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UCI Mountain Bike World Cup returns to Canada after two-year hiatus*Mont-Sainte-Anne, August 5–7, 2022*

Beaupré, Monday, April 4, 2022 – After two years of pandemic shutdowns, [Vélirium](#), presented in collaboration with [Rocky Mountain](#), will be back to take [Mont-Sainte-Anne](#) by storm this August 5–7, 2022, marking 30 years of UCI events at the mountain. Mont-Sainte-Anne is a true cornerstone of the World Cup race circuit, drawing the world's top athletes to compete in the **UCI Downhill World Cup presented by Harvey's**, the **UCI Cross-Country World Cup** and the **UCI Short Track Cross-Country World Cup**.

Mont-Sainte-Anne bike trails to stay open all weekend

GREAT NEWS! For the first time in Vélirium history, most of the Mont-Sainte-Anne trail network will remain open to the mountain biking public during the event weekend. The popular Raid Vélo Mag race is taking a break for this year so the organizing committee can focus on delivering all three World Cup events, and that means the trails can stay open for riders. Note that access to some trails near the World Cup courses will be restricted and riders will still need a regular day pass issued by the resort.

Comeback time for parties, exhibitors and kids' races too

As well as playing host to three World Cup events in three days, Vélirium is setting the stage for more epic parties in the Budweiser lounge, another awesome Expo Area for visitors to drool over all the latest tech, and plenty of fun for little rippers with Véli-Kidz races presented by [Vélo de la Côte](#).

Full details about race courses and events on the program will be revealed in the months to come.

What's on the sporting calendar**Friday, August 5, 2022**

UCI Short Track Cross-Country (XCC) World Cup

Saturday, August 6, 2022

UCI Downhill World Cup (DHI) presented by Harvey's

Sunday August 7, 2022

Véli-Kidz presented by Vélo de la Côte

UCI Cross-Country (XCO) World Cup

About Vélirium

Québec Summer Events Corporation has mandated GESTEV as official event producer for the UCI World Cup stage at Mont-Sainte-Anne since 1991. Vélirium is an international mountain bike festival that has provided the forum for the UCI World Cup—as well as a multitude of amateur races and sporting and cultural events for the whole family—since 2003. Vélirium has earned BNQ Level 2 sustainability certification for responsible event management.

About Gestev

Founded in 1992, Gestev is a dynamic event management company specializing in happenings that make their mark locally as well as on the world stage. Gestev leads the way for producing, broadcasting and promoting sporting and cultural events to showcase homegrown and international talent throughout the market it serves. As a subsidiary of Québecor Sports and Entertainment, it stands alongside the Vidéotron Centre, the Baie de Beauport, the Capitole Theatre, Musicor Spectacles and the Cabaret du Casino de Montréal. Gestev goes above and beyond to deliver quality events with extensive opportunities for convergence driven by the strength of the Québecor Group. Red Bull Crashed Ice, Vélirium, the UCI Mountain Bike World Championships, the Je Cours Qc running events and the FIS Cross-Country Skiing World Cup events are just some of the major events organized by Gestev, which also manages its own experiential marketing agency.

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