

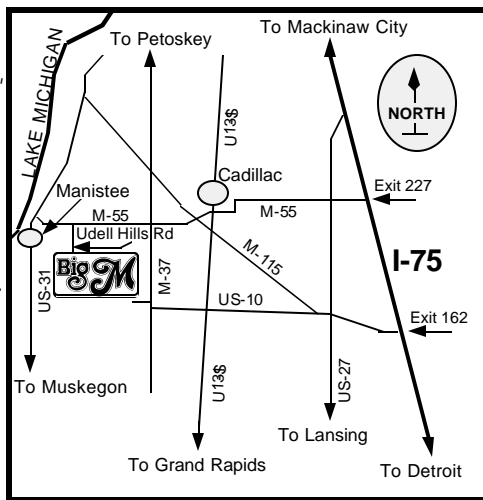
## Big 'M' Ski Area, Manistee, Michigan

Big 'M' is located in the Manistee National Forest in northwestern lower Michigan, west of Cadillac. **From Manistee** take M-55 east to Udell Hills Rd, then go south 3-1/2 miles to the Big 'M'.

**From the east**, take M-55 west 12 miles from M-37 or about 29 miles from Cadillac.

**Note: A \$3 per car fee is charged for park entry.**

Rustic Camping on site is allowed, and cost is \$3 for the night. Come on up Saturday, pre-ride the trails, and then stay the night!



## Course Information

This Cross Country race course is not a "flat land" course! The race course is a 6 1/2 mile loop of fun-filled single-track and two-track trails. There are many long and gradual climbs as well as downhill for recovery, fast flats, and lots of FUN! The race course does include a trip to Capper's Peak with a breathtaking view!

<b>Elite Men racers</b>	➔	5 loops	10:00a
<b>Expert racers</b>	➔	4 loops (Men & Women)	10:00a
<b>Sport racers</b>	➔	3 loops (Men & Women)	12:30p
<b>14-Under Beg.</b>	➔	1 loop (Men & Women)	2:30p
<b>All other Beg.</b>	➔	2 loops (Men & Women)	2:30p

The Kids race will be on a special short loop at Noon.

***The Specialized Kids Race Team will be giving away a Specialized Bicycle to one lucky Kids Racer at this event!***

The trails we will use for this Cross Country race course are open to all trail users during the race, **please be careful and courteous to others on the trail at all times. PLEASE, do not leave ANY energy or food wrappers on the trails!**

## Entry Fee & Registration

**Registration & Number Pick-up: 8:30a to 1/2 hr before each race.**

Pre-register **by July 29:** \$25      Register **after July 29:** \$30  
14 & Under Categories: \$10      Kids Race is FREE!

All racers must sign a waiver at registration. Racers under the age of 18 must have the waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

**A portion of the proceeds from this event go to the MMBA to help work towards land access and trail development issues in Michigan. Support your Trails by becoming a member...TODAY!**

Stop by the MMBA tent at the race.

## 2002 TAILWIND CROSS COUNTRY RACE INFORMATION

### — RACE DATES for 2002 —

MMBA #4	June 16	Whiskey Creek Resort	Custer, Michigan
MMBA #5	June 30	Bloomer Park	Rochester Hills, MI
MMBA #7	July 21	Ruby Campground	Ruby, Michigan

**MMBA #8 August 4 Big 'M' Manistee, MI**

MMBA#10	Sept. 8	Stony Creek	Shelby Twp, MI
MMBA#12	Sept. 29	Aspen Park	Gaylord, MI

THESE 6 RACES ARE MMBA/FESTINA CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SERIES EVENTS!

**Required:** Bicycle in proper working order and Lap Counting ability!

*An ANSI Approved HELMET IS REQUIRED for Participation!!!*

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## Results & Scoring

Results available at the race, and posted on-line at: [www.tailwind.net](http://www.tailwind.net)

**Check the BOX on your Entry Form to receive a copy of Race Results by mail.**

## AWARDS

\$300 Cash Purse for Elite Open Category Racers (Pay top 5)

\$200 Cash Purse for Elite 35+ Racers (Pay top 3)

\$250 Cash Purse for Women's Expert Racers (Pay top 5)

Medals to top 5 Finishers in all other Categories

Medal to EVERY Kids Racer *and*, **one Lucky Child wins a SPECIALIZED Bike!**

— Compliments of the Specialized Kids Race Team —

<b>Award Presentation:</b>	Elite / Expert	1:00p
	Sport	3:00p
	Beginner	4:30p
	Kids	At their Finish Line

## Prize Drawings

Drawings for great gift giveaways from our sponsors will be at 4:15p.

You must be present to win, and all who register to race are eligible.

**Fill out a card and drop it in the "Prize Mail Box" at registration.**

**Festina has donated a fine watch to give away at this event!**

## Thanks

THANK-YOU's go to all of the volunteers who help make this event run smoothly, and of course to all of our sponsors. Special thanks go to the "Big M" National Forest folks, to Bill Rushford and the Michigan Mountain Bike Patrol crew, to Terry Ritter for spending much of his time and energy in helping to set this course up, and to **TRAILHEAD BIKE SHOP** in Ludington for their event and Race Day mechanical support!