

WALKER RIVER RENDEZVOUS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Race Description

A new venue for the Nevada League at one of Nevada's newest State Parks. This event takes place at the Pitchfork Ranch unit of Walker River State Recreation Area. Part mountain bike race and part gravel grinder, the course utilizes flat pasture roads, double track, and even some brand new singletrack just built for the race. After a long flat section to get everyone sorted out, the course climbs a rocky doubletrack to the top of Eagle's Roost. There is a nice lookout there with views spanning the East Walker River valley. After the top, the course turns onto singletrack for a moderately technical decent back to the bottom and then traverses rolling singletrack freshly built for the race by Nevada League volunteers and League sponsor Sierra Trail Works. After exiting the singletrack, riders follow pasture roads back to the Start/Finish. The course loop is 5.2 miles with 350' of climbing. The course map, video, and GPX file can be found on the Nevada League website(pending upload).

Pre-Ride

All racers can pre-ride and inspect the course Saturday afternoon (1pm-4pm) and Sunday morning (8am-9am). We recommend all riders pre-ride the course. All riders on course must have a number plate on their bike. Please pass course workers and race volunteers with courtesy.

Infield PitZone Info and Rules

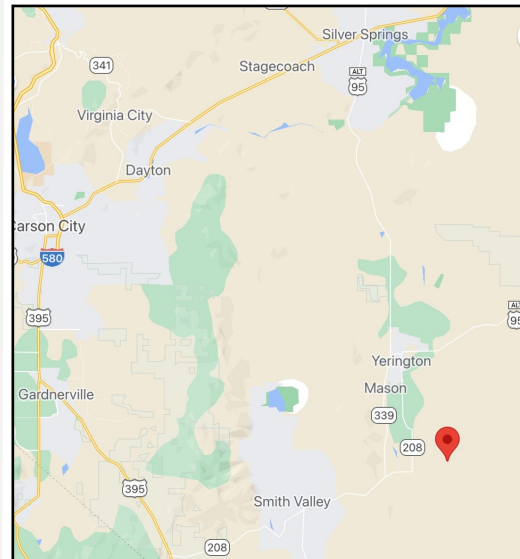
- Infield PitZone will have your team's area pre-marked and is open to vehicles for loading/unloading only.
- No open fires or generators allowed. Propane grills are ok with a fire extinguisher present.
- No dogs off leash
- Please be considerate of our venue and pack out your own trash.
- No smoking, vaping or alcoholic beverages.
- No inappropriate language.
- Conflicts and/or disputes with race officials, volunteers, or other riders/teams shall not be addressed in the PitZone.
- Any violation of the rules may result in a team or rider penalty and/or expulsion from the Pit Zone or event venue.

Race Day Support

Mechanics will be on hand Sunday to provide last minute adjustments and repairs for our racers in the neutral support area.

Volunteering at our Events

Volunteers make our events possible. It takes between 50-100 volunteers to produce a safe and enjoyable event for our Student-Athletes. If you'd like to volunteer for Nevada League events, please visit the Nevada League website at www.nevadamt.org/volunteer for a listing of volunteer positions and how to sign up. [Direct link to Walker River volunteer sign-ups.](#)



LOCATION

Walker River State Recreation Area
211 East Walker Rd
Yerington, NV 89447

DIRECTIONS

We recommend using Google Maps to find the park. Here is a [link to the location](#) you can use to navigate to. It is approximately 8 miles south of Yerington off of Hwy 208. Once you turn off the Hwy (it appears you are turning into a ranch) onto E. Walker Rd, it is 4 miles of graded gravel road to the Park. Take it slow and use extra caution on the speed bumps near the farmhouse. They are quite large. You'll pass an ineffective cattle guard and just when you think you must be on the wrong road, you'll come over a rise and see the Pitchfork Ranch in the distance. Turn right when you see the giant railroad tie sign at the entrance to Walker River State Park.

PARKING

There is a fee to enter the Park, \$5 for Nevada vehicles and \$10 for out-of-state vehicles. If the ranger is not at the front entrance, please use one of the 3 self pay stations within the park. If you are camping, the Camping fee includes the day-use entry fee for both days. Please park only in designated areas or where directed by a Parking volunteer. Do NOT drive off road in the park or park on top of dry vegetation.

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2021 RACING FEES

	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL	LATE FEE
League Registration Fee	\$85	\$75	Not Available
Race Fee (per race)	\$45	\$35	Not Available

Online reg only for 2021 Season. Online reg closes at midnight on the Wednesday before the race.

RACE CATEGORIES AND START TIMES				
WAVE 1 (HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS)		START TIME	LAPS	MILEAGE
Varsity Girls	1-49	9:30am	3	16 miles
JV1 Girls	100's	9:30am	3	16 miles
JV2 Girls	400's	9:33am	2	10 miles
Freshman Girls	700's	9:36am	2	10 miles
WAVE 2 (MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS)		START TIME	LAPS	MILEAGE
8th Grade Boys	1000's	11:30am	2	10 miles
7th Grade Boys	2000's	11:32am	1	5 miles
6th Grade Boys	3000's	11:34am	1	5 miles
8th Grade Girls	1500's	11:36am	2	10 miles
7th Grade Girls	2500's	11:38am	1	5 miles
6th Grade Girls	3500's	11:40am	1	5 miles
WAVE 3 (HIGH SCHOOL BOYS)		START TIME	LAPS	MILEAGE
Varsity Boys	50-99	12:30pm	4	21 miles
JV1 Boys	300's	12:33pm	3	16 miles
JV2 Boys	500's	12:36pm	3	16 miles
Freshmen Boys	800's	12:39pm	3	16 miles

- Final lap count, distance and finish early time cut-off decisions per category will be finalized and confirmed at the start of each race. Riders that miss a cut-off time will be scored in order as finishing.
- If a rider pulls out of the race, it is the responsibility of that rider or coach to notify timing staff.
- Staging opens 15 minutes prior to wave start time, all riders must be in staging by 10 minutes prior to start.

Event Timing

All racers will receive a permanent number plate with an embedded timing chip at their first event. Racers need to use this plate for all races each season. Please remove numbers from bikes prior to transport to avoid loss. Replacement number plates will be available at the registration tent for a \$25 replacement fee. Do not approach the timing tent or start/finish line mats with your number plate to avoid false readings that we have to remove from results.

In order to participate, you need to be "Race Ready".

HERE'S THE RACE READY CHECKLIST:

- Pit Zone information entered
- League Fee and Race Fee Paid
- Release Form completed electronically in the PitZone (once per season)

Riders not racing may be on the course with their team for the practice sessions if they have done all of the above, except pay the race fee.

Registration and League Payment

Online Registration Only for this season partly to reduce Covid risk with in-person transactions and partly because we still haven't had anyone step up to be the Registration Manager. Online Reg in Pit Zone closes at 11:59pm on Wednesday, September 8. Number Plate pickup will be team coaches only at the first race. At the remaining races, new riders can pick up numbers individually.

Petitions for Category Placement

Those petitioning for exceptions to category placement must do so by Wednesday, September 8 at 11:59pm. No race day petitions will be accepted. Petitions must be e-mailed to League Director Philip Hynes at philip@nevadamtb.org.

Other Important Notes:

- Spectator Viewing will be available at different locations along the course. Spectators may not ride on the course during racing or practice times.
- No dogs off leash in the Pit Zone, main venue area, or along the course.
- It is the responsibility of the student athlete, coaches, and parents to know and follow the rules and policies in the [2021 NICA handbook](#).
- There is a 15 minute protest period after results are posted. Any scoring protests must be made during this period. Results are final after the protest period.
- Award ceremony will be held after the venue is taken down and cleaned up and all equipment is back at the League Trailer. Many hands make light work, this is a participatory event.

Lodging / Camping

Both tent and RV camping is available at [Walker River State Park](#) on a first-come, first-served basis. The Park fees for camping without hookups are \$15/night for Nevada residents and \$20/night for out-of-state residents. This includes the park entry fee for both days. There are 21 RV sites with power and water hookups. About half of the sites have dual hookups for two RV's/trailers. Please consider sharing dual sites with others on your team. It is \$10/night additional fee to connect to hookups. There is a dump station on the main park road. There are also 16 tent camping sites and another 10 or so day use sites that can be used for car or small tent camping during race weekend. If all designated sites fill up, the park will allow leave-no-trace dry camping in, or next to, your vehicle in designated overflow camping areas. The Park is currently under fire restrictions. No solid fuel (wood/charcoal) fires are allowed. Violations of park rules will result in rider or team penalties. As in all our venues, please pack out your trash. The park trash cans are not set up to handle 400-600 people.

For lodging, there are a couple motels in Yerington. I have stayed at the [Yerington Inn](#) (775-463-5310) before and it was decent rooms for a reasonable price.

COVID Precautions—masks required in main areas

Our number one goal this year is to produce mass start events. Some jurisdictions have talked about requiring proof of vaccinations, recent negative tests, or contact tracing for outdoor events of our size. We do not have the capacity to enact those requirements. The best way we have to fight the spread is to make sure our events are not part of the problem. We have enacted a facemask requirement for all persons in the main venue when they are around others. In your own camp, out on the course, riding your bike, do what you want. Around the main start/finish, Pit Zone, in the staging corrals, in or around any of the League tents, at the awards ceremony, or any other crowded areas, face coverings will be required. Social distance as you can and wash your hands. Stay home if you or your household have a recent positive test or any symptoms. Your entry will be transferred or refunded without questions.

Event Contacts

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Cancellation Policy

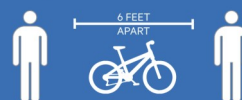
Our primary consideration is the safety of racers, event volunteers, spectators and/or damage to the venue.

Any decision regarding canceling or postponing will be made jointly by the League Director, Race Director and Medical Coordinator with consultation from the permitting agency, if necessary. The decision will be made as early as possible for those traveling and distributed by email and social media.

Our go/no-go level for smoke/air quality is 125 AQI.

In the event of a race cancellation, entries will be transferred to a future event or refunded.

ALL ATHLETES & SPECTATORS
please practice social distancing



HELP STOP CORONAVIRUS



HANDS
wash them often



ELBOW
cough into it



FACE
don't touch it



FEET
stay more
than 6 ft apart



SICK
feel sick stay
at home!



MASK
if asked,
wear a mask



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Weekend Schedule

Saturday

- 12pm - 4pm Registration open for number pickup (coaches only)
 1pm - 4pm Course Open for Practice.
 All riders must have a number plate on their bike.

Sunday

- 7:30 - 10:30am Registration open for number pick-up (coaches only)
 8am - 9am Course Open for Practice.
 All riders must have a number plate on their bike.
 9:00am Head coaches meeting
 9:30am Racing starts
 2:30pm Approximate last racer off course
 2:30pm Clean-up (all hands)
 3pm-ish Podium Ceremony

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Help stop the spread of noxious and invasive weeds!
 Clean your shoes and bike before arriving
 and before your next ride in a different location.

Course Map

