

For the **21st year**,  
the **Black Bear** will wake up  
from winter hibernation in  
Grayling, Michigan as:

the  
**BLACK BEAR GRAN FONDO**

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#### OUR GOALS

- Retain our loyal Black Bear fans.
- Appeal to a broader range of cyclists with additional distance options
- Gun time and chip time tracked by our timers.
- Feature all that the Grayling Area has to offer, including Hanson Hills Recreation Area and the beauty of the Ausable River Valley
- Produce a fun event that you won't want to miss!
- Proceeds from the 2022 Black Bear will be entirely dedicated to unmet community needs.

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Please join us  
for the Black Bear Gran Fondo!

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 9, 2022

**WHAT:** Black Bear Gran Fondo

**WHERE:** Hanson Hills Recreation Area  
7601 Old Lake Road  
Grayling, MI 29748



Three chip-timed, looped routes  
to choose from:

**100 miles (century)**  
**62 miles (metric century)**  
**45 miles**



### What is a Gran Fondo?

The Black Bear Gran Fondo is a race, a ride, a celebration at the finish line and it's an event for cyclists of all abilities. Some cyclists ride for the satisfaction and pride of just making it to the finish line. Others want to improve upon their previous times and to challenge themselves, their friends, their teammates. Some ride to win.

### What is a Gran Fondo Start?

Mass start where riders are required to stage according to their ability to ride in a large group. It doesn't mean all riders need to ride in a large group; the fastest riders start at the front and they will, most likely, end up riding in a large, fast group. All other riders can progress at the speed in which they are most comfortable, some will ride alone, some will ride with others progressing at a similar speed. If any rider is in doubt of their ability to securely hold an even line at high speed with riders in close proximity, it is vital that they line up towards the back of the start line group. All route chip-timing is relative to when the riders cross the line, so no time penalty will be incurred by starting further back in the group. Gun time will also be tracked.

We will organize cyclists based on the following ride speed. We are asking cyclists to self-select their starting position based on speed and training program. Please take a look at the guidelines below, then make an honest assessment of your abilities/objectives for the event and choose the appropriate position during the line-up process:

#### Front of the pack:

22-25 MPH/35-40 KPH, trains at least 10 hours/week

#### Mid pack:

18-21 MPH/29-34 KPH, trains 8-10 hours/week

#### Back of the pack:

14-17 MPH/23-28 KPH, trains 3-6 hours/week

### Highlights of the Black Bear Gran Fondo 2022:

- ⇒ Route starting times:
 

100 Mile Loop	8:00 AM
62 Mile Loop	8:30 AM
45 Mile Loop	9:00 AM
- ⇒ Chip Timing
- ⇒ Gran Fondo starting format. **All loops start and end at Hanson Hills Recreation Area.**
- ⇒ Dedicated volunteers at corners and rest stops
- ⇒ Roving SAG Support and Sweeps
- ⇒ Three routes to choose from: 100 mile, 62 mile and 45 mile gun-timed and chip-timed looped rides on paved roads through the breathtaking setting of rural northern Michigan's AuSable River Valley.
- ⇒ Free rustic camping (no electric, no H2O) on Friday night, July 8 at Hanson Hills
- ⇒ All loops have challenging elevations in between flats and rolling hills
- ⇒ Finisher Meal



#### Questions?

Contact us: [blackbeargranfondo@gmail.com](mailto:blackbeargranfondo@gmail.com)

# Registration



**FEES** are the same for all routes (100, 62 or 45 mile):

- March 1-May 30, 2022 \$45
- May 31- July 7, 2022 \$50
- Event weekend (July 8-9, 2022) \$60
- Students (under 18) any time \$25

### Preregistration options: (Highly Encouraged)

⇒ [Runsignup.com/blackbeargranfondo](https://runsignup.com/blackbeargranfondo)  
on-line registration available through July 7, 2022

### Packet pickup AND on-site registration

#### WHERE/WHEN:

**Friday, July 8, 2022**

**Between 5PM-7:00 PM**

Northbound Outfitters, 6041 W. M-72, Grayling, MI

**Saturday, July 9, 2022**

**Between 6:30AM-8:30AM**

Hanson Hills Recreation Area, Main Lodge  
7601 Old Lake Road, Grayling, MI

### **Additional purchases: (Pre-Order by June 16, 2022)**

**Shirts:** [Tip: Pre-registration secures your event shirt style and size (Unisex sizing, ie, Men's sizing). We have very few shirts for sale on event weekend.]

- A4 performance 100% wicking polyester: \$20
- Gildan Softstyle 100% cotton shirt: \$15