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2025 Driver Guide





Welcome to the 2025 Oregon Trail Gravel Grinder, brought to you by Breakaway Promotions! You will have an exhilarating and memorable adventure that not only highlights the stunning landscapes of Oregon but also embodies the pioneering spirit of the Oregon Trail itself.

Throughout the race, you'll traverse miles of majestic forests, scenic rivers, and even follow in the footsteps of history along two historic wagon roads. It's a journey that promises both beauty and challenge in equal measure.



We want to give special thanks to Schwalbe, who is our title sponsor, for their incredible support. They saw the vision and have been a huge part of making this event successful.

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Unlike past years, we are not pre-assigning RV spots. It will be a first-come, first pick for spots but there should be plenty of room as we have only allowed 25 RVs this year and have limited the number of non-RV vehicles. This guide has maps identifying the parking areas at each location for RVs and other cars.

Basic Rules:

i. No generators after 9 pm or before 8 am in the morning.ii. If you are an RV, park only in the RV zone. See individual camp maps for your specific RV spots and other vehicle parking.iii. Do not leave before riders. This is for the safety of the riders.

Camp Location Basics:

STAGE 1: Wednesday- Bend to Gilchrist STAGE 2: Thursday- Gilchrist to Oakridge STAGE 3: Friday- Oakridge STAGE 4: Saturday- Oakridge to McKenzie STAGE 5: Sunday- McKenzie to Bend

TIMING START TIMES



Stage #2 – 9:00* AM

Stage #3 – 10:00 AM

Stage #4 – 9:00* AM ; Early Start Option** 8:00 AM (Podium contention Pioneers must start at 9:00 AM)

Stage #5 – Shuttle Times: Settlers- 7:30 AM; Pioneers- 8:00 AM

Start Times Settlers- 9:15 AM; Pioneers 9:00* AM

*Daily Pioneer Start Sequence: Pro Men will start first Pro women will start 5 minutes after Pro Men, Open Pioneers will start 10 minutes after Pro Women.

**EARLY START OPTIONS- Earlier start for Settlers and Pioneers. Early Start Pioneers are those riders who are riding the full Pioneer course and would like a little more time to finish the course. Riders in contention for podium spots are <u>not</u> allowed to start in the early start.





CAMP AMENITIES





FOOD SERVICE

We are excited to partner with Spin Catering again. Each rider will receive breakfast and dinner each day with the exception of Wednesday morning where you are on your own for breakfast.



Breakfast will be served from 6:30 to 8:30 AM. On days with earlier starts (like day 5) we will begin breakfast early.



The ever-popular Snack Shack will be open from 12-5 pm. Volunteers will provide sandwich and snack fixings to tide you over until dinner. You will find fruit, vegetables, bread, tortillas, peanut butter, jelly, honey, cheeses, lunch meats, chips, dips and sweet snacks among the other aid station items.



We have invited LOAM Coffee Roasters to fulfill your morning caffeination needs. Get your fresh cup of coffee each morning at the MiiR Morning Coffee station in your custom Oregon Trail MiiR Camp Cup! All riders receive a mug at packet pickup. You can purchase a mug at the merch booth.





Dinner will be served nightly from 5-7 PM at camp. At each meal, please check in with your Meal Pass lanyard. Non-Rider Meal participants please make sure you have your designated lanyard pass for beer and food. A diner bell will be rung when dinner is ready. Please be mindful of your other riders and do not come back for seconds until the second dinner bell is run.



Food is ONLY for registered riders, RV pass holders or those who purchased an additional meal plan. You will have to show your meal pass for all meals.

Family or friends who are not part of the race and not signed up for a meal plan are absolutely **NOT** allowed to get food, drinks, use the snack shack or use the shower facilities. Rider will be disqualified and required to leave camp if a family or friend is caught doing this. Seconds will be allowed after everyone has been fed and if there is a food left over. This will be signified by the ringing of the final dinner bell.

- Seasonal Veggies
- Green Salad

AMAZING CAMP FOOD

One thing people always come away from Oregon Trail saying is how amazing and top-notch the food is at camp. We are lucky as we have the amazing team from Spin Catering that cooks up hot breakfasts and first-class dinners for campers each day.

Here's just a sample of the food they'll be making at camp this year:

BREAKFASTS

- Fresh fruit
- Oatmeal
- Scrambled Eggs
- Kale & Mushroom Frittata

DINNERS

- Shredded Pork Sliders
- BBQ Pulled Pork Chicken
- BBQ Jackfruit (vegan)
- 3 Bean with Corn & Peppers
- Coleslaw
- Sesame Rice Salad
- Green Salad
- Penne Pasta with Pesto, Alfredo, or Marinara
- Meatballs
- Grilled Chicken
- Veggie Meatballs
- Seasonal Veggies
- Caesar Salad
- Garlic Bread

- Home Fries
- Sweet Potatoes
- Veggie Sausage
- Build Your Own Breakfast Sandwich

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- Baked Goods
- Korean Chicken
- Teriyaki Pork
- Yakisoba with Veggies
- Rice
- Mac Salad
- Tropical Coleslaw
- Beef Brisket
- Salmon with Lemon B **Caper Sauce**
- Beyond Meatloaf
- Mash Potatoes
- Roasted Sweet Potatoes









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At dinner time all meal pass holders will receive libations in their MiiR Camp Cup at the **Schwalbe Saloon** and the **Lightstrike / Fat Tire Post Ride Cheers** Station. *YOU MUST SHOW ID. It is the law!* Come saddle up to the bar and wash the dust off your tongue and enjoy!

SHOWERS & RESTROOMS

ach location has showers and restrooms available. Please be respectful and keep showers to 5 minutes or less. Showers are open between 2-8 PM daily.



We will have our Q&A Booth set up at the announcer booth. Want to know about the course, aid stations, need directions to the shower... we can help you out! The booth is also where you'll drop your e-bike batteries, early arrival bags, and sign up for the shuttle home if you have died of dysentery.





Plan your own adventure while your person is riding.

STAGE 1: BEND TO CAMP GILCHRIST

Take an opportunity to paddle one of the many alpine lakes along the Cascade Lakes Highway, our favorite is <u>Hosber Lake</u>, with stunning views of Mt. Bachelor and Mt. Sisters. Be sure to grab lunch at <u>historic Elk Lake Resort lodge</u> or take a hike up around <u>Todd Lake</u>.

Another favorite hike is <u>Tumalo Falls</u> just out of Bend and we highly recommend that you take some time to <u>hike to Blue Pool</u>. On WHY 126, on your way to Camp Gllchris, you'll go past the trailhead for blue pool. This four mile round trip hike, leads you up to one of the most unearthly and beautiful pools you'll see with striking opal color. The blue pool was created by the mighty McKenzie river popping up from underground lava tube- exciting a lava tube from its travels underground.



Camping at Gilchrist is going to be a treat as you will be going back in a time capsule, walking into the school built in 1938 from funds and support of the local timber industry, which used to reign king in this area. The gymnasium is built completely out of wood and of an older era. The grounds at Gilchrist are a wonderful opportunity with lots of grass for campers to relax, rejuvenate, and enjoy the first night at camp.

Here we'll have the very special opportunity to revisit local Gilchrist residents, Andy & Randy, at their front yard bar, just across the street from the school. Those of you who joined us in 2019 know what a treat this is! This is a highlight as Andy and Randy are the height of hospitality, opening their yard to our celebration with axe throwing and the Schwalbe Saloon!



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STAGE 2: CAMP GILCHRIST TO CAMP OAKRIDGE

On the way to camp La Pine, be sure and stop off at <u>Salt</u> <u>Creek Falls</u>, one of the tallest waterfalls in all of Oregon, or head up to <u>Waldo Lake</u> and paddle one of the clearest lakes in all of north America.

We highly recommend that you take some time to <u>hike to Blue Pool</u>. On WHY 126, on your way to Camp Oakridge you'll go past the trailhead for blue pool. This four mile round trip hike, leads you up to one of the most unearthly and beautiful pools you'll see with striking opal color. The blue pool was created by the mighty McKenzie river popping up from underground lava tube- exciting a lava tube from its travels underground.

STAGE 3: CAMP OAKRIDGE

Oakridge is all about the best mountain biking in Oregon. Oakridge has been long known as one of the best hubs for Oregon Mountain biking and you can choose from a variety of trails fror 'regin or advance, with opportunities to ride on outtle, utilizing one of the many shuttle services oak ride has to offer.

Plan this day for mountain biking. Your rider will start and finish in Oakridge so there is no packing up, no driving, only adventure on your agenda.













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STAGE 4: CAMP OAKRIDGE TO CAMP MCKENZIE



Aufderheide Pass- Starts with your adventure to drive the Aufderheide. It is a bit longer of a route than the direct route however it is well worth the extra time to see one of the most scenic forrest roads in all of North America, taking you through stands of old growth forest and along the NF of the Willamette river. a paved road connecting McKenzie to Oakridge.

Enjoy some time in Westfir, famous for the iconic 1945 <u>Office Covered Bridge</u> and visit the <u>Mountain Market at Westfir Lodge</u> for a snack and coffee.



If you want to stretch your legs, be sure to take a hike or spin on the revered <u>Alpine</u> <u>Trail</u>, a 15-mile route with a 4,000-foot elevation gain.

The day's journey ends at the McKenzie Community Track in the small town of Vida, Oregon. Vida is the story of a town that survived one of the worst fires in history. The Holiday Farm Fire occurred in 2020 and ranks among the largest wildfires in Oregon history, burning a total of 173,393 acres.



Sitting alongside the McKenzie River on the western side of the Cascades, the McKenzie Community Track is a non-profit organization and community sports complex. The state-of-the-art, eight-lane certified track has welcomes us once again! They've hosted a number of events and trainings, including Team Ireland as they were preparing to run the 2022 World Athletics Championships.





Plan your own adventure while your person is riding.

STAGE 5: MCKENZIE TO BEND

It was hard to make the list short for this day- so many things to do for this day of adventure- but after much work, we've narrowed it down to our top



Paddle Clear Lake- Cheer on your rider where they cross course a mile before the Clear Lake turnout on Forest Service Road 2676. Parking lis limited so park at the McKenzie trail head and walk down to the course crossing (about 200 meters). After you've done that, go to lake for a paddle or hike- cheer on your riders as they cross HWY 126 at top of Santiam Pass, proceed to clear lake where you can hike or paddle one of the clearest lakes in NA. Check out the preserved water forest preserved in time when the lake was created by a massive landslide 3k years ago.



<u>Check out Kooska & Sahalie Falls</u>- Another mile down HWY 126, come across Sahalie & Kooska Falls, two amazing water falls on the MKZ river. Both waterfalls can be viewed after an extremely short hike.



<u>**Hike to Blue Pool**</u>- Further down WHY 126, on your way to camp McKenzie, you'll go past the trailhead for blue pool. This four mile round trip hike, leads you up to one of the most unearthly and beautiful pools you'll see with striking opal color. The blue pool was created by the mighty McKenzie river popping up from underground lava tube-exciting a lava tube from its travels underground.



Mountain bike McKenzie River Tail - McKenzie River Trail provides world class mountain biking. The Mackenzie River Trail parallels the Makenzie River and the scenery and terrain are unbelievable. While lower section is pretty buff and a gravel bike could be ridden, the upper part will require a mountain bike.

This is just an overview of the Oregon Trail Gravel schedule. Be sure to read the subsequent pages for more details on each day.



• TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH

3:00 - 7:00 PM

2025 Oregon Trail Gravel Packet Pickup & Gear Tote Dropof



WorldMark Bend Seventh Mountain Resort

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BEND TO GILCHRIST

WorldMark Bend

18575 SW Century Dr, Bend, OR 97702

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• <u>Wednesday, June 25th</u>

7:30 - 9:30 AMGear Tote Drop Off8:45 AMMorning Ride Annoucements

9:00 AM- Pioneers Start* 10:00 AM - Settlers Start

Ride Start - Day 1

*Daily Pioneer Start Sequence: Pro Men will start first Pro women will start 5 minutes after Pro Men, Open Pioneers will start 10 minutes after Pro Women.

• <u>THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH</u> 9:00 AM	Ride Start - Day :	2	GILCHRIST TO OAKRIDGE
• FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH 10:00 AM	Ride Start - Day 3	3	OAKRIDGE TO OAKRIDGE
 <u>SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH</u> 8:00 AM & 9:00 AM 	Ride Start - Day 4	, t	OAKRIDGE TO MCKENZIE
• <u>SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH</u> 7:30 AM- Settler Race Shuttle 9:15 AM Settler Race Start			MCKENZIE TO BEND
8:00 AM Pioneer Race Shuttle 9:00 AM Pioneer Race Start		SEVENTH	WorldMark Bend Seventh Mountain Resort 18575 SW Century Dr, Bend, OR 97702
1:00 - 4:00 PM Awards Ceremony & Lunch	1	RESORT [®]	

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DAY 1- WEDNESDAY BEND TO GILCHRIST

START LOCATION: Seventh Mountain Resort 18575 SW Century Dr, Bend, OR 97702

FINISH LOCATION: Historic Gilchrist Waterfront Resort 38036 White Christ Dr, Gilchrist, OR 97737



SCHEDULE

Approximate Drive Time: 1 hour

• 8:00 - 9:00 AM- E-bike battery drop for Aid 2 at Packet pickup table (or drop the night

before at packet pickup)

- 8:30 9:30 AM Gear Tote Drop Off
- 8:55 AM- Pioneers Ride Announcements
- 9:00 AM- Pioneer Race Start
 - 9:00 AM Pro Men, 9:05 AM Pro Women, 9:10 AM Open
- 9:55 AM- Settler Ride Announcements
- 10:00 AM- Settler Race Start
- 1:00 PM- Snack Shack Opens
- 5:00 PM 7:00 PM- Dinner
- 5:00 PM 8:00 PM- Schwalbe Saloon & Lightstrike / Fat Tire Beer Bar
- Evening: Awards, Games, Celebrations, & Entertainment







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Recovery Zone



Morning Coffee Canteen



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VAN / RV CAMPING

DAY 1- WEDNESDAY BEND TO GILCHRIST

Historic Gilchrist Waterfront Resort 38036 White Christ Dr, Gilchrist, OR 97737

VAN/RV CAMPING

Drive past the enterance to the Historic Gilchrist Resort, take next right and follow path into the grass area in front of the long building with Historic Gilchrist Mural





CAR PARKING

DAY 1- WEDNESDAY BEND TO GILCHRIST

Historic Gilchrist Waterfront Resort 38036 White Christ Dr, Gilchrist, OR 97737

CAR PARKING

Before Gilchrist Resort, turn west on Sawmill Road then left onto Pond Dr. Park in dirt area along the fence.



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DAY 2 & 3- THURSDAY & FRIDAY MCKENZIE TO OAKRIDGE ; OAKRIDGE DAY 2



START LOCATION:

Historic Gilchrist Waterfront Resort 201 Mountain View Dr, Gilchrist, OR

FINISH LOCATION:

Oakridge Greenwater Park, 48362 OR-58 Oakridge, OR

SCHEDULE

- 6:30 7:30 AM- E-bike battery for Aid 2 at Q&A/Announcer Booth
- 6:30 8:30 AM Gear Tote Drop Off
- 6:30 8:30 AM- Breakfast
- 8:45 AM- Morning Ride Announcements

• 9:00 AM- Ride Start

- 9:00 AM Pro Men, 9:05 AM Pro Women, 9:10 AM Open Pioneers & Settlers
- High Noon- Snack Shack Opens
- 5:00 PM 7:00 PM- Dinner
- 5:00 PM 8:00 PM- Schwalbe Saloon & Lightstrike / Fat Tire Beer Bar
- Post Ride Cheers!
- Evening: Awards, Games, Celebrations, & Entertainment

Approximate Drive Time: 1 hour





<u>CAMP OAKRIDGE</u> THURDSAY & FRIDAY NIGHT

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1. VIP CAMPING 2. OPEN CAMPING 3. RV CAMPING 4. NON-RIDER PARKING 5. BIN PICKUP/DROP OFF 6. SNACK SHACK 7. FOOD SERVICE 8. VILLAGE SQUARE 9. BIKE WASH 10. SHOWERS & RESTROOMS 11. BIKE RACKS 12. RESULTS KIOSK 13. CHARGING STATION

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VAN / RV CAMPING

DAY 2 & 3- THURSDAY & FRIDAY OAKRIDGE



Oakridge Greenwaters Park, 48362 OR-58 Oakridge, OR

VAN/RV CAMPING

Turn into Greenwaters Park entrance, Take a immediate right, then left onto the park grass to carefully drive into the Van / RV camping area.



CAR PARKING

Park in Turn into Greenwaters Park entrance and go left, follow drive around to the public parking area



OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL

START LOCATION: Oakridge Green Water's Park, 48362 OR-58 Oakridge, OR

FINISH LOCATION: Oakridge Greenwater Park, 48362 OR-58 Oakridge, OR

OAKRIDGE!

DAY 3- FRIDAY



<u>Schedule</u>

- 6:30 7:30 AM- E-bike battery drop for top of climb
- 6:30 8:30 AM- Breakfast

- 8:45 AM- Morning Ride Announcements
- 9:30 AM- First rider shuttle leaves for start.
- 10:00 AM- Pioneer/Settler Enduro Challenge Start
- 12:00 3:00 PM- **SCHWALBE** > Taco Bar!



- 5:00 PM 7:00 PM- Dinner
- 5:00 PM 8:00 PM- Schwalbe Saloon & Lightstrike / Fat Tire Beer Bar
- 7:00 PM Castelli Women of Oregon Trail Q&A
- Evening: Awards, Games, Celebrations, &

Entertainment







This is the day of CELEBRATION! You've made it to day three and we've planned some special things for you.

*Settlers- you have the option to take a day off completely or mount up early and get to a cheer spot on course after Aid 1 to cheer on the Pioneers, as they head up to the top of the climb of their enduro challenge. We'll have cowbells, you just provide the cheers as the pro riders work to get to the top first!





OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL

DAY 4- SATURDAY OAKRIDGE TO MCKENZIE

START LOCATION: Oakridge Green Water's Park, 48362 OR-58 Oakridge, OR **FINISH LOCATION:** McKenzie Community Track 5136 Blue River Drive, Vida, OR



<u>Schedule</u>

- 6:30 7:30 AM- E-bike battery drop for Aid 2
- 6:30 7:30 AM Gear Tote Drop Off
- 6:00 7:30 AM- Breakfast
- 7:45 AM- Morning Ride Announcements
- 8:00 AM- Early Rider Start*

• 9:00 AM- All Other Riders Start

- 9:00 AM Pro Men, 9:05 AM Pro Women, 9:10 AM Open
- High Noon- Snack Shack Opens
- 5:00 7:00 PM- Dinner Buffet
- 5:00 8:00 PM- Schwalbe Saloon & Lightstrike / Fat Tire Beer Bar
- Evening: Awards, Games, Celebrations, & Entertainment

Approximate Drive Time: 1.5 hours







CAMP MCKENZIE

RIDER & CAR ENTRANCE

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SATURDAY NIGHT

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Recovery Zone

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VAN / RV CAMPING

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Oakridge Greenwaters Park, 48362 OR-58 Oakridge, OR

VAN/RV CAMPING

Turn into the McKenzie Community Track. Follow path around to the fence, go through fence and turn left to the Van / RV camping area.



DAY 4- SATURDAY

MCKENZIE

CAR PARKING

Turn into the McKenzie Community Track. Follow path around to the public parking spots.



DAY 5- SUNDAY MCKENZIE TO BEND

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bring) on Sunday morning. Please be sure to note the start times below. NOTE- The Pioneers and Settlers have separate race start locations.

You can serve as the shuttle driver for your rider (and any others you'd like to

Time Start- PIONEER	44.167698, -121.966190	McKenzie Hwy at Camp White Branch (22mi/27 min from track)
Time Start- SETTLER	44.416722, -121.700531	McKenzie Hwy & NF-2066, after Suttle Lake United Methodist (60mi/75 min from track)

6:00 - 6:40 a.m.- Gear Tote Drop Off 6:00 - 8:00 a.m.- Breakfast

<u>Settlers</u>

- 7:15 a.m.- Settlers line up for transport busses
- 7:30 a.m.- Settler transport bus leaves for Settler race start
- 8:45 a.m.- Settler bus arrives at race start, riders get bikes from staging
- 9:15 a.m.- Settler race start

Pioneers-

- 7:45 a.m.- Pioneers line up for transport busses
- 8:00 a.m.- Pioneer transport bus leaves for Pioneer race start
- 8:40 a.m.- Pioneer bus arrives at race start, riders get bikes from staging
- 9:00 a.m.- Pioneers race start

OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL

DAY 5- SUNDAY MCKENZIE TO BEND

START LOCATION: McKenzie Community Track

5136 Blue River Drive, Vida, OR

FINISH LOCATION: WorldMark Bend - Seventh Mountain Resort 18575 SW Century Dr, Bend, OR 97702



Approximate Drive Times: From McKenzie Track- 2 hours From Pioneer Start- 1 hour, 40 min From Settler Start- 1 hour

NOTES FROM THE TRAIL

MCKENZIE CAMP TO RACE START- We will be providing shuttle buses and trucks to transport riders and bikes from McKenzie to the start for the Settlers and Pioneers. Both start at different locations. Description: Stage 5 will be decisive. For the first time in event history, we're skipping the Santiam Wagon Road—its brutal, rutted, dusty conditions have only worsened with this year's warm, dry spring. Instead, Pioneers will climb the legendary McKenzie Pass - one of the most spectacular paved roads in North America. The views and the climbing will take your breath away. This stage features two big climbs and the highest point of the entire event.

Settlers will climb up past Three Creeks Lake, making for a still-tough but more focused final day.

Both groups will receive bus transportation to remote starts (Pioneers halfway up McKenzie Pass; Settlers east of Suttle Lake). For the first time, riders will finish in the heart of the post-race party at 7th Mountain Resort, where the Breakaway crew will welcome you back with open arms.



1:00 - 5:00 p.m.- Celebration, Awards Ceremony, & Lunch at 7th Mountain Resort