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2021

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

This document covers the Garmin UNBOUND Gravel 50-mile and 25-mile distances, and is intended to provide event participants with all the information they will need to prepare for a successful and rewarding UNBOUND Gravel experience. If you plan to participate in one of our other distances, please refer to the appropriate Gravel Guide document, so you have all of the correct information.

SPECIAL NOTE:

The Flint Hills region of east-central Kansas is an extremely remote area. You will likely not pass through any towns, and therefore no convenience stores between officially-sanctioned Oasis locations. Always be aware of the distance to the next oasis, and be prepared to travel that distance with the supplies you carry. Participants are solely responsible for their personal well-being, will have to make their own informed decisions, and suffer the consequences of those decisions. Please be aware... if you break down or become injured, it is YOUR responsibility to contact your support crew to come get you. DO NOT CALL US. WE WILL NOT COME RESCUE YOU. EVENT PROMOTERS AND SPONSORS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING. If you sign up for this event, make sure you have a support crew with a well thought out emergency backup plan. If you do not feel you are prepared to meet such a challenge, please consider a shorter route option. (Or our Garmin Lunar Ride event, which will be held later this summer.)

Garmin UNBOUND Gravel 50...

is a 50 mile long non-competitive gravel road bicycling “fun ride”, held on the gravel roads through the Flint Hills region of east-central Kansas. The event will occur on Saturday, June 5, 2021 and will start in front of the historic Granada Theatre, 807 Commercial St., in downtown Emporia, Kansas. The course is not marked. GPS files along with downloadable Maps and Cue Sheets will be provided for navigation. Each rider will be responsible for printing their own maps and cue sheets. These maps and cue sheets will guide the rider along the route, including “Oasis” locations where riders may resupply on water and basic nutrition items.

Garmin UNBOUND Gravel 25...

is a shorter-distance option, designed to serve as an introduction to gravel road cycling. The course is not marked. GPS files along with downloadable Maps and Cue Sheets will be provided for navigation. Each rider will be responsible for printing their own maps and cue sheets. These maps and cue sheets will guide the rider along the route, including “Oasis” locations where riders may resupply on water and basic nutrition items.

GENERAL COURSE INFO

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All UNBOUND Gravel event distances will utilize a single-loop format. Although some blacktop roads will be necessary from time to time, the vast majority of the course will be on gravel and dirt roads. Some of these roads receive little to no maintenance throughout the year and can be quite primitive in nature. In the event of inclement weather, gravel and dirt roads can become mud roads. Riders are therefore encouraged to prepare their bikes, their bodies, and their minds to be ready for any and all possible conditions. All courses are open to the public. All riders are required to obey traffic laws at all times.

Garmin UNBOUND Gravel 50 COURSE INFO

This 50 (+) mile route will leave downtown Emporia under police escort, traveling northwest towards Lake Kahola. The route will feature a neutral Water Oasis in the Americus City Park. Riders will route past this Oasis on TWO occasions... one on the way out at Mile 15.3... and a second time on the way back at Mile 40.3. At this Oasis, riders will be provided water and basic food items, such as bananas, oranges, PB&J.

Garmin UNBOUND Gravel 25 COURSE INFO

This 25 (+) mile route will leave downtown Emporia under police escort, following the same route as UNBOUND 50. Once riders arrive at the Neutral Water Oasis in Americus at Mile 15.3, they will be routed back to Emporia. At this Oasis, riders will be provided water and basic food items, such as bananas, oranges, PB&J.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Due to high demand, we are unable to accommodate everyone who wishes to participate in UNBOUND Gravel. Therefore, a random selection process will be utilized to determine who will be allowed to participate. Individuals may submit their name for participation in the 2021 Garmin UNBOUND Gravel from January 15, 2021 until January 30, 2021. Registration for event entry selection will be free of charge. However, credit card information will be collected at the time you submit your name for consideration. Your credit card will be charged only if you are accepted to participate in the event. Winning entries will be selected on or about February 8, 2021 subject to event eligibility requirements. The individuals whose names are drawn will be awarded entry in the 2020 UNBOUND Gravel. These selected event participants will be notified by email per the contact information they provide. It is imperative that you take your time and input your personal information correctly. Each participant's credit card will be charged the event registration fee, a small processing fee, state sales tax, as well as any additional fees for add-on items chosen by the participant. For more information on event registration, visit unboundgravel.com and click on the "Registration" tab.

Garmin UNBOUND Gravel 50 CLASSES & ENTRY FEES

Open Men (all ages) \$50
Open Women (all ages) \$50
Non-Binary (all ages) \$50
Tandem (Open gender / age) \$100 per Team

Garmin UNBOUND Gravel 25 CLASSES & ENTRY FEES

Open Men (all ages) \$35
Open Women (all ages) \$35
Non-Binary(all ages) \$35
Tandem (Open gender / age) \$70 per Team

Notes on Classifications

"Riding Age" is based on the Rider's age as of June 5, 2021. Minimum age requirement for the UNBOUND Gravel 50 and UNBOUND Gravel 25 is 10 years of age. Riders 13 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, who has also registered and is riding in the event. "Tandem" is defined as a solitary bicycle frame with two wheels, designed to be operated by two riders. No pull-behinds. No tag-alongs. No trailers. No exceptions. E-Bikes and pedal-assist bikes are allowed in UNBOUND Gravel 50 and UNBOUND Gravel 25. We reserve the right to add, combine, and/or delete classes.



50 & 25 PRIZING & SWAG

Garmin UNBOUND Gravel 50 & UNBOUND Gravel 25 PRIZING & SWAG

Commemorative Front Number Plate, Event T-Shirt, SWAG Bag

All Event Participants (regardless of distance) are encouraged to attend Sunday morning's Rock Star Awards Ceremony. Lots of merchandise prizes will be randomly awarded. Must be present to win.

EVENT RULES

- 1.) The EVENT SPONSORS, ORGANIZERS, PROMOTERS, STAFF and anyone having anything to do with this event ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY OR WELL BEING. We cannot stress this strongly enough... YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU!
- 2.) UNBOUND Gravel is a self-supported, bicycle marathon event along the gravel and dirt roads of rural Kansas. For the purpose of this event, "bicycle" is defined as "a vehicle consisting of a frame mounted on two wheels one behind the other, and having a seat, handlebars for steering, two hand-operated brakes, and propelled solely by the operator via two pedals connected to the rear wheel by a chain or belt." "E-Bikes" and pedal-assist bikes will NOT be allowed in the 200 and 100-mile distances, but will be allowed in UNBOUND 50 and UNBOUND 25.
- 3.) All roads are open to public traffic. For your safety, it is imperative that you be constantly aware of your surroundings. Therefore, headphones / earbuds are strictly forbidden.
- 4.) ALL participants MUST attend Packet Pick Up on Thursday or Friday, June 3rd & 4th, 2021 to receive their event packet. (Reference our Schedule of Events for exact times.) A government-issued photo I.D. will be required to sign in. Event packets will be given out to registered participants only. No one else can receive your pack for you. Sign-In will NOT be available on Saturday. So plan accordingly.
- 5.) Participants will be responsible for printing their own set of course maps and/or cue sheets prior to the event. These documents will be the rider's primary means of navigation. Participants may load the route into their GPS prior to the event, to assist in navigation. In addition, the course may have a limited number of course markings to reassure participants they are on route. DO NOT RELY ON COURSE MARKINGS FOR NAVIGATION. USE A GPS DEVICE ALONG WITH THE MAP AND/OR CUE SHEETS!!!
- 6.) Outside support is not allowed. This includes, but is not limited to assistance with navigation, supplies, and lighting. The only exceptions to this are outlined in Rules 7, 8 and 9 below.
- 7.) Participants may help other participants with mechanical support, navigational assistance, or by any other means.

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8.) Each participant, regardless of event distance, MUST have present at the event at least one support crew person to come get them should they need to abandon the event. Multiple riders may share the same support crew. Remember... WE WILL NOT COME RESCUE YOU. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU.

9.) Participants may stock up on food, water, and other supplies at stores and businesses along the route. Participants may also receive "neutral" assistance from residents along the route. "Neutral" is defined as support that is freely offered equally to ALL event participants, and is done so from a stationary, non-moveable location. In other words, it is OK to stop at a farmhouse and fill up a water bottle from a garden hose. It is OK to receive a can of soda from a resident sitting in a lawn chair in their front yard with a cooler full of cold drinks. It is NOT OK to receive a hand-up from a vehicle that "just happens" to be at the side of the road. Folks, this rule is really quite simple. Please don't make it something it is not.

10.) Support Crews, friends, and family members are NOT allowed on or near the course, except to pick up a rider who is abandoning the event. IF A SUPPORT CREW VEHICLE IS SPOTTED ON OR NEAR THE COURSE, THEIR RIDER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. Providing support to a rider while on course goes against the self-sufficiency spirit of this event, and creates a safety risk to other riders.

11.) Participants may not advance along the route by any means other than a bicycle, or by foot. There will be no hitching rides.

12.) The primary route must be followed at all times. No short cuts or alternate routes are permitted. The course may be altered by the promoters in the event of inclement weather, or other unforeseeable circumstances. Should this occur, participants will be sufficiently advised.

13.) Riders must remain within the primary boundaries of the roadway at all times. If the roadway is bordered by fences, stay between them. If the roadway is in open range (no fences), stay out of the ditch and on the road. Leaving the roadway is cutting the course. Hopping the fence is trespassing on private property, and as such is punishable by law. We will fully cooperate with local law enforcement to see that violators are dealt with appropriately.

14.) If you intentionally exit the course for food, supplies, or any other reason, you must re-enter the course at the same spot at which you left. If you get lost, you shall make every reasonable attempt to backtrack to the point where you left the course; or to re-enter the course as soon as possible.

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- 15.) Participants must start and complete the entire course on the same bicycle frame. All other components and equipment may be repaired or replaced during the event.
- 16.) Bicycles must be equipped with two (front and rear) fully-functional hand-operated brakes. Coaster style brakes do not satisfy this requirement. "Fixed-Gear" bikes are not exempt from this requirement.
- 17.) Participants must wear a properly approved helmet while operating their bicycle.
- 18.) Participants must obey all city, county, and state laws, and "Rules of the Road." <https://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/burRail/bike/BicycleStatutes.asp>
- 19.) Drafting on another event participant is allowed. Drafting on a non-participant cyclist, or on a motorized vehicle will result in disqualification.
- 20.) You are completely on your own. Use your head. Watch for and yield to traffic. All roads are open to public traffic.
- 21.) Challenges to event results must come from a registered participant, must be made either in-person, or via email to unboundgravel@ltevents.zendesk.com, and must be received no later than 11:59 pm on Sunday, June 6, 2021.

PREPARATIONS

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Each participant must carry with them (on their body, or on their bike) every item on this list:

1. Cycling computer or GPS device. (To track your mileage.)
2. Minimum of two liters of water or sports drink.
3. Two spare inner tubes.

4. Air pump or inflation system.
5. A cell phone to contact the “outside world” should you need help.

ADDITIONAL Supplies You Should SERIOUSLY Consider

1. A GPS system to communicate your exact location to support or rescue personnel in the event of an emergency.

2. Small rucksack / hydration pack
3. Waterproof / windproof jacket
4. Extra thermal top or warm layer
5. An emergency / survival blanket
6. Food – energy bars, gels, chocolate, etc.

7. Tire levers
8. Puncture repair kit

9. Chain tool
10. Allen wrench set

11. Spoke wrench

12. First aid kit
13. Chamois Butt'r
14. Chain lube

15. Cash, debit card or credit card. (To purchase food, water, supplies.)



A WORD TO SUPPORT CREW PERSONNEL

We suggest you research the area surrounding Emporia, Kansas beforehand, so you come prepared to navigate the region. Bring your GPS. Although printed maps will not be provided for you, we will advise you of the various checkpoint locations along the event route. Please stay on paved highways, and all area gravel roads on or near the course. The only time you are allowed to be on the course is to pick up your rider if he or she decides to abandon the event. UNBOUND Gravel is all about self-sufficiency in a rugged and remote environment. Having to dodge cars compromises this experience for our event participants. Thank you for your understanding. For more information on the role of a Support Crew and how they can best prepare for the event, visit unboundgravel.com, then click on the "Info" tab.



EMERGENCY INFO

AREA HOSPITALS

It is, of course, our hope that no one will need this information. In the unfortunate chance that you do, print this off and keep it with you and your support crew.

GREATER EMPORIA, KS AREA:

Newman Regional Hospital, 1201 W. 12th Ave., Emporia, KS 66801, 620-343-6800

TO THE NORTH:

Morris County Hospital, 600 N. Washington, Council Grove, KS 66846, 620-767-6811
Stormont Vail Hospital, 1500 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604, 785-354-6000

Saint Francis Health, 1700 SW 7th St, Topeka, KS 66606, 785-295-8000

TO THE WEST:

St. Luke Hospital, 535 S. Freeborn, Marion, KS 66861, 620-382-2177

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Appendix A

Our stance on Doping, WADA, and “Fair Play”

Life Time / UNBOUND Gravel is dedicated to providing high-quality, grassroots events to the endurance cycling and running communities. Although we are not affiliated with any sanctioning bodies, we do agree with and fully support the Fundamental Rationale for the World Anti-Doping Code, which states...

“Anti-doping programs seek to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport." It is the essence of Olympism, the pursuit of human excellence through the dedicated perfection of each person's natural talents. It is how we play true. The spirit of sport is the celebration of the human spirit, body, and mind, and is reflected in values we find in and through sport, including:”

Ethics, Fair Play, and Honesty
Health Excellence in Performance
Character and Education Fun and Joy

Teamwork
Dedication and Commitment
Respect for Rules and Laws
Respect for Self and other Participants Courage
Community and Solidarity

Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport. To fight doping by promoting the spirit of sport, the Code requires each Anti-Doping Organization to develop and implement education and prevention programs for Athletes, including youth and Athlete Support Personnel.

Therefore:

Athletes who are currently serving a ban from sport or competition by WADA or any intergovernmental organizations, governments, public authorities, and other public and private bodies fighting doping in sport will not be allowed entry or participation in UNBOUND Gravel events.