

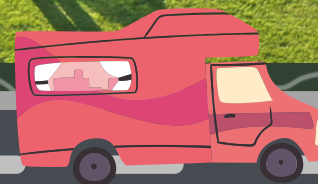
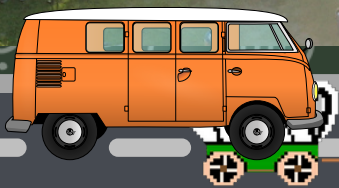


# DRIVER GUIDE

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# OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL GRINDER - THE GRAND TOUR OF GRAVEL



## OREGON TRAIL

### GRAVEL GRINDER



On this gravel adventure you'll find roads less traveled, mounting challenges, and smack in the middle of it all, the breathtaking beauty of Oregon.

Welcome to the 2023 Oregon Trail Gravel Grinder.

On behalf of the entire Breakaway Promotions crew, we would like to welcome you to Bend, Oregon and this epic event. The goal of this race is to provide a fun and adventurous outing that showcases the beauty of Oregon while capturing the spirit of the Oregon Trail. Miles of forest, rivers, and even two historic wagon roads will provide back drop and challenge for you at this event. We hope you ride responsibly and enjoy the ride. The following information is provided to help you navigate this race.

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





# OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL GRINDER - GUIDELINES FOR DRIVERS



- i. No generators after 9 pm, none before 8 am in the morning.
- ii. Park only in the RV zone, in your assigned spots. You will have preassigned spots to make sure everyone fits. See individual camp maps for your specific camping spot number.
- iii. Do not leave before riders. This is for the safety of the riders.

## YOUR ASSIGNED RV PARKING NUMBERS

SPOT	Last	First
1	Gordon	Serena
2	Hobbs	Stella
3	Wilson	Bruce
4	Carlson	Benjamin
5	Heppler	Lance
6	Ward	Pat
7	Reid	Grant
8	Rodriguez	Paul
9	Fletcher	Jeff
10	Howe	Stephen
11	Kirkmire	Mike
12	Inglis	Adrian
13	Offerman	Steve
14	Descalopoulos	Brent
15	Calderon	Madelyn
16	Lennox	Moira
17	Kennedy	Ann
T1	Bagg	Christopher



# OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL GRINDER - GUIDELINES FOR DRIVERS



## CAMP AMENITIES



### FOOD SERVICE

We are excited to partner with Spin Catering. They will be providing delicious food throughout the week. Each rider will receive breakfast and dinner each day with the exception of Wednesday morning where you are on your own for breakfast.



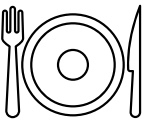
Breakfast will be served from 6:30 to 8:30 AM for stages 2-3 and 6-7:30 AM for stage 4.



The ever popular Snack Shack will be open from 12-5 pm. They will be serving sandwiches and lunch items as soon as you reach camp. It will have lunch makings include, fruit, vegetables, bread, peanut butter, jelly, honey, cheeses, lunch meats, chips, crackers and granola bars among the other aid station items.



We will have complimentary drip coffee provided by Autobohn Coffee each day. They are able to make espresso drinks as well but those will be at the expense of the rider.



Dinner will be served nightly from 5-7 PM at camp. At each meal, please check in with your name and bib number at the meal tent so we can get a head count. Non-Rider Meal participants please make sure you have your designated lanyard pass for beer and food.



**Food is ONLY for registered riders, RV pass holders or those who purchased an additional meal plan!**

Family or friends who are not part of the race are **not** allowed to get food, beer or use the shower facilities. Doing so will likely short the later arriving riders. 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.





# OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL GRINDER - GUIDELINES FOR DRIVERS



## CAMP AMENITIES

### BEVERAGE SERVICE



At dinner time each rider will receive libations at the Fat Tire Beer Bar sponsored by New Belgium Brewing and a variety of trail worthy whiskey at the Schwalbe Whiskey Bar in the RTIC Chill Zone. *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

Each location has showers and restrooms available. For stages 1-3 restrooms and showers are onsite. This year we have rented shower trailers for stage 1-3. Please be respectful and keep showers to 5 minutes or less. For stage 4 at Camp LaPine the shower facilities will be at LaPine Middle School about a quarter mile from camp. You will be on your own to ride or walk to that location. Showers are open between 2-8 PM daily. Showers are available at Village Green Park in Sisters but are coin operated so be sure and bring lots of quarters!



We have our friend and OTGG vet, Lisa helping us out with our Q&A Booth. Want to know about the course, aid stations, need directions to the shower... Lisa can help you out! The "Ask Lisa" 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.



- Dogs must be leashed and supervised **AT ALL TIMES** for the safety of the entire team. If a dog is allowed to free roam, their owner will be removed from the competition. We love dogs but want to make sure our riders, spectators, and the dogs remain safe.





# OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL GRINDER - NON-RIDER ADVENTURE GUIDE



Plan your own adventure while your person is riding.

## STAGE 1: SISTERS TO CAMP MCKENZIE

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



**Paddle Clear Lake**- Cheer on your rider where they cross course a mile before the Clear Lake turnout on Forest Service Road 2676. Parking is 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.



**Check out Kooska & Sahalie Falls**- 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.



**Hike to Blue Pool**- Further down HWY 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 Trail**- 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.





# OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL GRINDER - NON-RIDER ADVENTURE GUIDE



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## STAGE 2: CAMP MCKENZIE TO CAMP OAKRIDGE



[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 forest 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.

Choose one of the many hikes along the route.

- Looking to cool off? Take a dip in [Cougar Reservoir](#).
- Looking to warm up? Take a short hike into the [Terwilliger Hot Springs](#). \$7 fee



### Stage 3:

Stage 3 is all about the best mountain biking in Oregon. Long known as one of the best hubs for Oregon Mountain biking chose from a variety of trails from begin or advance, with opportunities to ride or shuttle, 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.



# OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL GRINDER - NON-RIDER ADVENTURE GUIDE



Plan your own adventure while your person is riding.

## STAGE 3: CAMP OAKRIDGE



Stage 3 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 from begin or advance, with opportunities to ride or shuttle, utilizing one of the many shuttle services oak ride has to offer.



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## OAKRIDGE

You don't have to be a mountain biker to like Oakridge — but kudos if you are.

### OAKRIDGE IS YOUR NEXT MOUNTAIN BIKE DESTINATION



#### Salmon Creek Trail

Distance: 7 miles / 11.2 kilometers  
Difficulty: Moderate

On the eastward side, the 7-mile/11.2-kilometer Salmon Creek trail starts just a mile from downtown and has under 300 feet/100 meters of climbing, through sections of tree and rock will keep you on your toes.

Search more.



#### Alpine Trail

Distance: 4.6 miles / 7.4 kilometers  
Difficulty: Challenging

Oakridge's original trail ride, the Alpine trail begins with a big climb before a jumbo descent and has under 300 feet/100 meters of climbing, through sections of tree and rock will keep you on your toes.

Search more.



#### Dead Mountain & Larison Rock Trails

Distance: 8 miles / 12.8 kilometers  
Difficulty: Challenging

Larison Rock, one of the original Oakridge rides, and the newer Dead Mountain trail combine for one awesome cruise. Take a little to the summit and enjoy a combined 6,000 feet / 1,828.8 meters of descent from bench formations through dense forest.







Plan your own adventure while your person is riding.



## STAGE 4: CAMP OAKRIDGE TO CAMP LA PINE

on the way to camp La Pine, be sure and stop off at [Salt Creek Falls](#), one of the tallest waterfalls in all of Oregon, or head up to [Waldo Lake](#) and paddle one of the clearest lakes in all of north America.

## STAGE 5: CAMP LA PINE TO SISTERS

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

Another favorite hike is [Tumalo Falls](#) just out of Bend,. The stage 5 race course crosses the road leading to Tumalo falls, so cheer on your rider and take advantage of a beautiful hike.



# EVENT SCHEDULE OVERVIEW



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

- **TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST**

3:00 – 7:00 PM

2022 Oregon Trail Gravel Grinder Packet Pickup

**Best Western Premier Peppertree Inn**  
1082 SW Yates Dr, Bend, OR 97702

- **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22RD**

6:30 AM

Sister's Shuttle – From Bend to start line in Sisters

**Best Western Premier Peppertree Inn**  
1082 SW Yates Dr, Bend, OR 97702

6:30 – 8:30 AM

Gear Tote Drop Off

**Sisters Middle School**  
1700 Mckinney Butte Road, Sisters, OR

8:45 AM

Morning Ride Announcements

**Sisters Middle School**  
1700 Mckinney Butte Road, Sisters, OR

9:00 AM

Ride Start – Day 1

**SISTERS TO MCKENZIE**

- **THURSDAY, JUNE 23TH**

9:00 AM

Ride Start – Day 2

**MCKENZIE TO OAKRIDGE**

- **FRIDAY, JUNE 24TH**

10:00 AM

Ride Start – Day 3

**OADRIDGE TO OAKRIDGE**

- **SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH**

8:00 AM

Ride Start – Day 4

**OAKRIDGE TO LA PINE**

- **SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH**

8:00 AM

Ride Start – Day 5

**LA PINT TO SISTERS**

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Awards Ceremony & Lunch

**Village Green Park**  
Sisters, OR





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## DAY 1- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22ND SISTERS TO MCKENZIE

### START LOCATION:

Sisters Middle School, Sisters, OR

### FINISH LOCATION:

McKenzie Community Track  
5136 Blue River Drive, Vida, OR



Approximate Drive Time: 1.5 hours

## SCHEDULE

- 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.- E-bike battery drop for Aid 2
- 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Gear Tote Drop Off
- 8:45 a.m.- Morning Ride Announcements
- 9:00 a.m.- Ride Start
- 12:00 p.m.- **MCKENZIE RV CORRAL OPENS**
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.- Dinner
- 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.- Oregon Trail Beer & Whiskey Bar



*Post Ride Cheers*  
TASTY, CELEBRATORY BREWS BY  
NEW BELGIUM BREWING!



- Evening: Awards, Games, Celebrations, & Entertainment



## **VIDA**

Vida tucks up against the foothills of the Cascade mountains in the Willamette Valley.

Perched along the McKenzie River, this little town is home to the state's second longest covered bridge and is the gateway to the McKenzie River Trail. Runners, mountain bikers and hikers alike are drawn to the soft single-track with views of the designated Wild and Scenic River, crashing waterfalls and lava canyons where anglers cast into still pools.



### Ride the McKenzie River Trail

The only major controversy surrounding the McKenzie River Trail (MRT) is whether it is the best mountain bike trail in Oregon or the whole country. When I worked in a bike shop years ago, I... [MORE](#)

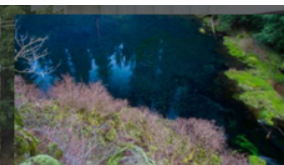
Peter Frick-Wright, Guest Author



### Cultural Oregon: Covered Bridges

Our Oregon heritage offers cultural travelers an opportunity to step back in time, and covered bridges illustrate some of the most iconic cultural elements of our state. Covered to increase their lifespan, the bridges today... [MORE](#)

Christina Rusnak



### Tamolitch, The Blue Pool

The trails less traveled are the ones I cherish most and Oregon has a bounty of places to choose. We're heading up the McKenzie River Valley into the rugged mountains where a gentle trail lead us... [MORE](#)

Grant McOmie







# CAMP MCKENZIE

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT

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RIDER & CAR ENTRANCE

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9. SHOWERS & RESTROOMS
10. BIKE RACKS
11. CHARGING STATION
12. RESULTS KIOSK



## VILLAGE SQUARE

*Post Ride Cheers*



Recovery Zone



Mechanic Corner



Med Tent



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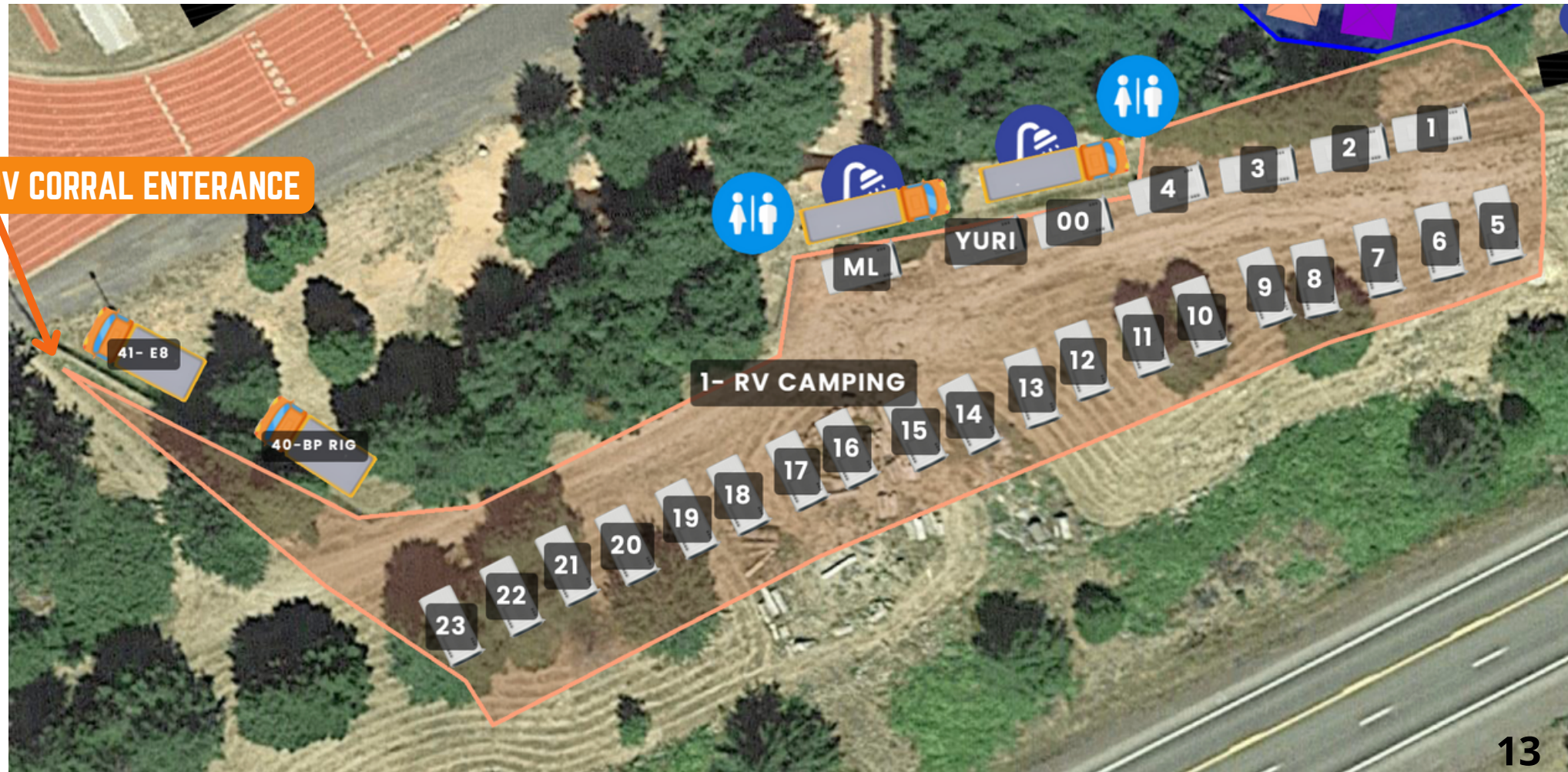


# OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL GRINDER ~ RV CORRAL



**DAY 1- WEDNESDAY**  
**SISTERS TO MCKENZIE**

**CAMP LOCATION:**  
McKenzie Community Track  
5136 Blue River Drive, Vida, OR





# OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL GRINDER ~ DRIVER GUIDE



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

### START LOCATION:

McKenzie Community Track  
5136 Blue River Drive, Vida, OR

### FINISH LOCATION:

Oakridge Green Water's Park,  
48362 OR-58 Oakridge, OR



Approximate Drive Time: 1.5 hours

## SCHEDULE


- 6:30 – 7:30 a.m.– E-bike battery drop for Aid 2
- 6:30 – 8:30 a.m. – Gear Tote Drop Off
- 6:30 – 8:30 a.m.– Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m.– Morning Ride Announcements
- 9:00 a.m.– Ride Start from McKenzie
- 12:00 p.m.– **OAKRIDGE RV CORRAL OPENS**
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.– Dinner
- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.– Oregon Trail Beer & Whiskey Bar



*Post Ride Cheers*  
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- Evening: Awards, Games, Celebrations, & Entertainment

**TRAVEL OREGON**

## OAKRIDGE

You don't have to be a mountain biker to like Oakridge — but kudos if you are.

This thickly forested wonderland sits at the western foot of the Cascades and features hundreds of miles of singletrack trails. There are also hiking, horseback riding and special motorcycle and snowmobile trails. For anglers, there's excellent trout fishing. And you can't go wrong with a visit to the hot springs or local brewery. It just might be

 <p><b>Small-Town Charm, Big-Mountain Riding</b></p> <p>Oakridge, a charming little timber-turned-mountain-bike town nestled in the majestic hills of the Willamette National Forest, has quickly made a name for itself as Oregon's single-track sanctuary. Hundreds of miles of well-manicured trails, from steep... <a href="#">MORE</a></p> <p>James Williams, Guest Author</p>	 <p><b>Finding the Unexpected in Oakridge</b></p> <p>Oakridge, you stole my heart. You surpassed expectations and you provided a much-needed respite from the daily grind. From your trails to your pint glasses, from your coffee shops to your hot springs and the... <a href="#">MORE</a></p> <p>Kristen Mohror</p>	 <p><b>How to Explore the Willamette National Forest</b></p> <p>If you unfold a map of Oregon, the Willamette National Forest takes the shape of a sprawling evergreen patch to the east of the Willamette Valley — the lush heart of a state where conifer... <a href="#">MORE</a></p> <p>JD Shadel</p>
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# CAMP OAKRIDGE

# THURSDAY & FRIDAY NIGHT

RIDER ENTRANCE



- 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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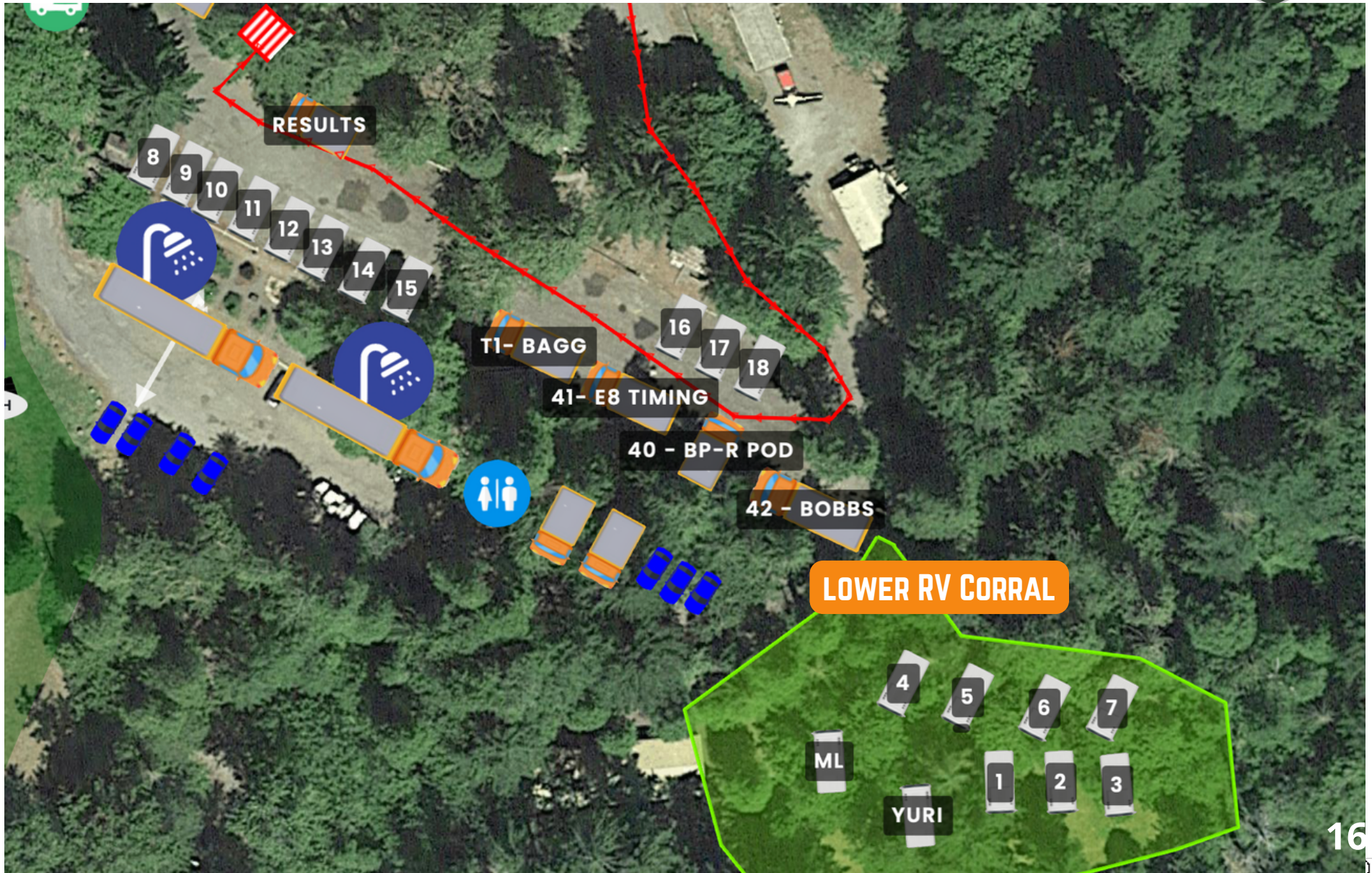


# OREGON TRAIL GRAVEL GRINDER ~ RV CORRAL



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

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





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## DAY 4- SATURDAY OAKRIDGE TO LA PINE

### START LOCATION:

Oakridge Green Water's Park,  
48362 OR-58 Oakridge, OR

### FINISH LOCATION:

La Pine Park  
16405 1st Street, La Pine, OR




Approximate Drive Time: 1.25 hours


## SCHEDULE

- 6:00 – 7:30 a.m.- Breakfast
- 6:30 – 7:30 a.m.- E-bike battery drop for Aid 2
- 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. – Gear Tote Drop Off
- 7:45 a.m.- Morning Ride Announcements
- 8:00 a.m.- Ride Start
- 12:00 p.m.- **LA PINE CORRAL OPENS**
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.- Dinner
- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.- Oregon Trail Beer & Whiskey Bar






- Evening: Awards, Games, Celebrations, & Entertainment

**TRAVEL OREGON**

 **LA PINE**

Situated among towering pines and boasting year-round outdoor recreational opportunities, La Pine is a jewel of Central Oregon.

Go for a road trip on the Oregon Outback Scenic Byway or visit the Newberry National Volcanic Monument, a protected 50,000 acres of volcanic landscape, featuring caldera lakes, lava flows, lava tubes, obsidian fields and cinder cones.

 <b>5 Epic Adventures in La Pine</b> If you're not paying attention, you can easily bypass the quiet town of La Pine. It's 30 miles south of the activity in Bend and 60 miles north of Crater Lake, one of Oregon's most... <a href="#">MORE</a> Jen Anderson	 <b>Oregon Outback Scenic Byway</b> The delicate beauty of the high desert sweeps from horizon to horizon on this 171-mile/275-kilometer drive across the Great Basin, a landscape as vast as an inland sea. <a href="#">MORE</a> Travel Oregon	 <b>Explore the Wonders of Newberry National Volcanic Monument</b> Standing on the summit of 500-foot Lava Butte south of Bend is to be grounded in Oregon's volcanic past. <a href="#">MORE</a> Eileen Garvin
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Early start time will be available on Day 4 and Day 5. Even if you rider begins early, you will not be allowed to depart until after all riders have left.





# CAMP LA PINE

See next page for RV parking assignments.

- 1. VIP CAMPING
- 2. OPEN CAMPING
- 3. RV CAMPING
- 4. NON-RIDER PARKING
- 5. BIN PICKUP/DROP OFF
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**10** Showers located at Middle School



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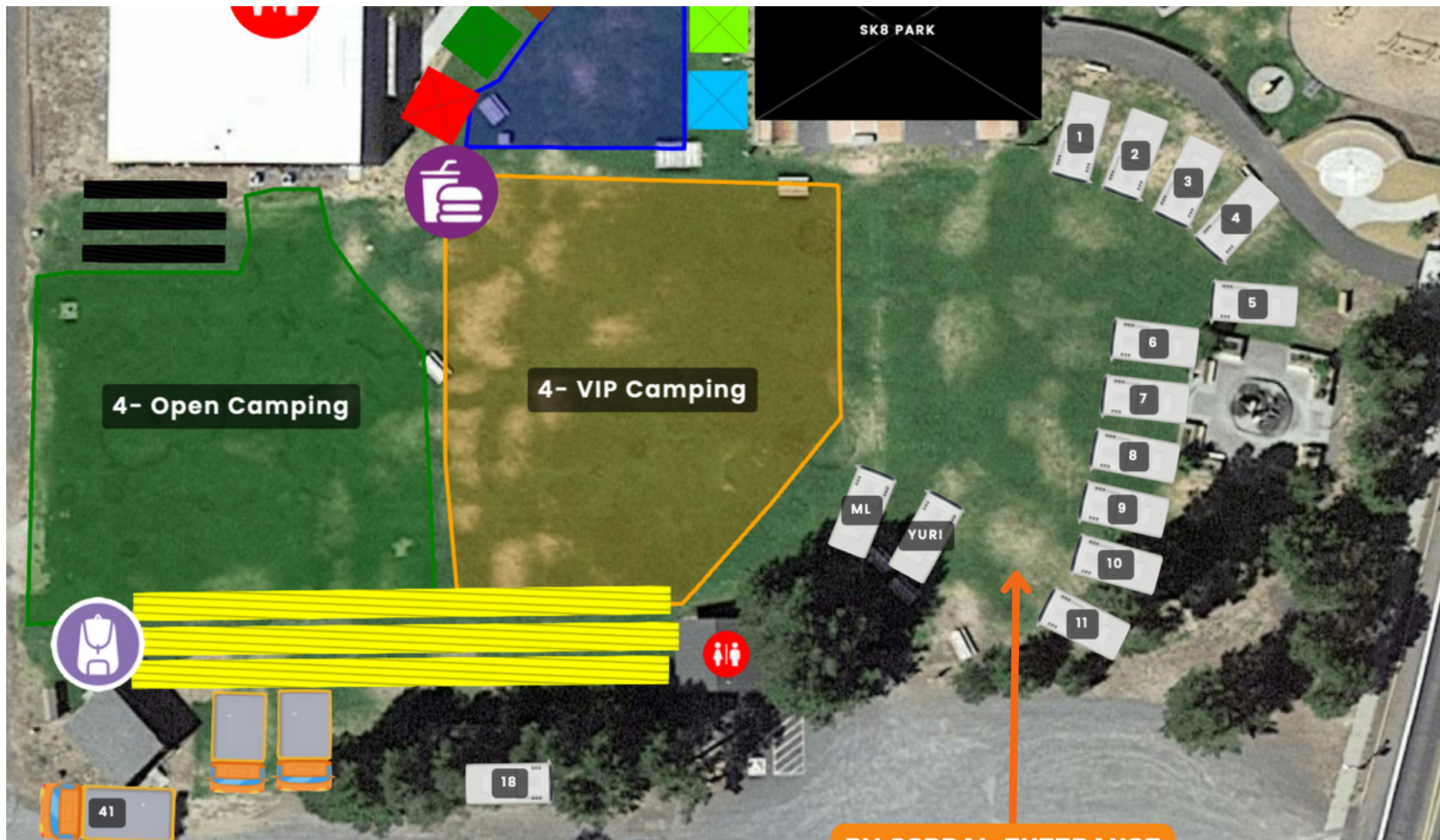


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**DAY 4- SATURDAY  
OAKRIDGE TO LA PINE**

**CAMP LOCATION:**  
La Pine Park  
16405 1st Street, La Pine, OR





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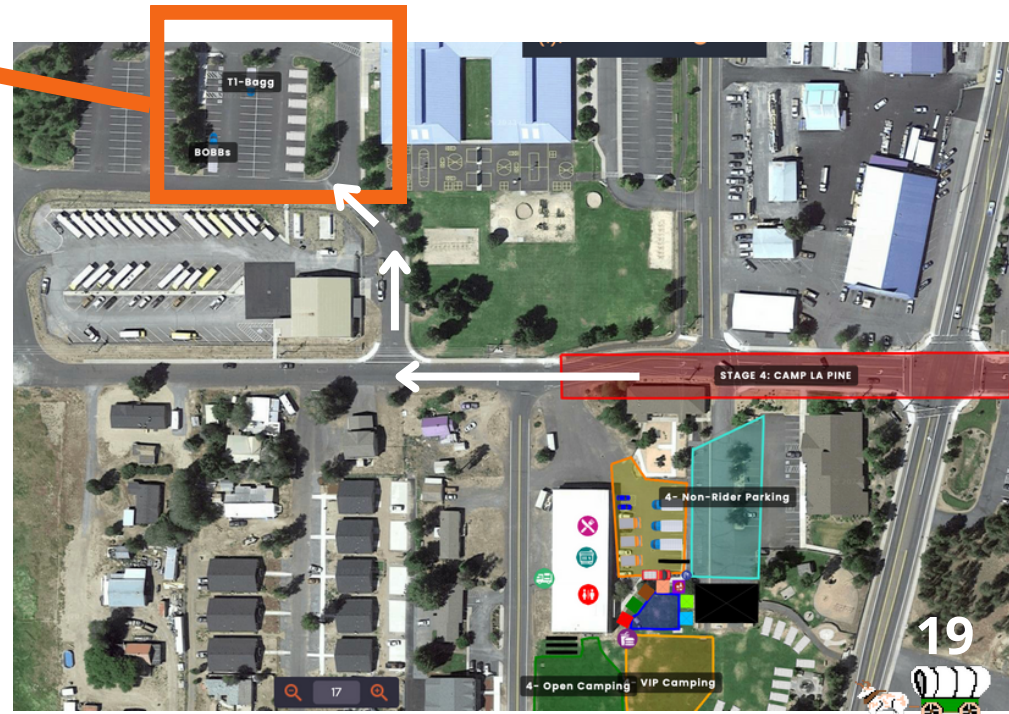


**DAY 4- SATURDAY  
OAKRIDGE TO LA PINE**

**CAMP LOCATION:**  
La Pine Park  
16405 1st Street, La Pine, OR



**MIDDLE SCHOOL RV AREA**



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## DAY 5- SUNDAY LA PINE TO SISTERS

### START LOCATION:

La Pine Park  
16405 1st Street, La Pine, OR

### FINISH LOCATION:

Village Green Park  
Sisters, OR



Approximate Drive Time: 1.25 hours

## SCHEDULE

- 6:00 - 7:30 a.m.- Breakfast
- 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.- E-bike battery drop for Aid 2
- 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. - Gear Tote Drop Off
- 7:45 a.m.- Morning Ride Announcements
- 8:00 a.m.- Ride Start



**1:00 - 4:00 p.m.- Celebration, Awards Ceremony, & Lunch at  
Village Green Park in downtown Sisters**

### **Downtown Sisters Parking Notes:**

Please **DO NOT** park in the dirt area across from the fire station, parallel to the park fence. Please park in designated city parking spaces.

