



MIDCOAST CONSERVANCY

Welcome to the Annual HVNC Winter Biathlon!

Sunday, February 27

Midcoast Conservancy is excited to be offering another great sporting event at HVNC, and we're happy you're going to join us. Here are a few details you'll want to be aware of before the event. Keep in mind that all this information is available on www.midcoastconservancy.org, and you can always contact us at (207) 389-5150 or andyb@midcoastconservancy.org.

2022 Schedule

8:30am	Registration opens for all categories
*9:00-9:45am	Gun Safety for all categories
9:45am	Novice / 14 & under registration closes
10:00am	Novice/ 14 & Under Race 1 Lap/ 2 Shoots
10:45am	Intermediate/ High School registration closes
11:00am	Intermediate/ High School race 2 Laps/ 2 Shoots
11:45am	Advanced registration closes
12:00pm	Advanced race (All Ages) 3 Laps/2 Shoots
12:45pm	Snowshoe race (Adult/Youth/HS) registration closes
1:00pm	Snowshoe race (All Ages) 2 laps/ 2 Shoots
1:30pm	Fat Bike Race registration closes
1:45pm	Fat Bike Race (All Ages)

Post races: Awards, food, and fun!

*All participants MUST attend a gun safety session and have their number checked off by an official. Racers should plan to have completed Gun Safety at least 20 minutes before the start of their race. Gun safety will run continuously until then.

** Start times are subject to change up until the day of the event due to weather and trail conditions. Please arrive early!



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Parking

Please consider carpooling or arranging to be dropped off at the main gate if you are a racer. There will be volunteers helping park cars early. If you the lot is full please park alongside the rd. to the north of the parking lot (north is towards Rt 215) Please do not park along the road to the south of the parking lot. **Give yourself plenty of time to get parked, and into the event!**

To get from the main gate to the event center you will need to walk or ski 1/3 of a mile down a groomed trail. Please remember you winter trail etiquette and hike/ snowshoe to the right of ski tracks. All spectators and racers should account for parking, and the ski/ hike in when planning their travel times.

When you Arrive . . .

STEP 1- CHECK-IN at the Barn (1/3 mile past the gate).

- Double check registration information and make corrections.
- Get your bib number. VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOUR NUMBER is well attached and EASILY VISIBLE FROM THE FRONT. Your bib numbers are already assigned and you will be racing in bib number order.

STEP 2 – Mandatory Gun Safety Session. Each racer must complete Gun Safety and have their number checked off by a Safety Specialist. Seven paint ball guns will be available from **9am-9:45am**, and after that only one gun will be available for safety training. Please give yourself plenty of time to go through the training prior to your race. Registration volunteers will direct you to the gun safety station.

STEP 3- Review the race map. Depending on weather and trail conditions, the race trail may change up until race-day.

STEP 4 – Be ready to start before the designated time. We will start in bib number order. Note: Start times are staggered with approximately 15 seconds between racers. Volunteers will direct you to the **starting Area in front of Hi-Hut.**

STEP 6 - RACE!



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STEP 7 – Stay for the award ceremony after the last race has finished... in the mean time enjoy a bowl of chili, and bonfire!

THE RACE

1. The races will go in the schedule outlined above. Racers will line up in their category in increasing bib number order, and will start about every 15 seconds.
2. The course will be well marked. Racers must stay on the right side of the trail, and pass on the left.
3. The course will be a series of laps (1, 2 or 3 depending on your division) with a shooting session between each lap. Each racer will shoot at five targets; for each target missed, the racer will take a lap around the penalty loop adjacent to the shooting range. The penalty lap will be clearly marked, with a volunteer directing racers on to it. The penalty lap is on the honor system.
4. Racers will cross the finish line, and have their time and number recorded. *Make sure your bib number is visible!*



Award Categories:

This event is not so much about the competition, but we will recognize some racers:

- Top 3 racers in each category

Spectators

Family and friends are more than welcome to come cheer racers on, enjoy the day, and be a part of the event. *Please keep in mind that there is a 1/3 mile walk in.* Please no dogs, not even well-behaved dogs on leashes.

In addition to hot food and drink there will be an outdoor fire and a woodstove in our barn. Even so, be sure to dress for standing around on a cold day. Lots of layers are recommended for everyone, racers and spectators alike.





Food and Beverages

The Alna General Store will be serving up hot veggie chili, snacks, and warm beverages for a small donation. Be sure to remember your wallet when you come! It will be homemade, hearty, and the perfect complement to a day of excellent skiing!! We are not able to accommodate everyone's diet, so please feel free to bring a lunch or snacks. All proceeds will go towards making this event possible.