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MAXXIS EASTERN STATES CUP (ESC) OAKLEY SHOWDOWN
HOSTED AT BLUE MOUNTAIN RESORT'S BIKE PARK ON
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, AND SUNDAY AUGUST 27

WHAT: Blue Mountain Resort, located in the foothills of Palmerton, Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains, sports the state's largest bike park and downhill course. It proudly hosts the MAXXIS Eastern States Cup (ESC) Oakley Showdown competition on Saturday, August 26, and Sunday, August 27. The Showdown features MAXXIS ESC Stan's Enduro Series (105% series points) and MAXXIS ESC Intense Downhill Series (105% series points). 2023 Intense Downhill Racing classes include slots for kids, youth, juniors, amateurs, masters, experts/pros – all for boys, girls, men and women.

Now entering its 14th season, the Showdown was created to ensure the growth of gravity mountain bike racing on the East Coast. The series is recognized for its professionalism, high level of competition and emphasis on fun. Over the years, the MAXXIS ESC has expanded geographically to a revolving stable of dozens of top-level networks across the east – including Blue Mountain Resort.

Every year, Blue Mountain Resort presents local, regional and national downhill mountain bike races like the Eastern States Cup. It boasts the largest downhill course – perfect for competitions – and provides bikers with 29 thrilling bike trails, all serviced by the high-speed Comet Quad Lift.

Race fees include a Saturday practice lift pass and a Sunday race lift pass; early bird discounted race fees until two weeks before the event; regular race fees until Wednesday midnight before the event; onsite race fees are \$10 more than regular race fees. More information is available at <http://www.easternstatescup.com/blue-mountain-pa-downhill/>.

WHEN: **MAXXIS Eastern States Cup Showdown Competition is Saturday, August 26, and Sunday, August 27**

SCHEDULE:

Friday, August 25

No registration

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Lift spins – passes available from Blue Mountain

Saturday, August 26 – Lift pass included with race registration
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Registration
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Intense Downhill and Enduro practice
2:45 p.m. Downhill course close until the end of Downhill seeding
3 p.m. Intense Downhill seeding; Downhill practice resumes after seeding

Sunday, August 27 – Lift pass included with race registration
8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Late registration
8:15 a.m. Oakley Showdown, Kate’s Kids and 14up start
8:30 a.m. Enduro Racer meeting
9 a.m. Stan’s Enduro Race start
9 -10:30 a.m. Intense Downhill practice
10:45 a.m. Intense Downhill Race start

WHERE: Blue Mountain Resort
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<https://www.skiblument.com/>

About Blue Mountain Resort

Blue Mountain Resort is a year-round resort located along the Kittatinny Ridge in the Pocono Mountain region and sits within Little Gap Valley in Pennsylvania. Originally opened in 1977 as Little Gap Ski Area, it was renamed Blue Mountain Resort in 1989. With the highest vertical drop of any ski resort in Pennsylvania, it features 40 ski trails, 16 lifts, 29 mountain biking trails, a ropes course, rock climbing wall and more. The property offers camping and glamping sites and dining at Slopeside Pub & Grill along with spaces for indoor and outdoor weddings, groups and corporate retreats. More information is available at www.skiblument.com. Social media: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), [Twitter](#).

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