



## Quick Facts:

- Between 12:00pm and 2:00pm, approximately one skier crosses the finish line per second on Hayward's Main Street.
- An estimated 82+ dump truck loads of snow are used to cover Hayward's Main Street for the races.
- The American Birkebeiner International Bridge is 13'6" high and spans across Highway 63.
- In 2022, over 11,500 skiers will participate in Birkie Week festivities.
- In 2022, skiers from 47 states (plus Washington D.C.) and 16 countries will participate in Birkie Week races.
- The only states NOT represented during Birkie Week are Mississippi, Louisiana, and South Carolina.
- Ernie St. Germaine is the only skier who has skied every American Birkebeiner ski race since 1973. 2022 will be his 48<sup>th</sup> American Birkebeiner ski race.
- The 100km American Birkebeiner Trail is used by skiers, runners, bikers, Nordic trekkers, and hikers year-round.
- The highest point on the trail is 1733 feet (528 m)
- The first Birkie had 35 participants
- The first Korte had 19 participants
- There are 8 aid stations for the Slumberland American Birkebeiner
- There are 4 aid stations for the Kortelopt
- It takes 3,125 volunteers to welcome the world to northern Wisconsin in 2022 for Birkie Week.
- Over 250,000 skiers have participated in American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation events since its inception of the first race in 1973.
- Each year, three skiers and an infant dress in full costume as the original Birkebeiner warriors, Inga (mother of Prince Haakon) and Prince Haakon. The adults ski the entire race on wooden skis and in full historical garb. In the final stretch they swap their doll for a real infant "Prince" as they ski across the finish line on Hayward's Main Street.