



2026 GORGE RIDER GUIDE

APRIL 25-26 DUFUR, OR

OREGON GRAVELSERIES

GORGE GRAVEL - AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT!



We've packed in a lot of important information to this Rider Guide.

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[You'll need Yearly or Single Day](#) (link for payment included)

GORGE GRAVEL - AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT!



The Gorge Gravel, now in its 13th year, is one of the oldest gravel events on the west coast. Located in Dufur, Oregon, the course offers great views of the Gorge and surrounding Cascade Mountain peaks as well as an assortment of old school buildings, barns, and houses from the late 1800s. Rolling wheat fields dominate the landscape in all directions blanketing hills in a sea of green. Expect average temps to be in the mid-40s by race start and up into the mid-60s by the peak of the day. Gravel sections are well packed, smooth, and fast. Spring rains provide good moisture keeping the dust down. No portion of the courses exceeds double digits for climbing or descending, **making this an extremely fun ride whether you are a seasoned pro or just starting into gravel.**

We want to give special thanks to Castelli Cycling who has been our title sponsor for the Gorge Gravel from day one. They saw the vision and have been A huge part of making this event successful.



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CATEGORIES

We have something for everyone with three distance options, riders from beginner to expert will have a great day in the saddle!

SMALL
Ride Distance 43.9 mi
3,667 Feet Elevation
47% Gravel 53% Paved

MEDIUM
Ride Distance 64.3 mi
5,406 Feet Elevation
52% Gravel - 48% Paved

BIG
Ride Distance 93.8 mi
8,656 Feet Elevation
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GORGE GRAVEL - GENERAL SCHEDULE



Packet Pickup Options



SATURDAY
Noon to 5pm
Dufur City Park

SUNDAY
6:30 - 9:30 am
Dufur City Park

Saturday Festivities



SHAKE OUT RIDE
Checkin- 9:30 am
Ride- 10:00 am
Dufur City Park

GRAVEL 101 -
CAMPFIRE ENDURANCE
12:00 - 2:00 pm
Dufur City Park

PARTY IN THE PARK
5:00 - 8:00 pm
Dufur City Park

Sunday Race Start



GORGE
BIG DUFUR, OREGON

ALL BIG: 9:00 am

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GORGE
MEDIUM DUFUR, OREGON

OPEN: 9:15 am

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GORGE
SMALL DUFUR, OREGON

OPEN: 10:30 am

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Post Ride Refuel



11:30 am - 5:00 pm
Dufur City Park

Post Ride Cheers
TASTY. CELEBRATORY BREWS BY



GORGE GRAVEL - GRAVEL PACE GROUPS



New to gravel? Looking for a ride crew? Join the Pace Group Program!

Our ride guides will help you achieve your Gorge Gravel goal by setting the pace and keeping the stoke!

Sign up for a pace team at registration or just meet up before the ride.

Want to help out and lead a ride? Email us at grinderinfo@breakawaypro.com



PACE GROUP TEAMS	
Small Grinder-	Passenger Train, 7.5 to 9mph, NO-DROP
Small Grinder-	Commuter Train, 9-10 mph
Small Grinder-	Electric Train, 10-11 mph
Small Grinder-	Freight Train, 11-12 mph
Medium Grinder-	Locomotive Train, 8-10 mph
Medium Grinder-	Bullet Train, 11-12 mph

DUFUR, OREGON - GETTING HERE, LODGING, & PARKING



Getting Here

If you are coming from east, west, or north take I-84 to The Dalles. Take exit 87 and then head south on HWY 197. Take the first exit into Dufur and follow Court Street south into town. You will see Dufur school on your left. If you are coming from Bend take the first exit and then head through town on Main street.

PACKET PICKUP / RACE START / CELEBRATION: Dufur City Park- 200 Park Loop Rd.

No parking inside of park except reserved camping spots

Lodging



Our sponsor Cousins Country Inn is offering Oregon Gravel riders discounted rates. Be sure to let them know you are traveling in for the event when calling for reservations (541) 298-5161.

Parking: Opens at 7am

1. Barlow Trail Field - Park in the designated field at Heimrich & Airport Way.

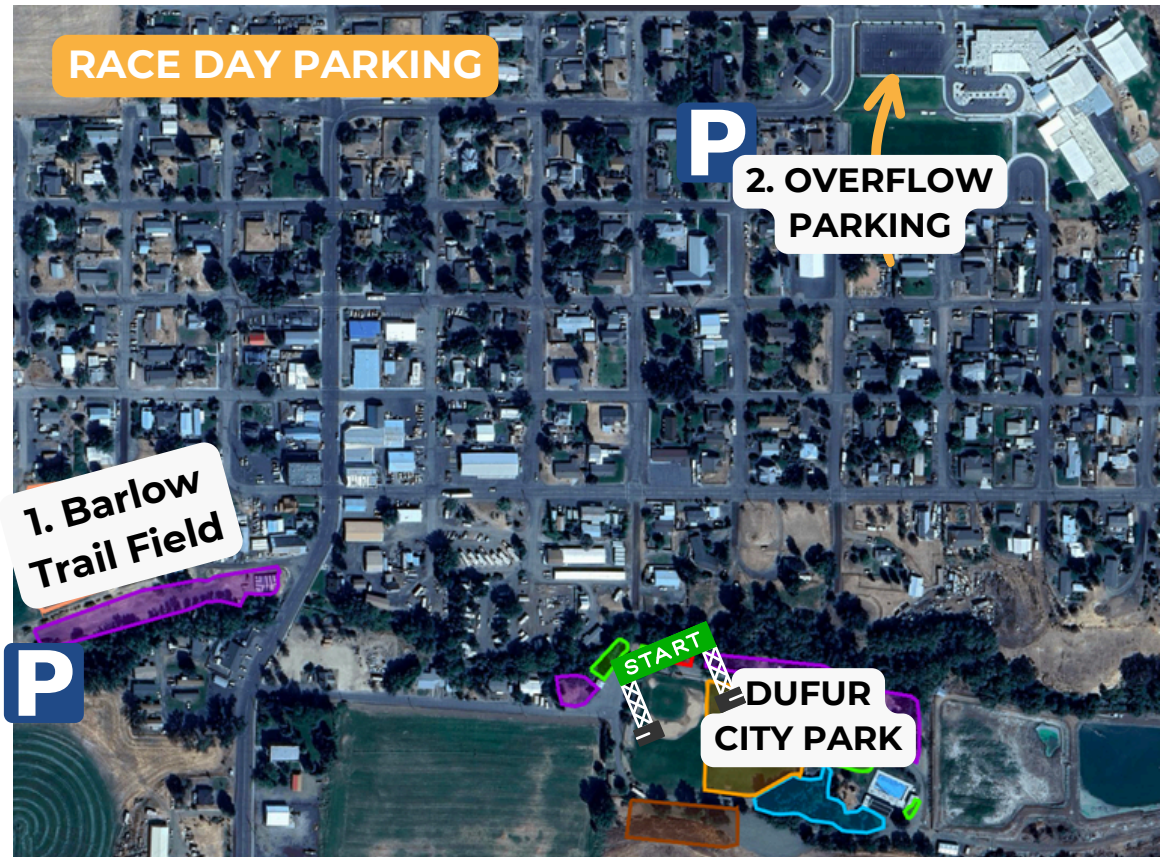
MAP TO BARLOW FIELD

2. Overflow Parking - Extra parking is located at Dufur School.

MAP TO SCHOOL PARKING

802 NE 5th St

Absolutely no alcohol is allowed on school grounds. If you are caught drinking on school property you are done for the day and the rest of the season from participating in Breakaway Promotions events.



PACKET PICKUP - SATURDAY & SUNDAY OPTIONS



Packet Pickup



SATURDAY

Noon to 5 pm
ALL RIDERS

Dufur City Park
200 Park Loop Road
Dufur, OR

Saturday Packet Pickup Parking: You can park for Saturday's packet pickup on the road leading to Dufur City Park (Hogans Alley). No parking within the park unless you have a camping pass.

Packet Pickup



SUNDAY

6:30 - 9:50 am
ALL RIDERS

Dufur City Park
200 Park Loop Road
Dufur, OR

**SUNDAY- Big Gravel & Medium
must pick up packets by 8:30 am.**

Small Gravel must pick up packets by 9:50 am.



Our friends from Mountain View Cycles will be there for all of your mechanical questions.



This is an Oregon Bicycle Racing Association (OBRA) sanctioned event. This allows us to be part of the OBRA BAR series and support bike racing in Oregon. All riders will require a license to race.

If you are a current license holder please make sure to have your license number. If you purchase a single day, be prepared to show your receipt.

Single Event License

If you are not a license holder you will need to fill out the form for a temporary license and pay the \$5 fee.

[You can pay for and register your license on the OBRA Membership website here.](#)



2026 Year License

Doing more racing in Oregon?
[Purchase an annual membership to OBRA for \\$50 on their website here.](#)
<https://obra.org/store>



PACKET PICKUP - WHAT YOU'LL NEED



WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING TO PACKET PICKUP:

1. Have already signed your waivers online through BikeReg. We sent you an email if you did not sign both waivers. You will be asked to fill out a paper waiver if you have not signed online.
2. OBRA Yearly license or Single Day License. Get these ahead of time here:
 - a. 2025 Year OBRA License- \$50
 - b. Single Day OBRA License- \$5

1. **OBRA LICENSE** – Make sure you have your annual license, or temporary OBRA license form, and pay the \$5 day fee. See links above or at the end of the packet to secure your license now.

BE PREPARED TO SHOW US YOUR YEARLY LICENSE OR SINGLE DAY RECEIPT AT PICKUP.

2. **WAIVERS** - In order to compete at the 2026 Gorge Gravel, you must have signed the ONLNE waivers. If you did not do this, we will have your name on a list and the required waiver for you to sign before you can get your packet. You must complete the waivers to hand to our staff in order to receive your packet.
3. **FAILURE** – Failure to properly complete the above requirements PRIOR to arriving at race day packet pickup, or if you decide on race day to change your rider distance, you will be placed in the dreaded “problem rider queue” while we help resolve your issues. This will prolong your time at packet pickup, but we are committed to keeping things moving so as not to inconvenience those who come prepared.

THERE IS NO RACE DAY PARKING AT DUFUR CITY PARK (even for packet pickup).

SATURDAY - FESTIVITIES AT DUFUR CITY PARK



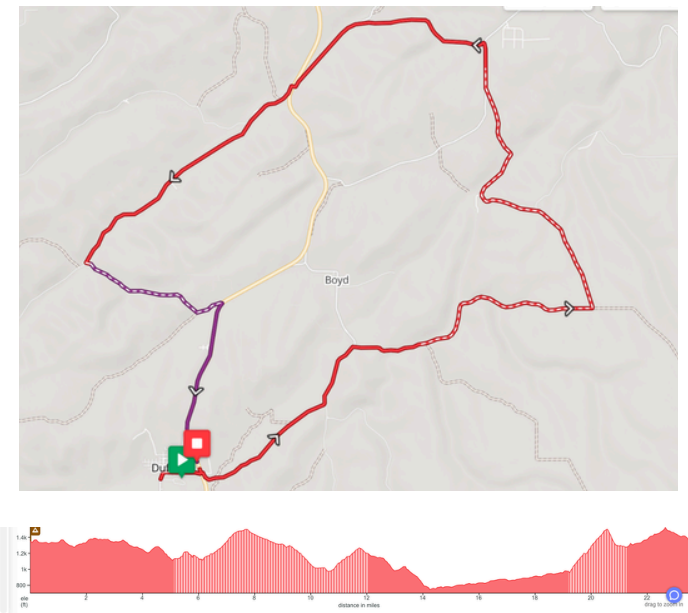
• 10am Shake-Out Ride



9:00-9:45 am **CASTELLI** coffee
10:00 am Shake-Out Ride start

Join your fellow participants for a course shakeout ride before packet pickup opens on the first 19 miles of the Big and Medium courses. Total ride is 23.5 miles and 2,067 feet of climbing.

This is a **NON-SUPPORTED** ride to check out the course. There are no leaders or sweep on this ride, so be sure to have the route in your bike computer and be self-sufficient.



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tinyurl.com/gorge26-shakeout

• 12pm FREE Gravel 101 Clinic

LEARN MORE & SIGN UP AT: oregongravelgrinder.com/campfire



GOAL: Provide a beginner-friendly session aimed at helping cyclists make the transition to riding and racing on gravel by building confidence and comfort on riding unpaved terrain. And HAVE FUN!

Participants will learn: How to balance their body on the bike, Proper "ready" position on their bikes, How to steer the bike by shifting their body weight, Climbing 101, Descending 101, Cornering theory and practice

SCHEDULE: 45-minutes skills instruction/practice, 75 min out on this out-and-back to practice our skills in real time—we will use the natural terrain of the roads to make our theory sessions real!

What You Need:

A bike that you can handle on gravel roads (freshly lubed chain, brakes in good working condition, air in tires), snack, hydration, helmet, gloves, jacket, sunscreen, flat tire repair supplies, any needed medication, and a positive mental attitude that is open to learning!

SATURDAY NIGHT - PARTY IN THE PARK



We've planned all of your pre-race celebration with fun games, music, Lightstrike Beer Bar, and BBQ supporting the local community of Dufur through the Ranger Pride Foundation.



3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Sign up for the corn hole competition for Single Player or 2-Person Team. First round starts at 3pm with finals at 5:30pm Cash & Prizes for winners from Castelli. BONUS POINTS GIVEN TO TEAMS THAT DRESS UP FOR THE COMPETITION.

REGISTER HERE - tinyurl.com/cornhole-clash



6:00 pm

Fat Tire Single-Toss will start at 6pm with day-of sign-ups. Cash & prizes for winners from Lightstrike.

Looking for a pre-ride diner you can walk to? Here are our suggestions for a great meal near the camping/expo.



LIVE MUSIC & CASUALLY-ELEGANT DINING EXPERIENCE!

Friday & Saturday 5-8 pm -
Reservations required



The Ranger Station

11 am - 8 pm, daily



RACE START - Big course will begin at 9 am on race morning at Dufur City Park. See next page for individual distance line-up and start times.

- Start time will be gun time from Dufur City Park, but riders **MUST** follow the neutral start rules.
- The race will be neutral for the first 0.85 miles on pavement.
- Riders must follow but not pass the lead race vehicle for this stretch.
- When on HWY 197. **You MUST STAY TO THE RIGHT of the fog line**

NO AERO BARS allowed.
All racers required to adhere to the rules of the road.

RACE WAVE START TIMES

The sign has a green background with a topographic map pattern. At the top left is the GORGE GRAVEL logo. The word "GORGE" is in large, white, distressed letters, with "BIG" below it in a similar font. To the right, "DUFUR, OREGON" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the center, "ALL BIG: 9:00 am" is written in a large, bold, green font. At the bottom right, there is a small logo for "OREGON GRAVEL SERIES".

The sign has a brown background with a topographic map pattern. At the top left is the GORGE GRAVEL logo. The word "GORGE" is in large, white, distressed letters, with "MEDIUM" below it in a similar font. To the right, "DUFUR, OREGON" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the center, "OPEN: 9:15 am" is written in a large, bold, brown font. At the bottom right, there is a small logo for "OREGON GRAVEL SERIES".

The sign has a grey background with a topographic map pattern. At the top left is the GORGE GRAVEL logo. The word "GORGE" is in large, white, distressed letters, with "SMALL" below it in a similar font. To the right, "DUFUR, OREGON" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the center, "OPEN: 10:30 am" is written in a large, bold, grey font. At the bottom right, there is a small logo for "OREGON GRAVEL SERIES".


RACE LINE-UP & START TIMES



RIDE DISTANCE 93.8 MI
8,656 FEET ELEVATION
65% GRAVEL - 35% PAVED

Line Up- 8:50 am
Announcements- 8:55 am
Start- 9:00 am

RIDE DISTANCE 64.3 MI
5,406 FEET ELEVATION
52% GRAVEL - 48% PAVED




Line Up- 9:05 am
Announcements- 9:10 am
Start- 9:15 am



Pace Group Check In- 9:10 am at CAMPFIRE ENDURANCE Tent in field. *Pace Groups will line up and roll out as a group.

RIDE DISTANCE 43.9 MI
3,667 FEET ELEVATION
47% GRAVEL - 53% PAVED



Line Up- 10:20 am
Announcements- 10:25 am
Start- 10:30 am



Pace Group Check In- 10:10 am at CAMPFIRE ENDURANCE Tent in field. *Pace Groups will line up and roll out as a group.

NUMBER PLATES & TIMING



This ride is being chip timed by E8 Timing.



- **Please attach the chip to the DRIVE (right) side of your fork.**
- **Please attach number plate to the front of your handlebars.**
- **Please pin your bib number to the RIGHT SIDE of your jersey.**

If you do not want to put the chip on your fork, you may put it on your shoe or crank, however, it may cause timing inaccuracies. We do NOT recommend putting your chip in your pocket.



Results will be posted to the website immediately. Use your smartphone to check and see how you did. The timing mat and station for the finish are located between 3-4 miles prior to the actual finish at Dufur City Park. Look for the lane of cones and signage. Make sure you roll over the timing mat so we can get your official time. Please be respectful and ride in just one lane at the speed limit through downtown Dufur on the way back to the post-ride food and beer.



ALL RIDERS MUST PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE FINISH AT DUFUR CITY PARK AND CROSS THE CEREMONIAL FINISH LINE.

Failure to do so will result in disqualification. There will be a \$100 fee for any unreturned timing chips.





TIMING START/FINISH

There will be a Ceremonial Timing Mat at the Dufur City Park finish. **The race will begin at mile 0.85**, after the highway crossing. The **Finish Timing Mat** will be clearly marked on course on the course by **BREAKAWAY PROMOTIONS FLAGS**.



- Start time will be gun time from Dufur City Park. Riders must adhere to the neutral rollout rules above.
- Rider's time will NOT finish until they cross the Timing Finish Mat.
- Riders should reduce the riding pace and safely ride back through town- the race is over, let your legs rest!
- All riders **MUST** return to the Dufur City Park start/finish line and cross the Ceremonial Timing Mat.
Failure to do so will disqualify rider.

RIDER ETIQUETTE

Rules of Rider Etiquette for the Gorge Gravel

- Be nice.
- Stop at all stop signs.
- Don't be rude (we really, really mean this, you WILL be banned from any Breakaway Promotions events for this).
- Pick up your trash.
- Use the port-a-johns at aid stations. Do not pee on peoples land/property or you will be disqualified!
- Stay on the RIGHT SIDE of the roads ALWAYS, whether there is a center road line or not.
- If you do not make a cut-off time, please be kind to our wonderful volunteers if they guide you to the shorter distance. These cut-offs are in place for the safety of riders and our team.

RIDE SUPPORT

Mt. View Cycles will once again be providing mechanical support before and during the ride. Be sure and tell them thanks for all they do.



AID STATIONS & TAILWIND NUTRITION



Three well-stocked aid stations will be located roughly every 20 miles along the course. In addition to food, we will also have extra tubes tire pumps, and tires. Mt. View Cycles and Schwalbe Tires will be at the start as well as out on the course for anyone who has a need for bike repair. We will have porta-potties located at all three Aid Stations.

Mt. View Cycles will be at the start and traveling around on course with tubes, tires, tire pump and assistance. Aid stations will be filled with Tailwind Nutrition drink mix, gels, bananas, peanut butter, granola bars, and other great snacks as well as the innovative Breakaway Hydration Trailer for the fastest water fills possible.

AID LOCATIONS:

- BIG GRINDER- Mile 26, 48.5, 71
- MEDIUM GRINDER- Mile 26, 41
- SMALL GRINDER- MILE 16, 31

AID STATIONS ARE NEUTRAL SUPPORT ONLY
We must reduce traffic on the course. Any rider taking outside support at the Aid Stations or on course will be disqualified.



OREGON GRAVELSERIES X **tailwind NUTRITION**

Tailwind Nutrition is the **Official Nutrition Partner** for the Oregon Gravel Series! Tailwind has become a go-to for endurance athletes because it's easy on the stomach, delivers steady energy, and keeps you hydrated and fueled without the crash. From easy spin days to big training blocks and race efforts, Tailwind helps you stay strong, consistent, and ready for the next ride.

SPECIAL 20% CODE FOR GORGE RIDERS: GORGE20
www.tailwindnutrition.com

HOW TO FUEL WITH TAILWIND

- 1 DIAL IN YOUR BASE**
in 20-24oz of water per hour
* this is the ratio you will find at aid stations
- 2 CALCULATE YOUR FUEL**
4 HOURS = 800 CALORIES
- 3 CHOOSE A CARRYING METHOD**
Be sure to continue targeting 20-24oz of water/hour by carrying plain water, or drinking water at the aid stations along the way.
- 4 USE YOUR FUEL**
For a bladder or large bottle, sip continuously as you ride.



NEUTRAL ROLLOUT

As we will be going through the the town of Dufur, each ride distance will use a **Neutral Rollout format** to safely bring riders from the park, through town, up the highway, and to the timing start. There will be flaggers on both sides of the highway to help you make the crossing. Remember, this portion is NOT TIMED, therefore watch for vehicles and do not put yourself or those following you at risk by trying to get across the highway before it is safe.

- Neutral Rollout route will be 0.85 miles.
- The Lead Moto will maintain a slow pace (approximately 15 mph), and riders will be required to follow behind the car.
- If any rider passes the lead car, they will be automatically disqualified from this and all Breakaway events.
- **No rider shall cross the center line- or they will be DISQUALIFIED.**
- The race start will begin once you cross the timing mat.
- Gun time start- meaning that your time starts when the gun goes off and not when you roll over the timing mat.





COURSE CUT OFF TIMES

The Gorge Celebration Expo will close at 5 PM.

The required average pace for this finish is,

- Big- 11.97 mph
- Medium- 8.56 mph
- Small- 6.75 mph

We will have specific cut-offs on course to ensure riders can make it back by 5pm. If you do not make the required time, you will need to change your ride distance to the shorter option.

The cut-off times and locations are,

- **Aid 1- 12:30 pm**, Big Gravel **leaving** at Aid 1 (mile 26) after 12:30 pm will be required to take the Medium Gravel course turn-off.
 - This would make the required average of **7.80 mph for Big**.
- **South Loop- 3:30 pm**, Big and Medium Gravel riders who arrive at the South Loop turn (mile 48.1 for Medium Gravel, Mile 77.6 for Big Gravel) after 3:30 pm will be required to take the Small Gravel course turn-off, and finish the last 6 miles of the Small Gravel course.
 - This would make the required average of **12.29 mph for Big**.
 - This would make the required average of **8.02 mph for Medium**.
 - *The 13.7-mile South Loop has more climbing, the pace needed to get to this point is slightly greater than the overall pace. needed to finish by 5 pm.*



Please be kind to our wonderful volunteers if they guide you to the shorter distance. These cut-offs are in place for the safety of riders and our team.

SMALL GRAVEL - OVERVIEW

2026 Gorge Gravel Small Course

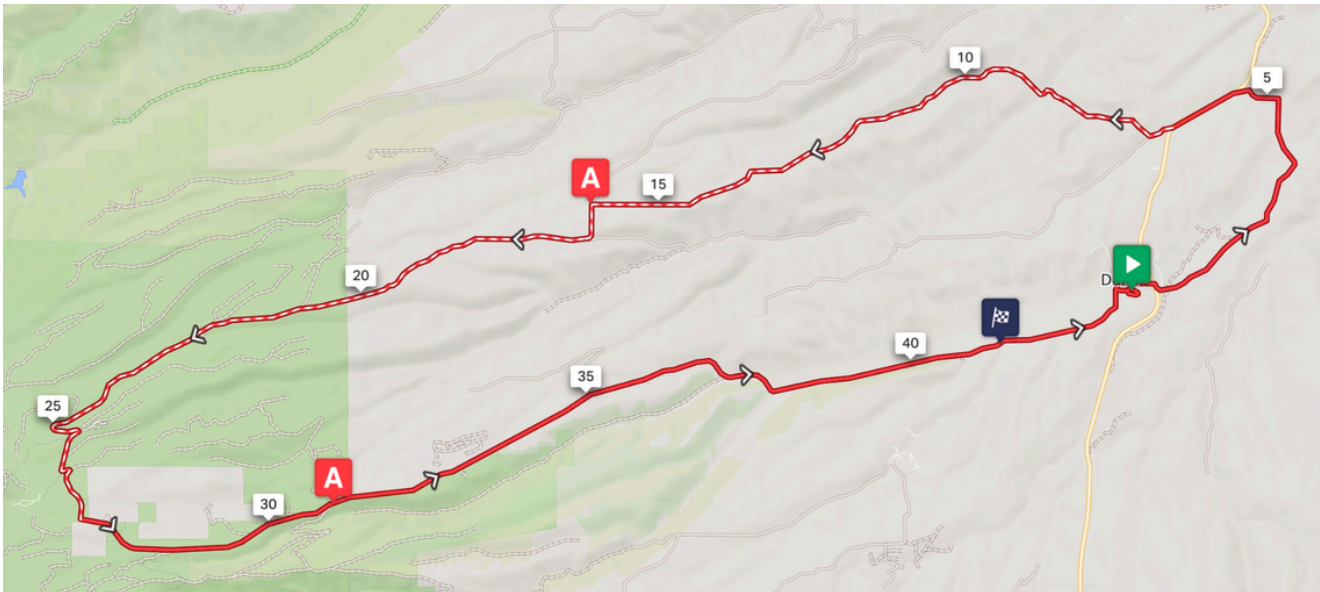
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📍 43.9 mi + 3,666 ft ↗ 10.7 %

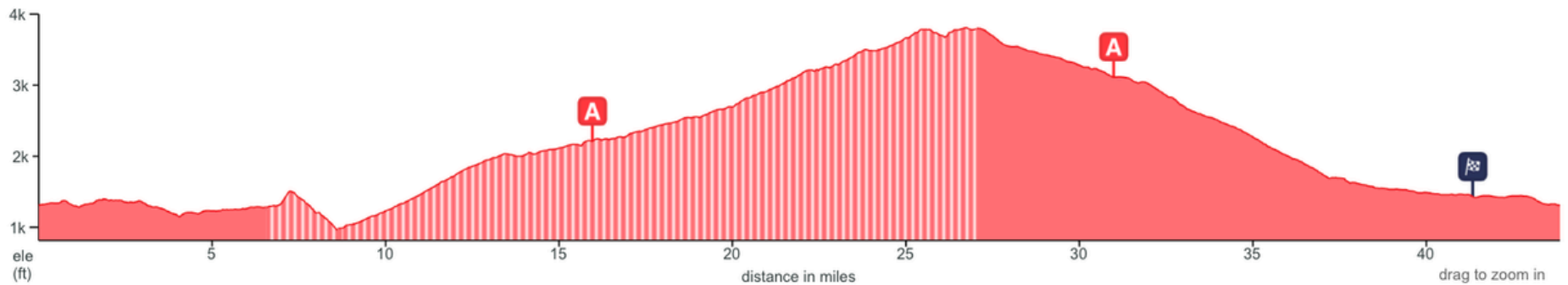


OREGON GRAVEL SERIES GORGE GRUPE SMALL DUFUR, OR

43.9 MI



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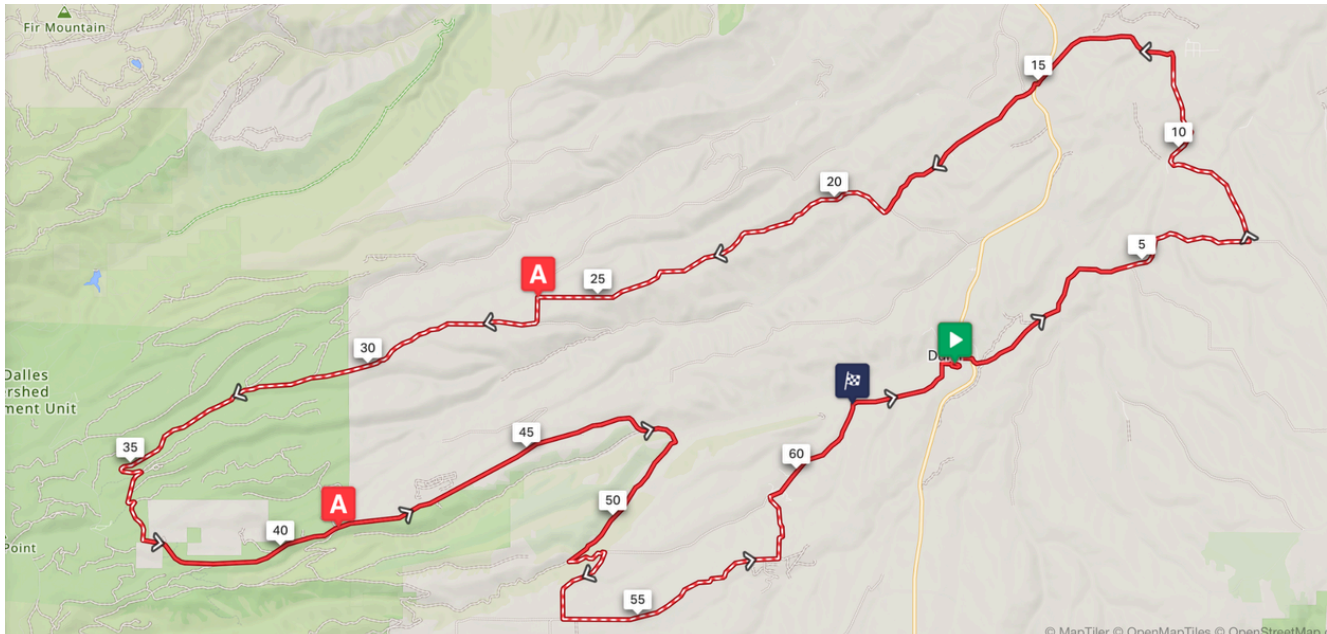


MEDIUM GRAVEL - OVERVIEW

2026 Gorge Gravel Medium Course

By **Breakaway Promotions**

📍 64.3 mi + 5,409 ft ↗ 11.5 %

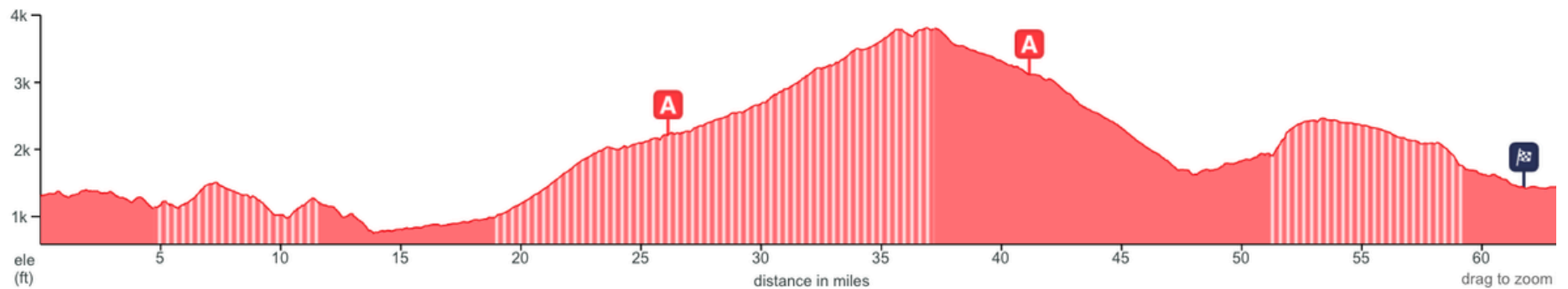


OREGON GRAVEL SERIES GORGE GRAVEL MEDIUM DUFUR, OR

64.3 MI



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BIG GRAVEL - OVERVIEW

2026 Gorge Gravel Big Course

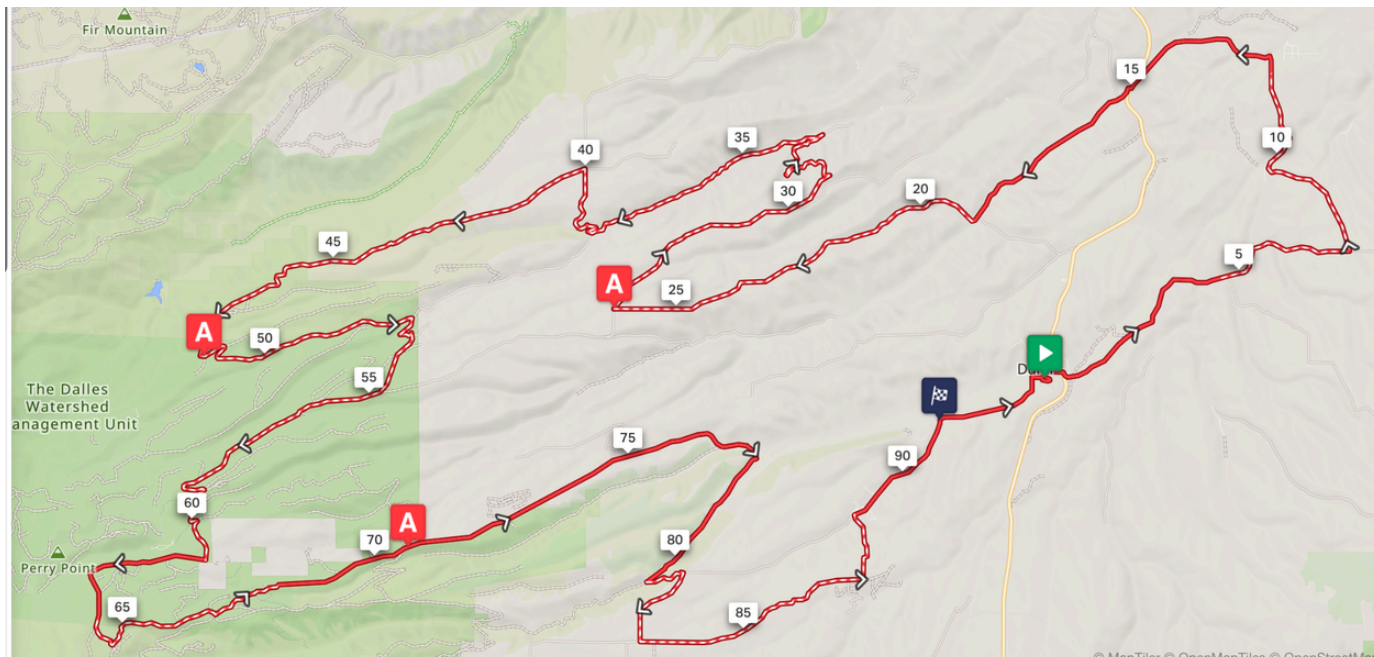
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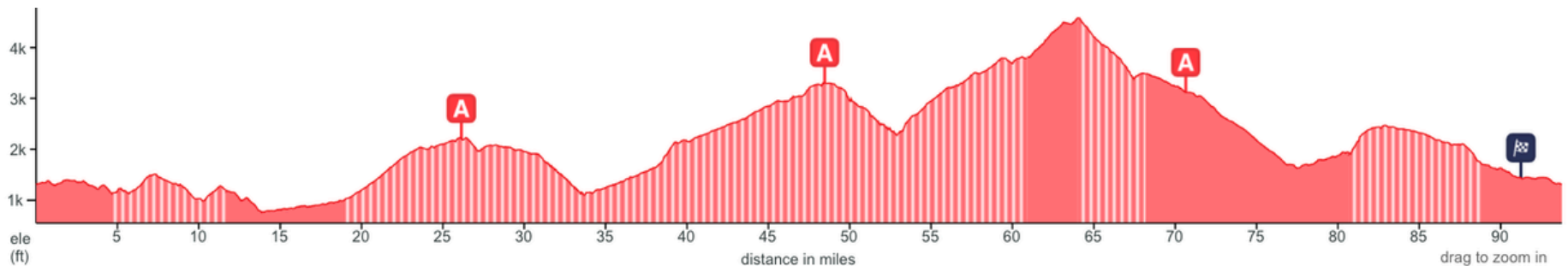
📍 93.8 mi + 8,656 ft ↗ 11.7 %

OREGON GRAVEL SERIES GORGE GRAVEL BIG DUFUR, OR

93.8 MI



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Post Ride Check-In

All riders must check back in at Dufur City Park upon completing their race and return your chip. Once we have received your timing chip you will be free to grab your well earned meal, beverage, pint glass, and finishers patch. If you do not return your timing chip you will be charged \$100 for the replacement of the chip.

Post Ride Re-Fuel



Post rider lunch and beverages will be served from 12 to 5 pm, located at Dufur City Park. Spin Catering will be serving an amazing lunch spread. We will also have a vegetarian option with grilled vegetables.

Awards

Awards go to the top three for each category in each distances for each day. Podium will be for top three from each category for each distance.

Award Categories for this event are,

- Juniors*
- Pro Men
- Pro Women
- Open Men
- Open Women
- Non-Binary
- Masters Men 45-59, Masters Plus 60+
- Masters Women 45-59, Masters Plus 60+

2pm- Small Gravel Awards

3pm- Medium/Big Gravel Awards

** we will try our very best to stick to the above award schedule but may be delayed depending on rider finishing time. You must be present for awards, we will not ship them after the event.*

Post Ride Cheer
TASTY, CELEBRATORY LIBATIONS
FEATURING



Dogs

For everyone's safety, dogs must be on leash at **ALL TIMES**.



RESERVED CAMPING AT DUFUR CITY PARK



Tent, Car/Truck/Van, and RV Camping

All camping is by **reservation ONLY**. You must make reservations ahead of time by contacting us.

We are currently **SOLD OUT** of all RV and Car/Truck/Van spot. You will receive an email with your information and assigned camping location. ****Limited tent spots available at packet pickup.****

You have been emailed your camping spot.

RV spots will be labeled with your last name.

Dry camping spots will be labeled with the letter and your last name.

Car/Truck/Van locations are first-come, first serve. There are 4 locations options.

- Print your camping pass (emailed to you) and put it in the front window of your vehicle.

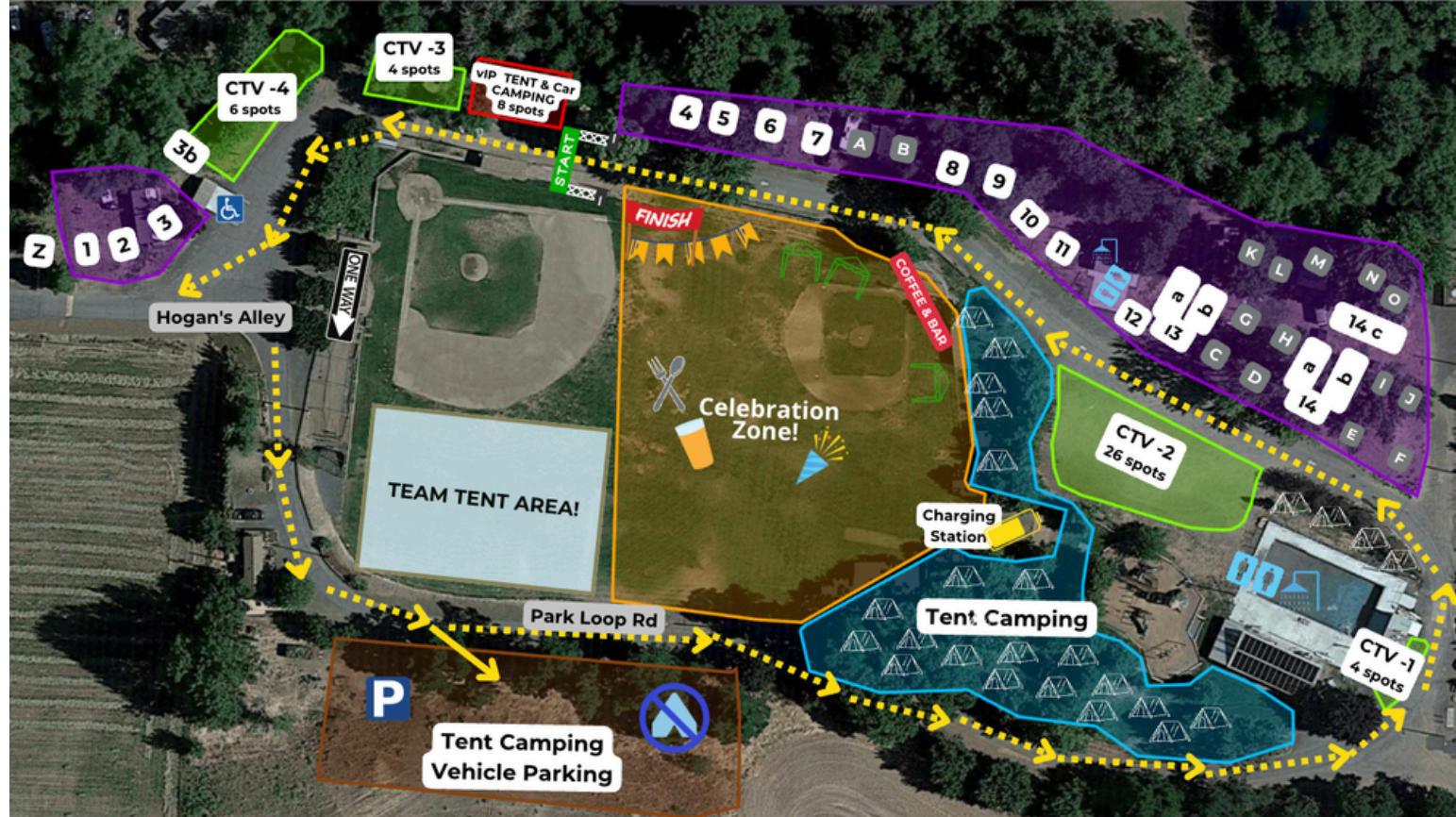
Tent Camping

Tent camping is first come, first serve. Park **ONLY** in the Tent Camping Vehicle Parking Section. Pick up your tent pass at packet pickup and twist tie it to your tent. Limited tent camping spots available at packet pickup.



2026 Gorge Gravel Grinder Expo & Camping Map

RV Camping Area (spots pre-assigned)	Tent Camping Area	Tent Camping Vehicle Parking
RV spots w/hookups	VIP Tent & Car Camping	
Dry Camp Spots	Car/Truck/Van Camping Areas (CTV)- first come first serve	



DEALS FOR GORGE GRAVEL



Get your rig ready- \$20 off at Mountain View Cycles-
The team at Mountain View Cycles is offering all registered riders \$20 off now through 5/31. You must present registration confirmation to use coupon.

The coupon is a rectangular graphic with a topographic map background. At the top center, a yellow banner contains the text "\$20 Off In-Store Purchase". Below this, another yellow banner states "Valid 03/11/25 to 05/31/26". The center of the coupon features the "Mountain View Cycles" logo on the left and the "Gorge Gravel" logo on the right. In the middle, the text "Mountain View Cycles" is written above a large barcode. Below the barcode, a yellow banner reads "*must show confirmation of Gorge Registration to use discount". At the bottom left, it says "DUFUR ★ OREGON". At the bottom center, there is a logo for "OREGON GRAVEL SERIES" with a green map of Oregon. At the bottom right, the "Breakaway Promotions" logo is displayed in a stylized font.