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Fast Course Conditions at Fat Bike Birkie 2026

CABLE, WI (2/28/26) – The 2026 Fat Bike Birkie, the premier fat tire bike race in the Midwest, delivered another high-energy, adrenaline-packed event on Saturday.

Riders from 14 states (Iowa, Nebraska, Texas, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Missouri, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Washington, Indiana) and even one rider from New South Wales, Australia tackled the legendary Birkie Trails, pushing their limits on snow-packed terrain in the Big Fat (47K), Half Fat (21K), and Fun Fat (10K) races. With clear skies and fast conditions, competitors hit the course at 9AM and battled for the podium. At the starting gun, the temperature was 9° getting as high as 13°, keeping the snow-covered trail frozen and fast.

Men’s Big Fat winner Corey Stelljes took home the top spot for the third year in a row, beating his 2025 winning time by over a minute. Jennifer Youngwerth, the women’s Big Fat winner, also bested her 2025 time having placed second last year. Additional podium finishers include:

2026 Big Fat Overall Winners:

Big Fat 47K - Male	Age	Time	Big Fat 21K - Women	Age	Time
Corey STELLJES	M40-49	1:45:46	Jennifer YOUNGWERTH	F40-49	2:15:48
Sean COOLEY	M40-49	1:47:13	Heather STELLJES	F40-49	2:20:36
Nick NYGAARD	M30-39	1:47:16	Kimberly HOLAK	F50-59	2:31:56

2026 Half Fat Overall Winners:

Half Fat 47K - Male	Age	Time	Half Fat 21K - Women	Age	Time
Aaron VANDENBUSCH	M40-49	48:23	Meredith DUCUNS	F40-49	1:00:58
Matthew BOSMAN	M40-49	48:24	Marin PATNODE	F12-17	1:01:45
Logan GRIM	M12-17	48:25	Kathleen PALMER	F40-49	1:03:09

A huge thank you to all the racers, spectators, and volunteers who made this year’s Fat Bike Birkie an unforgettable experience. The energy, camaraderie, and passion for fat biking were on full display, proving once again why this race is a must-ride event!

For more information and to register for future events, please visit [birkie.com/](https://www.birkie.com/). Additional media to accompany this story be found by visiting: <https://www.birkie.com/2026/02/fast-course-conditions-at-fat-bike-birkie-2026/> Additional comment media@birkie.com | 715-575-1168

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