

Frozen Otter 2015



IMPORTANT UPDATES/RACE DETAILS:

- **START/FINISH LOCATION:** Mauthe Lake Picnic Area
<http://www.fatotter.com/sites/default/files/documents/MautheMap.pdf>
- **Waivers** will be collected at check-in. Please have your waiver completed and signed before this time to avoid long, cold morning lines. Thanks!
http://www.fatotter.com/sites/default/files/documents/Frozen%20Otter_Event_Waiver_0.pdf
- Check-in will take place between 7:30am and 9:15am.
- **There will be a MANDATORY pre-race briefing 45 minutes prior to the start (9:15am).**
- The race begins at the Mauthe Lake Picnic Area at **10:00am** on January 18th.
- **RACERS- A gear box** (no larger than 20 gallon-capacity) may be placed at the Mauthe Lake Trailhead area ("Checkpoint 6") prior to the start of the race. No other gear drops will be allowed.
- ALL RACERS will start at **Mauthe Lake** and head **North** on the Ice Age Trail.
- RACERS will visit checkpoints at **Butler Lake, Greenbush,** and **Hwy P**. The first out-and-back leg will total roughly 48 miles. Racers will then have the option to return to their cars at the Mauthe Lake Parking Lot before continuing on, or they may access their gear box at the Checkpoint. (The parking lot is approximately 0.2 miles from the trailhead). The second out-and-back leg will head South to **Hwy H** then back to the **FINISH** at the **main area at Mauthe Lake**.
- All participants **MUST** be back to Mauthe Lake by the 12 or 24-hour cutoff or face disqualification. Trail maps and mileage breakdowns will be provided to all participants. Participants must travel under unassisted foot power only. No snowshoes will be allowed. Foot traction devices such as Kahtoola or Yaktrax will be allowed.
- A cutoff time at the HWY P turnaround will be in effect this year. You must reach HWY P by 11pm or you will be shuttled back to the start.
- The winner will be decided by the *racer who traverses the greatest number of miles in the least amount of time while making it back to the finish under their own power* (not a shuttle). All racers who cannot finish and require a shuttle will not be ranked with the official finishers.

- Be sure to review ALL details in the Racer Information documents found at: <http://www.fatotter.com/event/2015-frozen-otter-ultra-trek> (under “Documents” at the bottom of the page) as it will be assumed you have reviewed and understand them.

Spectators:

- Spectators that would like to become temporary volunteers out are encouraged to do so. They can talk to any of the volunteers at their posts to see what they can do, or they may call the volunteer coordinator, Karen, at 773-606-0272. Many unexpected needs pop up throughout the race, so it would be nice to have more helping hands on deck.
- Please remember that **spectators are NOT ALLOWED** to provide assistance to racers outside of what is already provided by the checkpoint staff. For example, spectators may NOT provide racers with a change of clothes, additional food or other assistance. If spectators are witnessed providing ANY ASSISTANCE outside any of the official checkpoints, the racer receiving aid will be disqualified.

Cell Coverage:

The network in the forest is owned by US Cellular. This means that US Cellular devices will work the best, followed by Sprint and Verizon. If you use T-Mobile, AT&T, or another GSM provider, you will likely not have any signal during the event. **I STRONGLY RECOMMEND** picking up a pre-paid US Cellular phone for use during the event. Last year, the least expensive one I could get was \$20 and it cost about \$2.50 to activate it for the event. In my opinion, this is an extremely inexpensive piece of safety gear.

GPS Tracking:

For those of you who opted for GPS Tracking, Friends and Family will be able to view your progress at <http://share.findmespot.com/shared/faces/viewspots.jsp?glld=0nNzh0MXpOraCNOKtdjOOSI9bqqN403c> (if the link doesn't open, try to copy/paste it into the browser). The map will be active at some point next week. While the device(s) are active, they will update in 10 minute increments provided they are able to make a satellite connection.

Wisconsin State Park Pass:

Just another reminder that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires one permit per vehicle. These are sold by the day or annually. They can be purchased at any of the ranger stations, or at the self-pay station at Butler Lake. Information is at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/admission.html>.



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