

Final 2022 Event Notes for Bikereg

We are excited to return to the “rock pile” for the 49th Mount Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb (MWARBH) presented by Tin Mountain Conservation Center!

In fact, this summer you have two opportunities to pedal to the top of Mount Washington! These event notes are for the main event, the supported, timed, exciting, and not-to-miss festival on August 20, 2022. The MWARBH Early Bird (formerly the practice ride) is an unsupported, untimed ride that starts super early (between 5 am and 6 am), which will be held on July 17, 2022 (registration info coming soon).

Yes, we know there’s still Covid and that’s why we are running our event with 450 registration spots, more riders than 2021, but still not at maximum capacity of 650. Here’s our updated registration policy:

1. **Early registration:** Offered to lifetime participants and those who have raced 10 or more times since 2005.
2. **Registration category limits:** – There are three categories for 2022 – men (includes junior men), women (includes junior women), and an open non-binary. The category maximums for each are set at 325 for men, 100 for women, and 25 for non-binary. We want everyone to have a chance to register. We want inclusivity.

March 1, 2022 9 AM (ET): Registration opens to everyone. Once a category fills, the waitlist starts. **Get on the waitlist for your category!**

April 30, 2022: All available spots will be filled with waitlisters **in the order of registration – no exceptions.**

May 1, 2022: Category limitations will be removed and registrations will be taken until the event limit of 450 is reached and the waitlists will start again. So, don’t wait to register, and get on the waitlist for your category.

Registration Fee and Fundraising: The registration fee per rider is \$350. We hope that many of you will support this event and Tin Mountain Conservation Center by fundraising. While you may opt out of fundraising, every dollar raised is appreciated. If you do not wish to participate in fundraising, select the “OPT OUT

FUNDRAISING” category option. You will be charged the full fee of \$350 at the time of registration.

If you choose to fundraise, select the “FUNDRAISE” category option. You will be charged \$150 at the time of registration, which secures your spot. You will receive an email to setup a Pledge Reg page. The minimum amount to fundraise is \$200 to meet the \$350 registration fee. During the registration process, you will agree to a delayed charge of the difference between the amount raised and \$200. If you are unable to raise the minimum, you are responsible for that difference and will be charged the unmet minimum balance **on August 7**.

But don’t stop at the minimum! This year we will be offering fundraising incentives at the different levels starting at \$500 total raised (\$200 minimum + \$300). Visit our website for information (<http://www.mwarbh.org/> incentives coming soon).

Why fundraise for Tin Mountain Conservation Center? Tin Mountain is over 40 years old and has been presenting/hosting this event since 1996. Once all the MWARBH bills are paid, the remaining sponsorships, entrance fees, and funds raised support Tin Mountain’s mission to deliver experiential environmental education programs to schools and communities in the greater Mount Washington valley and western Maine. Tin Mountain also manages land, maintains trails, offers 80+ year-round community nature programs and field trips, conducts conservation research, and serves about 5,000+ area school children, families and adults with environmental education programs, summer camps, and adult programs. The annual MWARBH is Tin Mountain’s largest fundraising event and your commitment to race and raise funds helps support our mission. Thank you.

Registration Fine Print

1. Cancellations prior to or on July 1 will be refunded the amount paid at the time of registration, minus a \$50 administration fee.
2. Funds raised through PledgeReg are non-refundable.
3. If you opted to fundraise and are not able to raise the minimum \$200 to meet the registration fee of \$350, your credit card on file will be charged the remaining balance on August 7. A failed credit card authorization may jeopardize your spot.

4. On-line registration closes on July 15, 2022 at 5 pm (ET).
5. Your age on December 31, 2022 determines your racing group for time and awards.
6. There is no “day-of” registration.

Summit Vehicle Driver Information – Riders must have their own ride down from the summit. We will be setting up a rideshare page to facilitate participants connecting for rides. Although we will start a page to help participants connect with a driver, securing a ride down from the summit is solely the responsibility of the registered participant and not that of Tin Mountain Conservation Center or the Auto Road.

Driving to the summit is authorized by the Mt. Washington Auto Road and drivers need to be aware of the rules and regulations regarding use of the Auto Road. We encourage all riders and drivers to review the vehicle restrictions and other information posted on the Mount Washington Auto Road site: [Click Here for Auto Road vehicle Restrictions](#) as well as the information presented here.

Auto Passes for 2022 – As a registered rider, you will receive one “Auto Pass” with your bib/race number pick up. Give it to your driver BEFORE they drop you off. **Your support driver will need to have that Auto Pass to be permitted to drive to the summit and is subject to the passage fees described below.** Fees will be paid at the toll house. The toll house is open on race morning from 6 am to 8 am. All support vehicles must be heading up by 8 am.

A driver with:

0 Auto Passes – This driver is not permitted to drive to the summit before the race. Vehicles containing spectators are only permitted for those with an Auto Pass.

1 Auto Pass – This driver is expected to pay normal passage fees for the Auto Road at the 2022 peak rate: \$45 car + driver; \$20 additional adult, \$14 additional child. Weight limit restrictions apply*. See Auto Road website.

2 Auto Passes + Passengers – This car + driver (only) will receive FREE passage on the Auto Road (a \$45 savings); pay \$20 additional adult, \$14 additional child. Weight limit restrictions apply*. See Auto Road website.

3+ Auto Passes – This car + driver will receive FREE passage on the Auto Road and is not permitted to have any passengers. Weight limit restrictions apply*. See Auto Road website.

The interior weight in the support driver's vehicle car cannot exceed 900 lbs coming down (driver, passengers, bikes, gear). Please add up the weight of each passenger and any additional luggage to make sure it is under this 900 lbs limit. This is a CRITICAL safety issue on the Auto Road. Tested over and over again, we have found that if you put more than 900 lbs in an automobile, the weight is too much for the transmission to hold back the vehicle on the steep grades. It can cause you to use your brakes too much, which will lead to overheated brakes, or worse. Please keep the interior weight of the car in check.

Direct any questions to Erin Holmes – eholmes@tinmountain.org.

Staging -

Top Notch – Top Notch riders stage first. These are Cat Pro-1-2 riders or those who completed the MWARBH race in 1:20 or less in 2018, 2019, or 2021.

Age Groups – Age Group Participants will start in waves. Medals will be given to age group winners. Race age is determined by your age on December 31, 2022.

Mechanical Support – TBD – We are working on providing mechanical support prior to the race start at 8:30 am for any last minute needs you may have. More details to come.

This information is subject to change. Please check the race website frequently for updates and changes and/or follow the event on Facebook.