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CENTENNIAL PARK

MARCH 18TH-21ST, 2026

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Welcome to the 2026 Walmart Pro Cup p/b Honey Stinger

Centennial Park is a world class riding facility located in the heart of Fayetteville, Arkansas and the Ozark Mountains .The new venue was built from the ground up with Olympic XCO format racing in mind and will offer riders a challenging course similar to European World Cup circuits. The 4.6 km circuit includes 150m of climbing per lap over rocky and punchy terrain. Rock drops, ledges and even some BMX style flow trail makes this course one of America's premier XCO courses.

Technical guide and regulations:
This guide covers procedures and information needed to participate for March 18-21st, 2026 U.C.I. XCO events. U.C.I. regulations will be in effect during designated U.C.I. race events. March 18th is C1 XCO, JR race. March 20th is Elite XCC and March 21st is U.C.I HC and JR. XCO Series point paying race, see points scale for reference.

Event Rules/Licenses:
The US Cup shall offer six UCI categories; Elite Men/Women, U23 Men/Women and JR 17-18 Men/Women. UCI Regulations shall be enforced for both elite, U23 and junior fields and the UCI Scale of Penalties shall apply. A 2026 U.C.I. racing license is required for ELITE/U23 and Junior U.C.I. participants. Holders of U.C.I. international licenses that do not bear a photograph will be required to present an approved and valid government photo ID along with their racing license.

U.C.I Feed/Tech Zone Regulations-
UCI feed/tech zones RULES in full effect. There will be two feed/tech zones for March 18th and 21st XCO races. Wrist bands will be handed out to participating riders at packet pick up and should be worn by staff/parent/assistant in feed/tech zone for that athlete.

Rules to follow:

- **Wear team identifying clothing in designated zones**
- **No bike changes**
- **No running alongside rider in feed/tech zone**
- **No riding backwards on course to reach feed/tech zone**
- **No feeding or assistance outside of designated zones**

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US Pro Cup-Lightening and Severe Weather Protocol:

In regard to risks associated with lightning, the U.S. Pro Cup will adhere to severe weather guidelines outlined by the NCAA in the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook. Guideline 1E in the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook states that "At a minimum, **lightning safety experts strongly recommend that by the time the monitor observes 30 seconds between seeing the lightning flash and hearing its associated thunder or by the time the leading edge of the storm is within six miles of the venue,** all individuals should have left the athletics site and be wholly within a safer structure or location."

Following this guideline, race directors may elect to delay racing until a threat has passed or shorten
racing that is already underway. **Should an ongoing race be shortened, participants on course will**
be notified at the Tech Zone/Feed Zone of any change to the length of the race as well at the
start/finish line via a P/A announcement – beginning with the current leader of the race and continuing through the field.

Promoter reserves to the right to cancel, postpone or delay the race if weather conditions are of severe risk to rider and staff saftey, including high winds, lightening, tornadoes, and other acts of God beyond the control of reasonable event management practices.

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Registration:
You may only register on-line, there is no day of on-site registration. Advance registration for Elite Men/Women, U23 and Junior Men/Women is available on-line via the US Cup website.
*IMPORTANT * For registration deadlines and price increases, please visit the registration page.
REG LINK

Event Protocol:
For US Pro Cup event protocol including staging procedures, protest periods etc. please visit our racing rules page.
RACE RULES

Podium Ceremony:
The top 5 Elite Men/Women, U23 Men/Women and top 5 UCI Junior Men and Women must attend the podium ceremony, properly dressed in their team kit (jersey and shorts) Please refer to the event to event schedule in this document and online.
EVENT SCHEDULE

The 80% Rule
As per the UCI Regulations, the 80% Rule may be in effect. This will be determined based on rider field size and other factors. Riders instructed by the Commissionaires to withdraw from the race at the 80% Zone must do so.

Anti-doping
If doping control is onsite, rider will be chaperoned at the finish line of the race. If a selected rider is in the Top 5, they will be escorted to podiums immediately after the race. At the conclusion of podiums, rider will then be escorted to doping control.

Medical Insurance:
Riders must carry their own medical insurance for event participation.

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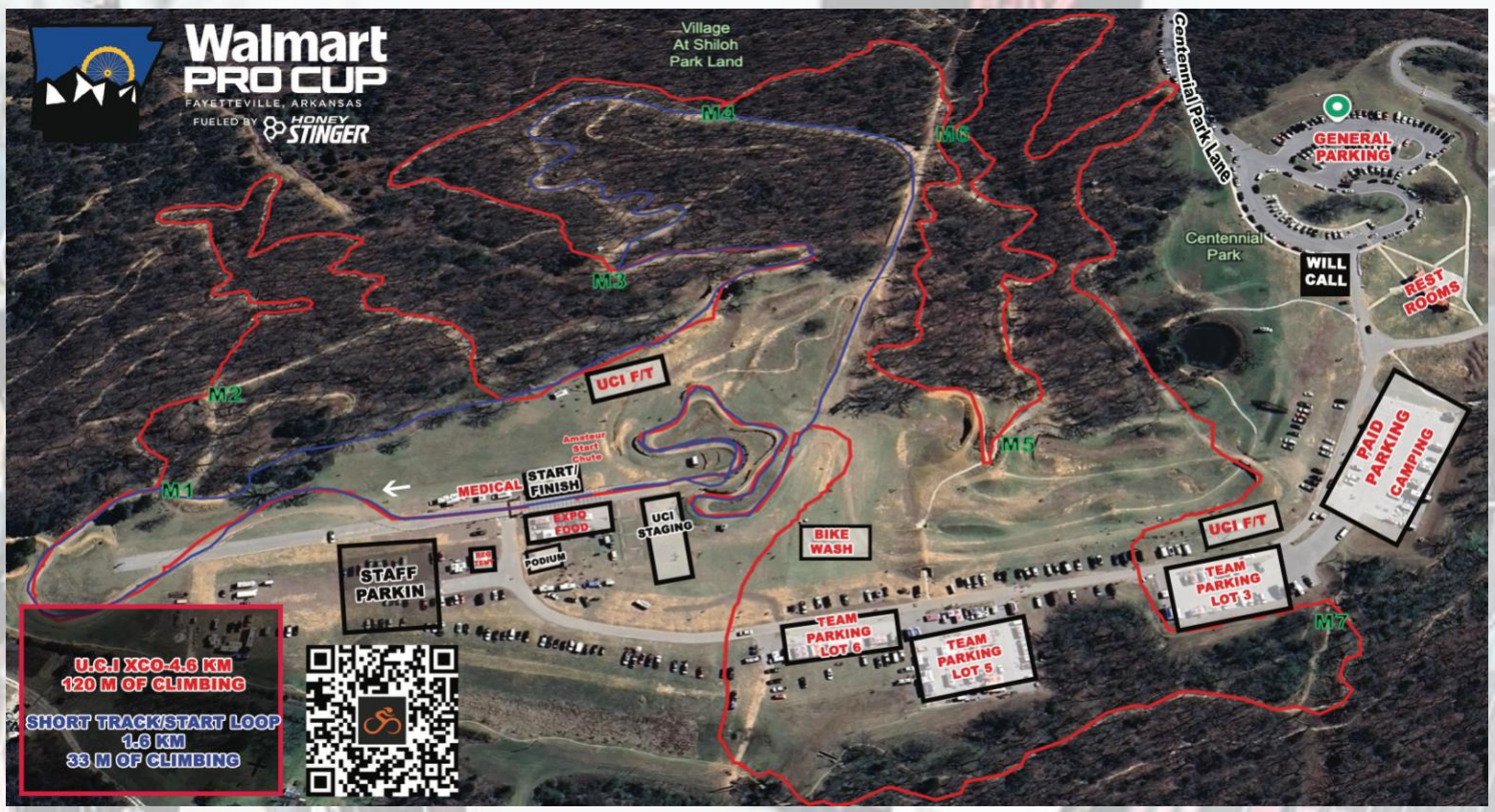
Course overview:

All course directions run clockwise, including XCO, XCC and start loop. There are two Feed/Tech zones out on course. XCO is 4.6 KM with 120 m of climbing. XCC and Start loop is 1.6 KM with 33m of climbing.

Course Maps:

XCO File

XCC/Start Loop File



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March 17th-22nd, 2026
Centennial Park, Fayetteville, AR
NO ONSITE REGISTRATION ACCEPTED
USAC One Day license available online.
Race held rain or shine, no refunds.
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Tuesday March 17th	• 9:00 am-4:00 pm-Team/Tech set up • 10:00 am-12:30 pm-U.C.I. course inspection (courses closed for riding) • 12:00pm-1:00pm-U.C.I. Elite Team Packet Pick Up only (white tent near start/finish) • 1:00pm-4:00 pm-UCI & Amateur packet pickup (white tent near start/finish) • 12:30 pm-3:30pm U.C.I. official XCO/XCC training • 4:15 pm-U.C.I. team managers meeting (White Registration Tent)
Wednesday March 18th	• U.C.I. C1 XCO SCHEDULE • 7:00 am-8:00 am-XCO course open for pre riding. • 7:30 am-3:00 pm-Registration pickup (white tent in expo area) • 8:30 am-U.C.I. JR Women (Staging 15 min before) • 10:15 am-U.C.I. JR Men (Staging 15 min before) • 12:00 pm-U.C.I. Elite Women/U23 XCO (Staging 15 min before) • 11:30 am-U.C.I. JR. Women/Men Podium-Top 5 • 2:00 pm-U.C.I. Elite Men XCO Staging (15 min before) • 1:30 pm- U.C.I. Elite Women/U23 XCO Podium-Top 5 • 4:00 pm-U.C.I. U23 Men XCO Staging (15 min before) • 3:30 pm-U.C.I. Elite Men Podium-Top 5 • 5:30 pm-U.C.I. U23 Men Podium-Top 5 • 5:30 pm-dusk- Amateur XC course open for pre riding (no medical onsite, course open to public, use caution)
Thursday March 19th	• Onsite Registration closed • 10:00 am-1:00 pm-U.C.I. official XCO/XCC training • 10:00 am-1:00 pm Expo Load and setup • 12:00 pm-Bear National JR Ride Day (Details to be announced later) • 2:00 pm to Dusk-Amateur XC course open. (No medical onsite, course open to public, use caution)

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Friday March 20th

- USXC OPEN SERIES-SHORT TRACK SCHEDULE
- 7:00 am-8:30 am-Short track course open to pre ride.
- 8:00 am-3:00 pm-Registration pickup-(white tent near finish line area)
- 9:00 am-JR men 17-18 qualifier #1-3 laps (top 30 transfer). If more than 75
- 9:30 am-JR men 17-18 qualifier #2-3 laps (top 30 transfer). If more than 75
- 10:00 am-JR Women 17-18-(5 laps)
- 10:30 am- Elite Women-(5 laps)
- 11:00 am- Elite Men-(6 laps)
- 11:45 am-JR Men Final 17-18 Final (Top 60)-(5 laps)
- 12:30 pm- Elite Men/Women/JR 17-18 Men/Women podium (Top 5)
- 1:00 pm U.C.I. Managers meeting
- 1:30 pm- JR Men 15-16 qualifier #1-3 laps (top 30 transfer). If more than 75
- 2:00 pm-JR Men 15-16 qualifier #2-3 laps (top 30 transfer). If more than 75
- 2:00 pm-JR Men 15-16 if no qualifier needed (5 laps)
- 2:30 pm- Open men 19-39/40+ open short track-5 laps
- 3:00 pm-Open Women/JR Women 15-16-4 laps
- 3:30 pm- JR boys 11-14-4 laps
- 3:50 pm-JR girls 11-14 -3 laps
- 4:15 pm JR Men 15-16 Final (Top 60)-5 laps
- 5:00 pm-JR Men 15-16/JR boy/girls 11-14/Open Men/Women/JR 15-16 women podium (Top3)
- 10:00 am-Dusk-AM XC course open (STAY OFF SHORT TRACK COURSE. DQ TO ANY RIDER INTERFERING WITH RACE)

Saturday March 21st

- USXC OPEN Series Race Schedule-UCI HC and JR XCO SERIES
- 7:00 am-8:00 am-XCO course open for pre riding.
- 7:30 am-3:00 pm-Registration pickup (white tent expo area)
- 7:00 am-11:30 am-Team/Tech parking
- 8:30 am-U.C.I. JR Women (Staging 15 min before)
- 10:15 am-U.C.I. JR Men (Staging 15 min before)
- 12:00 pm-U.C.I. Elite Women/U23 XCO (Staging 15 min before)
- 11:30 am-U.C.I. JR. Women/Men Podium-Top 5
- 2:00 pm-U.C.I. Elite Men XCO Staging (15 min before)
- 1:30 pm- U.C.I. Elite Women/U23 XCO Podium-Top 5
- 4:00 pm-U.C.I. U23 Men XCO Staging (15 min before)
- 3:30 pm-U.C.I. Elite Men Podium-Top 5
- 5:30 pm-U.C.I. U23 Men Podium-Top 5
- 10:00 am-Dusk-AM XC course open (STAY OFF SHORT TRACK COURSE. DQ TO ANY RIDER INTERFERING WITH RACE)

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Points and Prize money

Points will be awarded per UCI regulations for C1 and XCO JR for Wednesday March 18th. Friday's Elite XCC will award C3 points. Saturday March 21st will award HC points and JR. XCO series points, respectively.

Prize money is awarded per the UCI financial obligations and based off the euro exchange rate set on January 1st, 2026.

Per UCI regulations, prize money will be sent out when race and doping results have been verfied. Any rider making over $600 must fill out a W9 form to get paid.

See charts below for details or vistit UCI website.

	HC			C1			CLASS 3
	Junior	Elite	U23	Junior	Elite	U23	Elite
	M&W	M&W	M&W	M&W	M&W	M&W	M&W
1	$235	$1,174	$470	$154	$705	$311	$235
2	$153	$939	$311	$118	$587	$234	$177
3	$118	$705	$235	$95	$470	$153	$118
4	$94	$587	$194	$77	$352	$118	$88
5	$77	$470	$153	$65	$294	$77	$59
6	$59	$352	$118	$54	$235	$59	
7	$53	$294	$94	$47	$177	$36	
8	$36	$235	$77	$36	$147	$36	
9	$30	$177	$59	$30	$118	$36	
10	$24	$118	$36	$24	$59	$36	
	$879	$5,051	$1,747	$700	$3,144	$1,096	$677

Hors Classe		Classe 1		Classe 2 / COUPE du MONDE XCE / XCE WORLD CUP	Classe 3	XCO JUNIOR SERIES	XCO Junior
Elite	U23*	Elite	U23*	Elite	Elite	Junior	Junior
100	60	60	15	30	10	90	20
80	40	40	10	20	6	70	18
60	30	30	5	15	4	60	16
50	25	25	3	12	2	50	14
40	20	20	1	10	1	40	12
35	18	18	x	8	x	35	10
30	16	16		6		30	8
27	14	14		4		27	6
24	12	12		2		24	4
22	10	10		1		22	2
20	8	8		x		20	x
18	6	6				18	
16	4	4				16	
14	2	2				14	
12	1	1				12	
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Venue Location:

Centennial Park is located right off Hwy 49 and MLK Jr. Blvd, and only a few minutes from downtown Fayetteville.

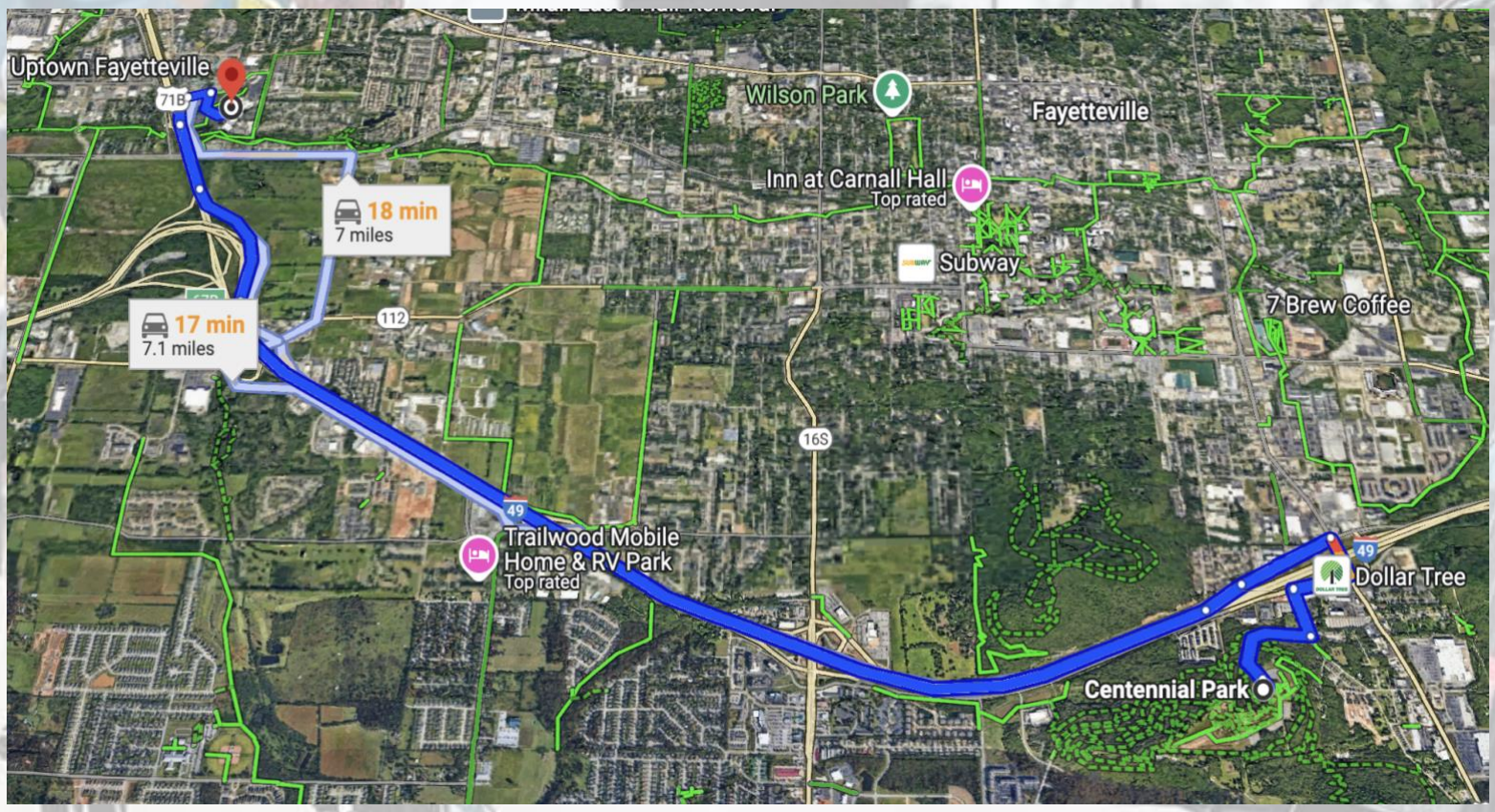
Venue's address: 589 S. Centennial Park Lane, Fayetteville, AR 72704.

Airport:

The closest airport is Northwest Arkansas regional airport and is approximately 25 miles from the race venue and the city of Fayetteville. Airport code is XNA : 1 Airport Blvd Ste 105, Bentonville, AR 72712 The closest INTERNATIONAL Airport is Tulsa, Oklahoma (TUL) and is a 2 hour drive. This airport can best serve international travelers and may offer less expensive flights.

Hospital:

Washington regional medical center is the hospital in Fayetteville. Located 7 mile north of the race venue at 3215 N Northhills Blvd, Fayetteville, AR (479) 463-1000



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