



TECHNICAL GUIDE

MOUNTAIN CREEK US DOWNHILL NATIONAL / SRAM DOWNHILL SOUTHEAST ROUND 4 - May 25-28, 2023 -

USA Cycling National Downhill Series Race #2
UCI Classification: DHI Elite C3
Location: Mountain Creek Bike Park - Vernon, NJ USA
www.mountaincreek.com

Mountain Creek Bike Park has partnered with Downhill Southeast to proudly present the 2023 MOUNTAIN CREEK USDH NATIONAL, which will serve as both a USA Cycling Downhill National Series Race AND the fourth round of the 2023 Downhill Southeast Race Series. This race event is sanctioned by USA Cycling and carries a UCI DHI Elite 3 classification.

With one of the longest lift-accessed riding seasons in North America, more than 50 unique downhill trails and numerous resort amenities, Mountain Creek Bike Park has consistently ranked as one of the top spots in the country for downhill and freeride mountain biking.

Located in the picturesque northwest corner of New Jersey, Mountain Creek Resort offers a world-class riding experience in an easy-to-get-to destination, only about one hour outside of New York City and local airports.

TRANSPORTATION DETAILS

Find us on GPS:

Mountain Creek Resort
200 Vernon Macafee Rd (State Route 94)
Vernon, NJ 07462

Flying into the area is extremely easy, with two 4 international airport options all under 2 hours drive from the resort.

- Airports
 - Newark Liberty International
 - Newark, NJ
 - Stewart International Airport
 - Newburg, NY
 - LaGuardia International Airport
 - New York, NY
 - JFK International Airport
 - New York, NY

LODGING

Mountain Creek offers onsite lodging in the Appalachian Hotel and Black Creek Sanctuary Condos. For availability, rates and more details please call 973-827-2000 or visit www.mountaincreek.com/lodging

In addition to the onsite lodging, there are several other local lodging options all located within a 30 minute drive or less of the resort:

Alpine Haus Bed & Breakfast - Drive time: Approx 1 minute
<http://www.alpinehausbb.com/>

The Appalachian Motel – Drive time: Approx 5 minutes
<http://appalachianmotel.com/>

Quality Inn Vernon – Drive time: Approx 5 minutes
<https://www.choicehotels.com/new-jersey/vernon/quality-inn-hotels/nj311>

Holiday Inn Express Inn & Suites – Newton – Drive time: Approx 20 minutes
<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/reservation>

There are also numerous VRBO and Airbnb lodging options in the immediate Vernon area.

CAMPING

- Overnight parking is permitted on-site in the lower parking lots across the street from the lifts.
- Local Campground Options:

Woodland Trails - Sussex, NJ <https://sites.google.com/a/jcmgroupinc.com/woodlandtrails/home>

BIKE SHOPS

- Mountain Creek Bike Park has a full-service repair and retail shop for all parts, equipment and gear needs.
- Skids Bike Shop is also located just north of Mountain Creek on Route 94

BIKE PARK LIFT HOURS

THURSDAY (5/18) 12:00pm-6:00pm

FRIDAY (5/19) 9:00am-6:00pm

SATURDAY (5/20) 9:00am-6:00pm

SUNDAY (5/21) 9:00am-6:00pm

MON/TUE/WED CLOSED

THURSDAY (5/25) 12:00pm-6:00pm

FRIDAY (5/26) 9:00am-6:00pm

SATURDAY (5/27) 9:00am-6:00pm

SUNDAY (5/28) 8:00am-6:00pm

MONDAY (5/29) 9:00am-6:00pm (Memorial Day)

TUE/WED (5/30-31) CLOSED

Full Operating Hours: <https://mountaincreek.com/bike-park/trail-report-hours/>

EVENT SCHEDULE (subject to change)

THURSDAY 5/25

12:00pm-6:00pm Bike Park Open *Race Courses Closed* Lift Ticket Not Included with Race Entry
12:00pm-5:00pm Number Plate Pick Up at DHSE Race Trailer
12:00pm-5:00pm Track Walk (Registered athletes only)

FRIDAY 5/26

8:00am-4:00pm Number Plate Pick Up at DHSE Race Trailer
9:00am-1:30pm Practice - Group A & B Combine
1:30pm-6:00pm Practice - Group C
6:00pm Last Lift Up for Track Walk

SATURDAY 5/27

8:00am-12:30pm Number Plate Pick Up at DHSE Race Trailer
9:00am-11:00am Practice - Group B
11:00am-1:00pm Practice - Group A
1:00pm-3:00pm Practice - Group C
2:00pm Free Novice Kids Race (See Mountain Creek Bike Shop for onsite reg)
3:15pm Seeding (Running Order: Group B, Group A)
5:00pm Last Lift Up for Track Walk

SUNDAY 5/28

8:00am-9:30am Practice - Group C
9:30am-10:30am Practice - Group B
10:30am-11:30am Practice - Group A
11:45am Race Start (Running Order: Group C, Group B, Group A)
TBD All awards immediately following Pro class

ATHLETE GROUPS:

Group A: Pro Men / Pro Women / Cat 1 Men 17-18 / Cat 1 Women 17-18
Group B: All Cat 1 Men and Women
Group C: All Cat 2/3 Men and Women

SEEDING DETAILS:

Group A: Start order based on UCI ranking, USAC ranking, DHSE ranking,
then at random
Group B: Start order based USAC Ranking and/or
registration/randomly

(Note - Group C does NOT seed on Saturday)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

**PLEASE NOTE – THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT.
ALL RACERS MUST PRE-REGISTER ONLINE**

Please make sure that your USAC/UCI license is current and matches the category you wish to race in. By doing so, you avoid issues at registration. Please submit any upgrades and renewals ASAP and confirm that they went through by checking your license on the USA Cycling website. Thank you!

Category	Race Entry (Includes: Fri-Sun Lift Tickets)	Thursday Practice Tickets
UCI Elite & Pro/Open Men & Women	\$155 (early bird)	50% Discount available onsite
Amateur Categories	\$135 (early bird)	50% Discount available onsite
Novice Kids Race	See details below	

All Coaches must purchase lift tickets/sign waivers and are limited to course time congruent with their participant. Please see the DHSE onsite registration team for more details.

Racer Categories:

Pro Men (UCI)

Cat 1 Junior Men Age 17-18 (UCI)

Cat 1 Men 11-14

Cat 1 Men 15-16

Cat 1 Men Age 19-29

Cat 1 Men Age 30-39

Cat 1 Men Age 40+

Cat 2/3 Youth Boys Age 10-12

Cat 2/3 Youth Boys Age 13-14

Cat 2/3 Youth Boys age 15-16

Cat 2/3 Junior Men Age 17-18

Cat 2/3 Men Age 19-29

Cat 2/3 Men Age 30-39

Cat 2/3 Men Age 40-49

Open Category Men Age 50-99 (Cat 2/3 Course)

Pro Women (UCI)

Cat 1 Women 17-18 (UCI)

Cat 1 Women Age 19+

Cat 1 Women Age 16U

Cat 2/3 Women Age 18+

Cat 2/3 Junior Women Age 15-18

Cat 2/3 Women 14U

Pro / Cat 1 Men Single Crown

Cat 2/3 Single Crown Men Open Age

Open Category/Age Single Crown Women (Cat 2/3 Course)

Category Adjustments

Mountain Creek and Downhill Southeast reserve the right to combine categories if there are not sufficient entrants to fill a podium (at least five per category). Additionally, race organizers may opt to separate Cat 1 Boys 11-14 into 11-12 & 13-14 if there are enough athlete registrations to field two separate categories.

Licensing

As a UCI/USAC sanctioned event, all participants in sanctioned categories MUST possess a license to participate in this event. Either a valid annual license (UCI or USA Cycling) or a single event license is required. Single event licenses can be purchased through the USA Cycling website.

UCI Rules and Regulations

- UCI categories shall be run under UCI regulations. Complete UCI regulations can be found here: <https://www.uci.ch/inside-uci/constitutions-regulations/regulations>
- All other athletes shall follow USA Cycling regulations found at www.usacycling.com

Event Specific UCI/USAC Information:

- There is no separate UCI Junior designation for this event.
- The UCI categories (ME, WE) comprise racers age 17 and older and are labeled *ME DHI* and *WE DHI*, according to UCI regulations. (This means that Cat 1 17-18 racers with UCI licenses will earn UCI points based on combined results with the Elites)
- UCI points will be earned and distributed according to the UCI's specifications for a C3 level event.
- To participate in the UCI DHI events, racers must hold *one* of the following *current* licenses:
 - USA Cycling International license – Category [Pro] (ages 19+)
 - USA Cycling International license – Category [Cat 1] (ages 17 & 18)
 - USA Cycling Domestic license – Category [Pro] (ages 19+)
 - USA Cycling Domestic license – Category [Cat 1] (ages 17 & 18)
 - Foreign federation international license (ages 17+)
- At the discretion of the organizer, there may be a separate podium for Junior riders racing in the UCI Elite DHI categories (ie; a separate Cat 1 17-18 class podium)
- UCI points can be earned only by holders of an international UCI license, which needs to be presented and verified at package pick-up. These UCI points are awarded to racers regardless of age - meaning there are no Junior-specific points at this event.
- All UCI Elite DHI racers, regardless of age, compete not only for the same UCI points but also for the same UCI Prize list.
- UCI categories are required to take a seeding run (at minimum an athlete must “break the start beam” in order to qualify for finals). Non-UCI categories (ie Cat 1 athletes) will not be required to take a seeding run, but will be seeded in the back of their respective category if they miss their seeding run.
- Cat 1 seeding start order based on USAC Ranking and/or registration/randomly. All UCI Elite DHI racers will be ranked for seeding in the following order based on current data:
 - UCI rankings
 - USAC rankings
 - DHSE rankings
 - Random
- Riders aged 19 years or older who do not hold a domestic Pro license will not be allowed to enter or race the UCI class.

- Changes in category must be made no later than noon, Saturday 27, 2023, in person with the UCI race Secretary. Any changes to category after online registration concludes will forfeit a racer’s right to a start position based on his or her ranking.
- A minimum of 2 practice runs will be required for all racers to compete on race day.

Pro Cash Prizing Payouts

PRO/UCI ELITE Men: 1st - \$1,000, 2nd - \$750, 3rd - \$475, 4th - \$375, 5th - \$225, 6th - \$175, 7th - \$150, 8th - \$125
PRO/UCI ELITE Women: \$1,000, 2nd - \$750, 3rd - \$475, 4th - \$375, 5th - \$225, 6th - \$175, 7th - \$150, 8th - \$125

Awards All Other Classes:

Podiums will be for the top 5 finishers in each amateur category.

Course Descriptions:

- Mountain Creek Bike Park will provide one downhill race track for all racers with clearly marked options and/or go around lines for CAT 2/3 racers where deemed necessary.
 - Race Courses will be marked and taped clearly based on the appropriate technicality level for category.
- Racers are required to perform a course inspection or walk the course prior to riding.
- Course times will vary from approximately just over 2 minutes to over 4 minutes depending on category/racer ability.
- Course will be marked and ready for inspection on Thursday of race week.
- Course preview video will be uploaded and available on Mountain Creek and Downhill Southeast social media channels.

[FREE NOVICE KIDS RACE \(14YRS AND UNDER\)](#)

This race is designed to allow our youngest and beginner racers who might not be ready for the main event, an opportunity to get out and race. Parents/coaches are welcome to follow their racers down the course. The youth race course will take advantage of our existing intermediate bike trails along with some fresh cut/built sections. Course details will be released as we get closer to the event. This race is just for fun – no points or affiliation to the main USAC/UCI race.

Race entry is free – But everyone is required to purchase a lift ticket or have an active season pass. Helmets are required and additional safety equipment is recommended.

PIT/TECH SPACE

A limited amount of "Preferred" Racer Pit Spaces will be available in the Cobblestone Village Paid Parking Lot. These will be sold alongside our athlete registration (on BikeReg.com) and available in 20' x 20' spaces for \$150 each.

Pit Space load in times are the same as onsite number plate pick up times (see event schedule above)

Link for pit space registration: <https://www.bikereg.com/mountain-creek-us-downhill-national-sram-downhill-southeast-round-4>

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO STAKING OF TENTS IS PERMITTED ON THE PAVED LOTS. Please plan accordingly and bring the necessary weights to secure your tent. You are responsible for any damage caused to your equipment or the equipment of others.

Racers who choose not to purchase Preferred Pit Space may pit free of charge in any of the outer dirt lots.

For brands and companies looking to promote or sell their products onsite, we will have a limited number of Expo spaces available around the lodge and lift. Please note that these spaces are not for racer pits and do not include vehicle parking. Please contact Mountain Creek directly for more details.

NEAREST HOSPITALS:

St. Claires
Walnut Street
Sussex, NJ

Newton Medical Center
175 High Street
Newton NJ 07860

Additional Event Questions: marketing@mountaincreek.com