

SCOTT SMITH, RACE DIRECTOR



Hey, thanks for the interest in the Rock and Ice Ultra. We are thrilled to be able to get this great event off the ground with the support of our sponsors and the community. The Rock and Ice Ultra is the first race of what will eventually become a series of races hosted by Northern Canadian Adventure Racing Inc. So a little about me and why I feel confident that the Rock and Ice Ultra will quickly become the standard in winter ultra racing.

I have been working as a prospector in the mineral exploration industry exclusively since 1991. During this time, I have managed grass-roots prospecting adventures in the Canadian Arctic and high arctic islands, the jungles of West Africa, the foothills of Mexico, the rain forests of the Amazon Basin in Brazil, the fjords and icecap of Greenland and the Australian outback. My formal education is in Mining Engineering but I found the exploration lifestyle far too exciting.. it was like a 14 year adventure race.

I have spent many years in the remote arctic wilderness and in 1999, a friend and I successfully pioneered a new, 800 km route across the Greenland icecap unsupported. I consider this expedition training for a future crossing of Antarctica. I also enjoy rock climbing, ice climbing and mountaineering and have logged climbs in the Canadian Rockies, Alaska and the French Alps.

Athletics has been an integral part of my lifestyle and I once trained at a national level in water polo and have now made the transition to open water marathon swimming. Biking has always been a passion and I mountain biked across Canada solo and across Australia solo. I have recently re-discovered running and then adventure racing when I competed in the Yukon Arctic Ultra in 2004 and in the 125 km Canadian Death Race solo in 2005.

It is my sincere hope that, with your input, we can create an epic winter adventure racing series. The courses are unique and the venue spectacular and I am stoked to be able to share an environment I have grown to love with like-minded individuals.

I look forward to meeting you all and hearing about the adventures that lead you to this race.