



# NICA

## FAY PICKERING MEMORIAL

**SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1, 2023**

**FAY PICKERING MEMORIAL TRAILS; MARSHALL, ILLINOIS**

**PLEASE NOTE: MARSHALL, ILLINOIS IS ON CENTRAL TIME!**

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### Venue Description

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[Fay Pickering Memorial Trails](#) are located in Marshall, Illinois in Clarke County—just a short drive west of Terre Haute, Indiana. Gorgeous all year, and especially in the autumn, this trail system is sweet! We'll be racing just a small portion of the trail system—a short 2.7 miles loop along the east edge of the reservoir that is flowy and fun. **Because it's a short course, the JV and Varsity athletes will do an extra lap at this venue.**



We have on-site camping again at this venue—but there are no electrical, water or sewage hook-ups. The League will be providing hand washing stations and porta-potties, and water is available on-site.

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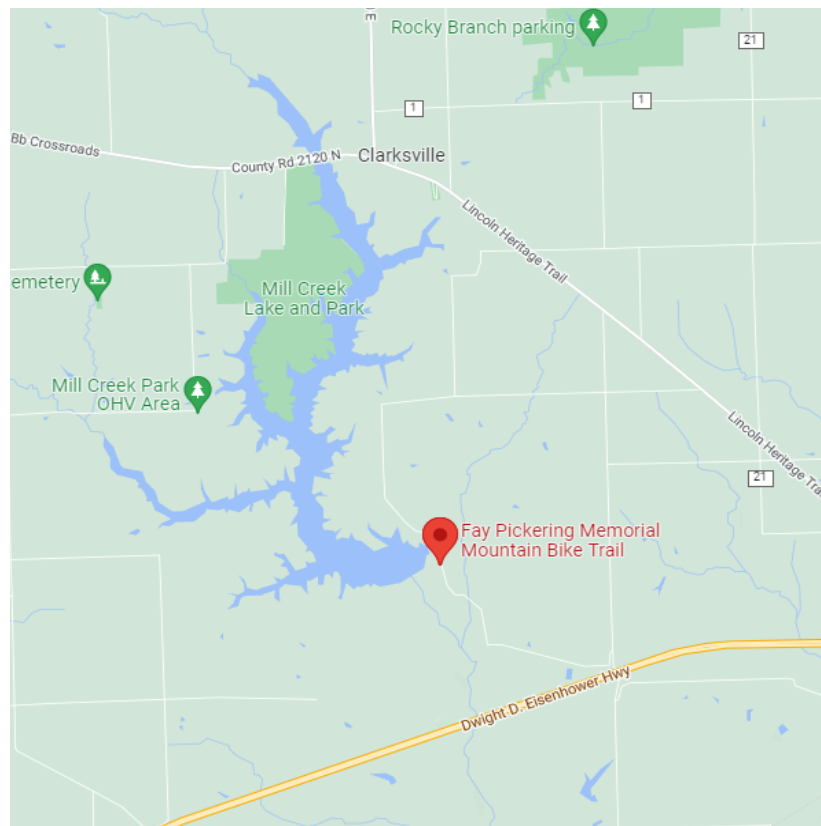


## Address and Directions

**18050-, 18332 N Hammer Rd, Marshall, IL 62441**

[Park Website](#)

[Driving Directions](#)



## Parking

### Parking Information

- Vehicles must park in the designated areas identified with signs at the venue and as shown on the venue map



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- All vehicles must abide by the instructions of parking volunteers and/or league staff. Any violators risk imposition of penalties against their respective team
- Handicap parking is available in **the gravel area near the PitZone.**
- Vehicles must use the designated loading/unloading zone and immediately move to designated parking areas after unloading at the Pit Zone area
- Vehicles must follow one-way directional traffic in/out of Pit Zone drop off area (see venue map)

## Registration

**All student-athletes, and all coaches (all levels) must register (and be licensed) in the Pit Zone. Student-athletes and coaches (all levels) who are not registered are not fully insured.**

Online registration closes **the TUESDAY** before each race at 12:00 midnight

- Students must be league registered and “race-ready” in order to participate
- **DO NOT LOSE YOUR RACE PLATE!** Students will receive a race plate for the race series to be used for all races, so please take care of them. Race plates have chips on the back and require care to avoid damage. There is a **\$10.00** fee to replace race plates if lost, or forgotten. Replacement plates are at registration.

## Volunteering at our Events

A great event venue is nothing without a great team putting the event on, and we are a 100% volunteer-run organization. We are actively seeking volunteers for all aspects of event production. Whether you're interested in a 2-hour shift so you can see your child race, or a spot on an event committee, [Indiana Interscholastic Cycling League](http://Indiana Interscholastic Cycling League) would be delighted to have you involved! Please send an email to [volunteer@indianamtb.org](mailto:volunteer@indianamtb.org) to inquire about volunteer opportunities or [sign up](#) directly through this [link](#)!

Race day would not be possible without the incredible work of our volunteers. It takes a “village” to put on quality youth mountain bike races. Many parents and cycling enthusiasts find that getting involved with our events is a fun and rewarding experience.

**Saturday and Sunday positions are [available](#)**



We know some positions can look complex and possibly overwhelming for first-time volunteers. Rest assured ALL of our volunteer positions are fun and require no previous experience and our Core Race Staff are with you every step of the way. You will feel confident and well prepared for your task.

Available Positions, [sign up here!](#)

For more information contact our Volunteer Coordinator, [volunteer@indianamtb.org](mailto:volunteer@indianamtb.org).



## RUBBER CHICKEN RELAYS AT FAY PICKERING

### Yes, the Rubber Chickens are coming to Fay Pickering!

We have another fresh format for the athlete relays at Race#3

- This time, if you want to participate in the Rubber Chicken Relays ENTER YOUR NAME INDIVIDUALLY AT THE REGISTRATION TENT before 4pm on Saturday! Teams will be generated RANDOMLY this time. Sign up and get to know some new folks!
- Teams will have SIX riders, including at least one female athlete, at least one middle school category athlete, and a coach.
- We'll have up to twelve teams in the relays at this race.
- The relays will be held in competitive heats of four relay teams in each heat, with a double-elimination, bracket format.
- Each rider will complete one lap of a grass-track, short course, handing off their rubber chicken to the next rider on their relay team.



## Event Weekend Schedule\*\*

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### Saturday—Back to the “Usual” schedule

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Volunteer Shifts Begin
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Pit Zone Access Open
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Registration Opens
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Coach Pre-Ride Begins
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Coaches Meeting (Marshal Tent)
<b>1:30 PM</b>	*Pre-Ride Open to all riders—must ride with a coach present
<b>4:00 PM</b>	*NICA GRiT Ride - meet at the NICA GRiT Tent—Females Only
<b>4:15 PM</b>	*“Family Ride”—meet at the Marshal Tent
<b>4:45 PM</b>	Registration Closes
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Pre-Ride Closed - (No riders allowed on course after pre-ride is closed)
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>RUBBER CHICKEN RELAYS:</b> Short-track relay races!
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>PARTY IN THE PIT ZONE: CAKE CELEBRATION</b>

\*Everyone on course must have a race plate (student, coach, league staff) affixed to their bikes.

\*\* Schedule subject to change based on weather conditions.

### Sunday

<b>6:45 AM</b>	Volunteer Shifts Begin
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Registration Opens
<b>7:30 AM</b>	*Pre-Ride Open to all riders
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Pre-Ride Closed
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Head Coaches Meeting at the start/finish line
<b>8:45 AM</b>	<i>Optional Prayer Service/Devotional Time for those who wish.</i>
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Staging - Wave 1 MS Boys</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Racing Begins - MS Boys
<b>10:25 AM</b>	<b>Staging - Wave 2 Girls</b>
<b>10:40 AM</b>	Racing Begins - MS and HS Girls
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Registration Closes
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Staging - Wave 3 HS Boys</b>
<b>12:45 PM</b>	Racing Begins - HS Boys
<b>2:15 PM</b>	Racing Concludes
<b>2:15 PM</b>	Pit Zone Break Down and Clean-Up Begins
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Awards Ceremony

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## Pit Zone Information and NICA Rules

Each team will have a designated Pit Zone space for their team. Each coach will be responsible for this spot. This is where teams will meet during the weekend, and will store bikes and gear.

- Pit Zone is open for loading/unloading
  - Saturday: 11:00am -5:00pm
    - There will be no riding on course prior to the pre-ride opening
  - Sunday: 7:00am -8:00am and after the infield is taken down
- **NO BIKE RIDING ALLOWED IN THE PIT ZONE**
- **Garbage expectations - pack in/pack out**
- No Gas Generators in the PitZone
- No inappropriate language allowed
- Athletes only in the staging area - Parents and Coaches should head to the race start spectating fan zone
- Teams must remove all garbage from Pit Zone and camping areas whether or not a dumpster is on site
- No Smoking, Alcohol, BBQ's or open flames in Pit Zone
- Dogs must be on leash and under control at all times
- Conflicts and/or disputes should not be dealt within the team Pit Zone area
- Any violation of the above rules may result in a team penalty and/or expulsion from the Pit Zone and infield area
- Team set-up: Set Up period in the morning on Saturday will be at 11:30 AM and on Sunday from 7:00 – 8:00 AM. After the setup period, vehicles are not allowed in or out of the Pit Zone area until the end of the races.
- **HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL RIDERS, COACHES, SPECTATORS, VOLUNTEERS and PARENTS AT ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING** - this means during the races, pre-rides, warm-ups, and even casual riding at the race site.



## Pre-Ride

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### Pre-Ride Hours

Coaches Only (Saturday **12:00PM -1:00PM—NOTE NEW TIME!**)

Saturday afternoon (1:30 PM–5:00 PM)

Sunday morning (7:30 AM–8:30 AM)

All racers should pre-ride the course

**RIDERS MUST ADHERE TO ANY COURSE RESTRICTIONS**

NICA GRiT Ride is from 4-5pm Saturday. Meet at the NICA GRiT Tent at 3:50pm

The GRiT Ride is for females-only

We will also have a short “family ride” at 4:15pm Saturday for parents, athletes, and younger siblings.

**TO BE ON COURSE: ALL RIDERS (STUDENTS & REGISTERED COACHES) must be fully practice-ready in the Pit Zone and have their number plates affixed to their bike**

**NO UNREGISTERED PARENTS/SIBLINGS ALLOWED ON COURSE**

## Stay up-to-date

Information in this race flyer is subject to change. Please check back just prior to the race weekend to make sure you have the most current information available.

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## Race Fee/Late Fee

	MIDDLE SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL	LATE FEE AT RACE*
League Registration	\$245	\$245	\$10
Race Entry Fee (per race)	\$25	\$25	\$10

*\*Online pre-registration closes at 11:59PM on the TUESDAY prior to the race. After Tuesday, you will have to register at the race and pay the late fee. Scholarships and financial assistance are available, for more information email [John@indianamtb.org](mailto:John@indianamtb.org)*

## Race Category Changes

**If you wish to change the race category for an athlete, head coaches & team directors should use the form [HERE](#).**

## Wave Start Times

**STAGING** will begin 15 minutes before each wave.

Note: Final lap count decision per category will be finalized and confirmed at the start of each race in addition to any lap cut-off times. Staging for all races begins 15 minutes prior to the wave start.

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## Wave 1: Middle School Boys

\*subject to change\*

CATEGORY (NUMBER SERIES)	STAGING TIME	START TIME	LAP COUNT	PULL TIME		RACE PLATE COLOR
8th Grade Boys (1000's)	9:15 AM	9:30 AM	2	9:55 AM		GREEN
7th Grade Boys (3000's)	9:15 AM	9:32 AM	2	9:57 AM		PURPLE
6th Grade Boys (5000's)	9:15 AM	9:34 AM	2	9:59 AM		ORANGE
MS Boys Singlelap (9,000's)	9:15 AM	9:34 AM	1	N/A		RED

## Wave 2: Girls

\*subject to change\*

CATEGORY (NUMBER SERIES)	STAGING TIME	START TIME	LAP COUNT	EARNED LAP CUT-OFF TIME		RACE PLATE COLOR
Varsity Girls (1-49)	10:25 AM	10:40 AM	5	11:50 PM		LIGHT BLUE
JV Girls (100's)	10:25 AM	10:42 AM	4	11:35 AM		PINK
Sophomore Girls (400's)	10:25 AM	10:44 AM	3	11:24 AM		YELLOW
Freshman Girls (700's)	10:25 AM	10:44 AM	3	11:24 AM		BLUE
8th Grade Girls (2000's)	10:25 AM	10:46 AM	2	11:10 AM		GREEN
7th Grade Girls (4000's)	10:25 AM	10:48 AM	2	11:12 AM		PURPLE
6th Grade Girls (6000's)	10:25 AM	10:50 AM	2	11:15 AM		ORANGE
Singlelap Girls (MS-9000's & HS-8000's)	10:25 AM	10:50 AM	1	N/A		RED



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## Wave 3: High School Boys

CATEGORY (NUMBER SERIES)	STAGING TIME	START TIME	LAP COUNT	EARNED LAP CUT-OFF TIME		RACE PLATE COLOR
Varsity Boys (50-99)	12:30 PM	12:45 PM	5	1:45 PM		BLUE/BLK
JV Boys (200's)	12:30 PM	12:47 PM	4	1:40 PM		PINK/BLK
Sophomore Boys (600's)	12:30 PM	12:49 PM	3	1:30 PM		YELLOW/BLK
Freshman Boys (800's)	12:30 PM	12:51 PM	3	1:32 PM		BLUE/WHITE
HS Boys Singlelap (8000's)	12:30 PM	12:51 PM	1	N/A		RED

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### Chip Timing Info

All riders will receive a permanent number plate with chip timing transponder on the backside. Race times and finishing order will be determined by the recorded chip times. Race plates must be secured to the handlebars of the racer's bike. Riders will use the same plate for the entire race series, so please remove this number plate before mounting the bike for transport to prevent loss. **Replacement number plates will be available at the registration tent for \$10.00**

### Refund/Weather Policy

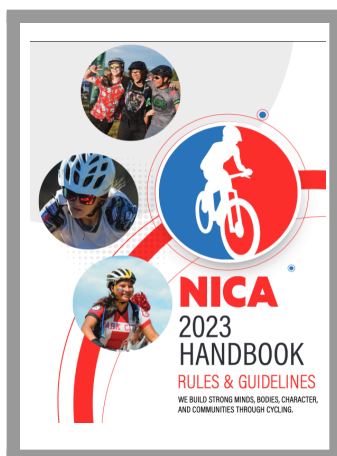
Below are the guidelines for how the league will conduct races in the event of challenging weather. Our primary considerations are the safety of riders, support staff and spectators, and potential damage to the venue and trails. Any decisions regarding canceling, postponing or altering race start times, lap lengths, number of laps, etc. will be made jointly by league staff and the land manager. Often this decision cannot be



made until the morning of the race due to the unpredictable and rapidly changing nature of severe weather. The league will make every attempt to notify the racing population as soon as possible via email, social media and website updates. Please review our full weather policy at: <https://indianamtb.org/inclement-weather-policy/>

## Handbook: Policies and Rules

All participants are required to read, understand and abide by all league policies, rules and protocols while attending any league event.



## Pull Time Guidelines

Student-athletes may be asked to withdraw at the finish line after cut off time limits have been reached.

Race officials reserve the right to determine these time limits at anytime.

Time limits may be imposed for reasons that include, among others: safety, heat, cold, rain, and muddy conditions.

Course closures may be announced at anytime.



Racers who do not make the time limit cut-off will still be scored and ranked.

Due to weather or course closures, these duration guidelines may be changed at League Discretion.

### Coaches Meeting

A mandatory head coaches meeting will be held **the Saturday before the race at 12:30 PM at the Start/Finish area.** *Each team must have at least 1 representative present at the meeting.*

### Camping and Lodging

The Indiana League encourages racers, coaches and parents to camp out! Overnight camping will be on-site at Fay Pickering Trails.

#### **Some Guidelines:**

- Parental supervision required, no exceptions. League staff and team coaches are not responsible for student athletes outside of pre-ride and race day
- Campsites are primitive and first come first served. No hookups for RV's
- No campfires or open flames allowed. Propane grills and stoves allowed as consistent with current local fire restrictions
- Pack in/pack out trash \*no trash service provided
- Port-a-johns will be provided

### Food Service

**We are attempting to secure a food vendor for Fay Pickering, but at the present time nothing is confirmed. Check back closer to the Race Date to see the latest!**



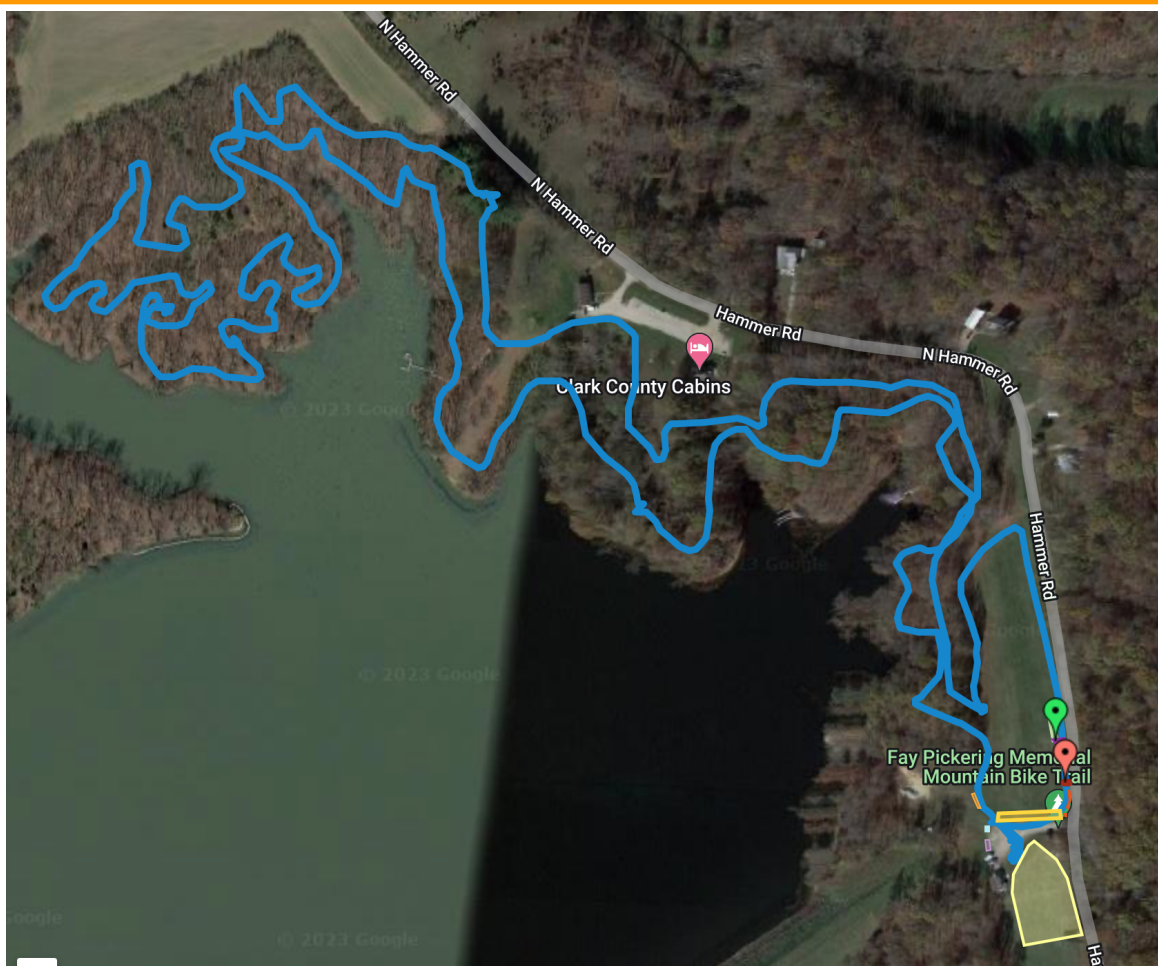
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## Contact Information

General League Questions: [John Leitzel](#), League Director

Please note that most staff arrive onsite Thursday or Friday of each race weekend and may not have sufficient cell/data coverage to respond to calls/emails. Please plan accordingly.

## Venue Map



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**1 Lap is approx. 2.75miles in length.**



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## NICA CORE VALUES







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## NICA Safety Reporting and Insurance Coverage

### **Safety Reporting**

Incident reports are mandatory whenever a student-athlete or coach is injured during a NICA activity. These incident reports are submitted by each Team's Designated Reporter or an independent rider's parent. For more information on Safety Reporting reporting please see our [brochure here](#).

### **Insurance Coverage**

NICA Insurance coverage is for registered student-athletes and registered coaches injured while participating in the sanctioned pre-ride and race events.

For more information on NICA Insurance Coverage, please see our [FAQ here](#).

The Indiana Interscholastic Cycling League is a Project League of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit youth development organization, guided by the core values of fun, inclusivity, equity, respect and community. The league promotes interscholastic mountain bike racing, provides training and education to new teams and coaches, and offers a comprehensive infrastructure to grow youth cycling in a professional, safe and engaging manner.