

# Inaugural Saba Roller Ski Festival Sunday May 5 – Friday May 10, 2024 and 2d Annual 10K



Take advantage being in ski season shape to prepare for the roller ski season to test yourself on Saba's three uphill (really uphill!) roller ski courses and its network of technical mountain trails.

Cross training doesn't get any better than this.



Register online at <https://www.event66.nl/saba-ski-festival>.

We tested these roads. They work. They're fun. They're a challenge. [Read more about the exploratory trip.](#)

## The schedule:

- **Sunday May 5:** 10K Road race and welcome party
- **Monday May 6:** Test day on The Mountain Road and up from the Airport to Hell's Gate.
- **Tuesday May 7:** Race one: The Airport to Hell's Gate.
- **Wednesday May 8:** Off day. Mountain Road open for skiing.
- **Thursday May 9:** Race two: The Power Plant to the very top of Troy Hill.
- **Friday May 10:** Race three: The Ladder to the Bench.
- **Friday May 10:** 4-9 pm. Farewell party at Tropics Bar and Restaurant.
- **Throughout the week:** A self-timed, start-any-time, self-reported trail run "Straight up Saba" from the North Coast trailhead via All Too Far and Elfin Forest trails to the summit of Mount Scenery. You will be competing against island trail runners for the grand prize.

Course profiles and detailed descriptions will be available in early 2024.

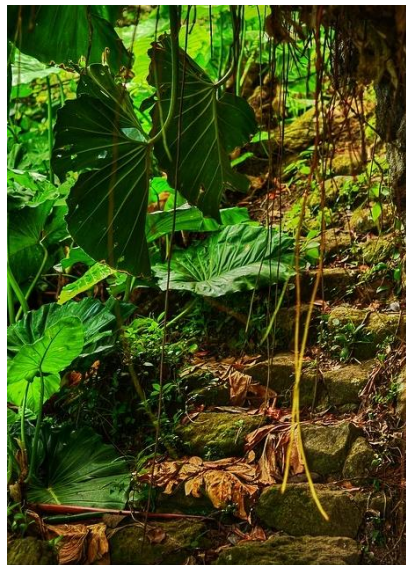
[Juliana's Hotel](#) and [The Cottage Club](#) are offering **fifty percent off regular accommodation rates**. Details will be provided by email following registration.

Additionally, [Event 66](#) is offering **half-price entry** to skiers who elect to stay on for Saba's unique [triathlon](#) "where even the swim is uphill". The triathlon will take place May 18.

Saba offers scuba diving, snorkeling, swimming, and a vibrant arts community as well as a [network of trails](#) from sea level to a rare elfin rainforest and the highest point in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. See all the island has to offer at [Saba Tourism's website](#).



*The Troy Hill summit*



*One section of the All Too Far Trail.*



*Skiing up to the Bottom*



Tekst uit de e-mail:

**The first full week of May 2024 sees the launch of the inaugural roller ski festival on the Dutch Caribbean island of Saba. The event is likely the first ski festival anywhere in the Caribbean. It is certainly the first in the Dutch Caribbean.**

We are delighted to offer this opportunity to pre-register for the event before the available number of slots fill up.

The three-race festival, with overall winners determined by cumulative times, follows the island's second annual 10K race on Sunday May 5, and **skiers receive free entry to this race**. Festival dates also coincide with the start of the island's low season, so travel and accommodation rates are well below the high-season peaks. **Two of the island's principal hotels, [Juliana's](#) and the [Cottage Club](#), are offering 50 percent off accommodation to race participants while space is available.**

The Saba Ski Festival offers the best possible way to transition from snow to road. *On a technical note, the test team reported that Saba's concrete roads are best suited for classic technique and for skis with rear ratchets. They also reported that these courses favor technique and form over pure strength.* What better way to celebrate the end of one season and the start of the next?

Racers will be accompanied by a lead police vehicle and supported by a trailing van. Transport to and from each race is provided, and ski storage will be available at certain times at the top of the designed test road so skiers can combine a practice run with a trail hike.

Start times on race days allow participants and non-skiing friends and relations along for the trip to take advantage of everything else Saba has to offer.

[Early bird registration](#) through the festival's official timer's web site is \$65.

Saba is a short ferry ride from Sint Maarten, which can be conveniently reached by direct flights from Amsterdam and Paris. Connections from airport to ferry are easily made by taxi.

Accommodation details and further information about travel will be emailed upon registration.

For further information, see the attached flyer or email Chris at [sabaskifestival@gmail.com](mailto:sabaskifestival@gmail.com).

For more about Saba visit <https://www.sabatourism.com/>.

Thank you, and hope to see you on Saba.

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