy Beer at mtb.mbcycling@gmail.com.

Pricing:*

Kids U7, U9 and U11 Races	Early Bird	\$25	Reg.	\$35
Youth U13 and U15 Races	Early Bird	\$45	Reg.	\$55
Juniors/Adults (15+) Races	Early Bird	\$55	Reg.	\$65

* Early Bird pricing ends at 11:00pm on Thursday, April 23, 2026 (extended to Sunday, April 26, 2026)

**** Race registration fees support the event, MCA race services, and the ongoing development and maintenance of the Squirrel Hills Trail 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 be prepared early.

SQUIRREL CHASER RACE DAY SCHEDULE

- **8:00 am - General registration/Sign-in Opens**
- *8:00 am - Course pre-ride (75 minutes; 3 courses marked, will not be fully taped)*
- 9:15 am - Course closed
- **9:45 Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**
- 10:05 am - Event #1 Staging (U7 & U9 & U11)
- *10:15 am - Event #1 Start (U7 & U9 & U11); 2k course*
- 11:00 pm - Event #2 Staging (U13 & U15, U17/U19)
- *11:15 am - Event #2 Start (U13 & U15, U17/U19); 5k course*
- 12:00 pm - Canteen open
- 12:30 pm - Event #2 Youth races Podium Ceremony
- **12:30 pm - Registration/Racer sign-in Closed**
- *12:45 pm - Adult course pre-ride open (45 minutes)*
- 1:30 pm - Adult course pre-ride closed
- 1:45 pm - Staging for Adult Races
- *2:00 pm - Event #3 Start (Expert, Comp, Sport); 6.8k course*
- 4:00 pm - Event #3 Adult races Podium Ceremony
- 4:30 pm - Canteen Closed

Podium & Prizing:

Kids Races

There will not be a podium for U7, U9 & U11 kids races.
Kids race participants will receive a special item upon finish.

Other Events:

There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place athletes in the Youth (Event #2) and Adult (Event #3) races.

Course descriptions:

Courses may be marked and ready to ride the day before (Saturday) and will be marked and ready to ride on event day (Sunday) during the two (2) defined pre-ride times according to the race day schedule. *All racers are strongly encouraged to review the course routes below with a full understanding of their event route prior to race day. With the exception of the modified kids course, all other courses remain the same as last year.*

Kids (U7-11) course (2km):

<https://www.trailforks.com/route/squirrel-chaser-2-km-race-course-2026/>

Youth/Junior (U13-19) course (5.1km):

<https://www.trailforks.com/route/squirrel-chaser-5-km-route/>

Adult course (6.8km):

<https://www.trailforks.com/route/squirrel-chaser-7km-race-course/>

Check out the different race courses on [Trail Forks](#).

Parking:

Parking is available on-site. Please park responsibly, using the limited space in the most efficient manner possible.

Washrooms:

Two washrooms are available on-site along with handwash stations.

Food:

A canteen will be open for lunch, with one (1) complimentary meal (burger, drink, snack) for all racers. Food will be available for purchase by all non-racers.

Cancellation and Rain Delays:

The course is quite robust and the event will run as long as it is safe. Please consult <https://mbcycling.ca/> for updated info, including all MCA social media accounts and the Prairie Mountain Cycling (PMC) Facebook page. Last minute notifications will be posted to social media.

General Race Rules:

- Pre-riding may only be done during the designated times for your category.
 - 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 bicycle 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 reenter the course).
 - Music players and electronic devices are NOT allowed by any racers during any events.
 - Sleeveless jerseys are NOT allowed.
 - 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.
 - The current defending Manitoba Cup winners should wear their Manitoba Cup jersey at Cup races. Previous years jerseys should not be worn by previous winners.
 - 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.
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