



## **THE CHALLENGE ARRIVES ON ELBA: THE 2026 HERO UCI MARATHON WORLD CUP AT THE CAPOLIVERI LEGEND CUP**

*After its season's debut in Spain, the larger-than-life mountain bike marathon is ready to fire up Elites, Masters, and amateurs on 9 May 2026! The race will take place during the Capoliveri Legend Cup, and participants will be able to choose from two tracks boasting 74 and 45 kilometres respectively. The race route marries the beauty of the sea with the harshness of the local mines – an unprecedented technical and aesthetic feast for the eyes awaits!*

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The Capoliveri Legend Cup will take place on 9 May 2026 on the island of Elba and will double as the 2026 HERO UCI Cross-country Marathon World Cup's second round. This event, for the prestigious international circuit, means diving headfirst into a competition which has been bringing the southeastern part of the Tuscan island to life since 2009 – a veritable point of reference for cyclists wanting to feel the thrill of cycling along the island's dirt tracks. Capoliveri, a small, hilly hamlet on the island, will be transforming into the headquarters of an event which combines nature, history, and professional sports – all set against the backdrop of the Tyrrhenian Sea.

### **A route which challenges all senses**

The race is a veritable playground surrounded by nature yet boasting incredibly difficult technical challenges. Cyclists will be competing across a varied landscape: from the red and ferrous soil near the old mines – a unique grip but which can be disastrous with the slightest mistake – to the more compact trails in the thick of the Mediterranean bush. Monte Calamita's mule tracks' exposed stretches and sudden, steep climbs demand precise

steering and a well-thought energy management strategy. Especially in those places where jagged rocks peek from behind rosemary and lentisco bushes.

### Breaking out a sweat

The Elite and Master License athletes will compete on the Marathon track boasting 74 km and a good 2,600 hm. A demanding route which will never give them a moment's respite, and which circles the entire promontory. Amateurs can cycle on the Classic itinerary with its 45 km and 1,600 hm – a shorter yet by no means less breathtaking route. Indeed, some cyclists, who might be more interested in making memories than their final ranking after crossing the finish line, may stop for a selfie overlooking the cliffs of Elba.

### The world's elite competes in Italy

The UCI World Cup means the lineup features some outstanding international athletes ready to compete for the title. The leader jersey will be worn by **Wout Alleman** (Belgium) and **Anna Weinbeer** (Switzerland), representing KTM SPADA Powered by Brenta Brakes, who won the HERO Costa Blanca on 21 February, the 2026 UCI Marathon World Cup's debut round. They will be cycling against some of the discipline's best athletes.

The Capoliveri Legend Cup isn't only a race – it's a journey across the island's ecosystem. Each kilometre is living testament of how an island managed to transition from its industrial heritage to an Eldorado for outdoor sports. Italy cements its reputation on the international cycling map, providing an experience which goes beyond the competition alone and whose sights and tracks will be remembered by every participant.

For more information on the race and circuit visit [www.heroucimathonworldcup.com](http://www.heroucimathonworldcup.com)

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