

Need to Know

Durango Coca Cola Race **May 23, 2026**

7:15am. 33rd street and East 2nd Ave. Durango CO. 81301

Race Packet Pick up Event and Information

Buckley Park 1250 Main Ave. Durango CO
2pm-7pm

**May 22nd,
2026**

- If you registered on or before May 1st, you will receive your plate number in the mail. If you are a **local rider with (zip codes 81301, 81302, 81303, 81122), International rider, or registered after May 1st, you will pick up** your bib number at Buckley Park.
- If you have a registration question, please contact registration@ironhorsebicycleclassic.com as soon as possible.
- You can drop off a small bag of clothes at the packet pick up event. Look for the BAG DROP sign and truck. **Please be sure to label your bag.** Bags will be loaded onto the truck and delivered the next morning to Silverton ahead of the riders. There will be a last minute BAG DROP at the start the morning of the race. Labeled Bags must be dropped by 6:45am sharp.

Road Closure Information

May 23rd, 2026

- The road closure happens at Purgatory at 7:30 am. If you're having a friend or family pick you up in Silverton, please have them leave Durango by 6:30 am and head north to Silverton. Plan for traffic and slower conditions.

Parking and Return transportation Information

- Morning of the event parking-** When parking at the start in Durango, **Please Do Not park** at City Market. Limited parking is available on East 3rd Avenue between East 29th and East 32nd. Riders are encouraged to carpool or bike to the start line. Parking is also available and recommended at Durango High School. If you purchased a bus ticket, the bus will drop you back off at the Durango High School after the event.
- Parking and Overnight Parking in Silverton**
Please start by parking at Silverton Visitor Center, Kendall Mountain Rec Center and then public streets. Please **Do Not Park** on the main street, in front of alleys, driveways, or parking in lanes of traffic. Please be considerate to the Town.
- Return Transportation Options.**
 - Purchase a bus and bike return with us.
 - Have family or a friend pick you up in Silverton
 - Leave a car in Silverton the night before.
 - Purchase a train ticket directly from DSNR to ride the train back.
 - If you take the train you will need to purchase a bike return with us as the train does not allow bikes on the train.

Preparation Information

- Number plates **MUST** be placed on the seat post. **Do not bend or curve the plate.** Number plates are seatpost mount and wrap around and stick to your seat post. Instructions on how to install numbers are on the number plate. Not having the plate properly mounted may result in incorrect timing. Numbers must be visible on the course at all times.
- There are adequate aid stations on the ride but if in doubt, prepare and have a bit of extra water/bottles, food, spare clothes and long gloves for the ride. It will be cold on the passes and downhill sections. Plan ahead for inclement weather and be prepared. You will be riding through an austere mountain environment in May. Check the weather forecast ahead of time.

Preparation Information

- In case of inclement weather on the passes we may shorten or cancel the event. That information will be posted no later than 7am at the start.
- NO EARPHONES/EARBUDS – they are a safety issue.**
- This is a no support race, carry your own items. No sag vehicles are allowed.**

Course Information

- We have a maximum amount of time that riders can be on the road. **We will pull riders from the road at 12:40 PM at Coal Bank Pass and 1:20 PM on Molas Pass.** We must have the road completely clear of cyclists by 1:30pm. The Colorado State Patrol manages removing riders from the course, and there are **NO** exceptions. Plan ahead and start early if you are concerned. Please do not try to persuade CSP to let you keep riding. They allow us to close the road so please respect their role.
- Ride Safely- Crossing the yellow center line is not allowed.**
The road will narrow 10 miles north of Town at the Hermosa Creek Bridge and riders will go from the width of two lanes to the width of just under one lane for approximately 1 mile as you cross over the train tracks. **Please slow down and be careful in that section. Allow space between riders and look ahead.**
There will be riders of varying pace around you at all times. Keep an eye out for hazards on the road such as potholes and debris, especially at the start when you are in a large group or descending. Safety is our top priority. Cones will be utilized on the road within the first 10 miles per Colorado Dept. of Transportation requirement.

Course Information

- Traffic-** Always stay to the right hand side of the road throughout the course. The first 25 miles will have cars on the road in both directions up to Purgatory Ski Resort. **Even though half of the course is closed, there is potential for ambulances and Colorado State Patrol to be coming in the opposite direction, stay in your lane and do not cross the yellow line.**

- Emergency or Bad weather** - We make every effort prior to the start of the event regarding weather and a shortened or canceled event. However, if you are on the course and the weather deteriorates, emergency vehicles are stationed on top of Coal Bank Pass, Lime Creek Road and Molas Pass. Based on how severe the weather becomes, Colorado State Patrol can stop the event and direct people to buses or aid stations for assistance and communication. Please make your way to one of those locations for safety and warmth as needed or directed. Additionally, there are emergency personnel, Ham radio operators, official vehicles and aid stations along the course. Ask any personnel if you need assistance. All aid stations and Ham radio operators can communicate with emergency personnel.

- Arriving in Silverton-** When you arrive in Silverton, you will ride down the main street to the end of town and down to the finish line. Please stay in the middle of the road inside the coned off bike lane as you ride through Silverton. The main street is still open to traffic on either side of you but it will be minimal.

- Finish Line-** Upon arrival under the finishing truss and chute, **clear the finish line** and enter the Memorial Park area to your left. There are bathrooms available on the north end of the park just after the finish line. The baggage pick up will also be on the left of the finishing chute as you enter the park.

Aid Stations and Porta Potties

- There are aid stations at The bottom of Shalona Hill (10 miles north), Haviland Lake, (approx 16 miles north), Purgatory Nordic Center and Coal Bank Pass. These stations have liquids and food items. Do not rely solely on the aid stations, especially if you have certain dietary needs. Take a supply of items on your own. We do not provide mechanical support. Please bring your own repair provisions
- There are porta potties at Bottom of Shalona, Haviland Lake, Purgatory Nordic Center, Coal Bank Pass, Lime Creek Road, and Molas Pass

End of event Information

- Finisher gifts will be given out to riders in Silverton just past the finish line as you enter the park. You must have a bib # to get a gift.
- Results will be posted as quickly as possible at <http://racerite.com/results.html> If you have a question for the Timing and Scoring company or want to lodge a complaint please do so immediately after you finish. They will be adjacent to the finishing line/truss on the park side under tents.
- Prizes (checks) for all riders who place will be sent in the mail the two weeks after the event, if you have not received it in three weeks please email us **IHBC Registration** Please see the road race web page for category placing payout info.
- Buses-** Buses will be located toward the end of the finish line. Please be sure to be at the bus 10 minutes before your scheduled time. Buses will drop riders off at the Durango High School.
- Bike Drop and Pick up-** There will be large trucks toward the end of the finish line where staff will load your bikes. They will drive the trucks to Durango and your bike will be available for pick up between 5-7pm at the Durango High School.
- There are many restaurants within Silverton, please patronize them as they help make the event possible.

Thank you for being part of our event. We hope you enjoy your experience.
The IHBC contributes a portion of all entry fees to supporting many local initiatives including the Davis Phinney Foundation, Durango Derailers, Durango Devo and Fort Lewis Cycling programs.