

*GRO RACES*

# RACER GUIDE 2026

MARCH 20 -GRAVEL STAGE

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GET READY FOR RACE DAY

Hello Racers, Thank you for being a part of YEAR 16 !!!



## RACER GUIDE HIGHLIGHTS

**Bring your ID:** Not just to get into the Salt Fire Beer Garden, but also to get into unPAved! In other words, no DIY transfers.

**Slow Down when passing track boxes** Ride through it and then get racing! Timing officials have the authority to stop you, or even DQ you. Reminder: Don't break Rule #1.

**Sensitive Lands Alert:** You will be passing through some of the most sensitive lands in Washington County. These areas are home to the Desert Tortoise. Competitors are requested to report any tortoise sightings to the nearest marshal.

**Rider Support:** You can have one drop bags and friends can support you at Feed Zone #2. There is no other on-course support. **Read more....**

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## Hello Racers! Let's get Graveling ?

We hope you are as excited as we are for your ride and adventure on the amazing backroads of Southern Utah. There will be about 100 riders who are participating in the 2026 Event. Our whole team has worked hard to put together a fun weekend with lots to do. I just spent several hours putting all these details together, so take a few minutes to read over all of them. I know most of you never do. But the ones that do always have a better time. And that's what this is all about!

**And keep this email handy when you get on-site for answers to most of your questions!**

### Pre-Event Activities

While many of you have been down in St George training every weekend, others will be arriving by car or plane early in the week. If you have the time we always suggest a pre-ride.

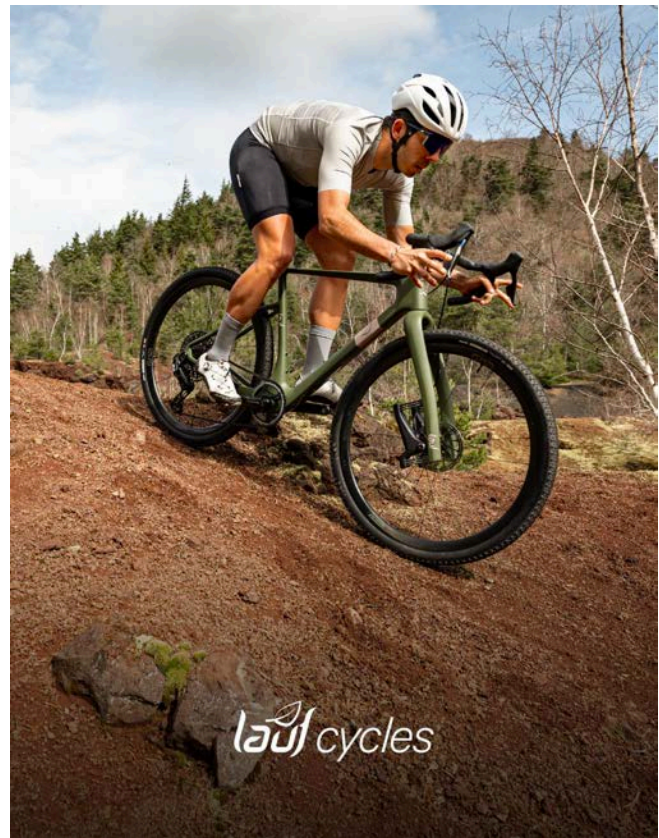
#### Shake Out Ride with Mach1

Thursday 3/12 at 10:00 AM . Meet at Navajo Drive Trail Head,

[\*\*SIGN UP NOW\*\*](#)

Gravel Hill Climb Shake-out - Meet at the [Bear Claw Poppy Trailhead](#) and ride the Curly Hollow Road to Root Beer Hill and Back

We are excited to showcase the aggressive Seigla Gravel Bike. See it at the Expo



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## Parking

Parking at the Venue will be limited to volunteers and vendors.

- Participant parking is available nearby on city streets or at Snow Canyon HS.
- You may park on Canyon View Drive, the north side of Santa Clara Drive, or on Heights Dr.
- Plan to ride up to 1 mile to the start line.
- DO NOT TRY TO PARK AT THE TOWN HALL OR IN FRONT OF THE EXPO
- DO NOT DRIVE UNDER THE STARTING ARCH
- ARRIVE EARLY AND PLAN TO RIDE, THIS INCLUDES PACKET PICK-UP
- PLAN YOUR APPROACH AHEAD OF TIME, DON'T GET DELAYED BY BACKED-UP TRAFFIC

## Packet Pick-Up

**What You Get:** Each rider will get a swag bag ( this can not be used as a drop bag), a number plate with an embedded timing chip (to go on the front of your bike), Food Coupon, Beer Coupon ( if over 21), and commemorative socks.

**Location** - [Park located at 2601 Santa Clara Dr.](#)

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You must have your ID to get your packet!

*Picking up for a friend? - This is allowed with a copy of their ID.*

**Option #1** - Thursday 3/13 1 pm - 5 pm.

**Options #2** Friday 3/14 7:30 am - 8:05 am

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## EXPO

Don't just come to grab your packet and leave, bring the family and spend the afternoon in the sun catching up with all your cycling peeps.



Thursday 1 pm - 5 pm

- Carbo Rocket
- Hooked on Bowls

Friday

- 3 Food Trucks , noon - 6 pm
- 7 Expo Vendors
  - Lauf Cycles
  - CarboRocket
  - VeloFix Ogden
  - Rowdy Trails
  -
- Beer Garden by Silver Reef Brewing noon -6 pm

Saturday

- 3 Food Trucks noon - 7 pm
- 7 Expo Vendors
  - Lauf Cycles
  - CarboRocket
  - VeloFix Ogden
  - Rowdy Trails
- Beer Garden by Saltfire Brewing 11 am -6 pm

For a complete and up to date [list of Vendors](#) check out the list on our website

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## Starting Times

Waivers must be signed online *before you get your number*. If you have not done this, log into [BikeReg](#) and sign your waiver. Anyone without a signed waiver will need to fill out a paper form (and we don't like killing trees for that).

- **Tough Stuff** riders will go in a neutral wave at **8 am sharp**. You must stay behind the escort until you reach dirt.
- **Sweet Stuff Riders** must wait until all riders in the first ride have left at **8:05**. You will need to leave with care as you do not have a police escort. Cross mat to trigger your timing chip.

## Merchandise

If you pre-purchased merch it will be available in the Merchandise Tent, next to HQ, at the on Friday or Saturday.

We will also have a great selection of new merch if you are still looking for a memory item or some fresh, and warm, clothes.



## Drop Bags

You can drop bags for the Lytle Ranch #2 Feedzone. The drop location is right at the start line before the race. These will be transported for you at the start of the race and returned to the venue just after the aid station closes. Only Zip Lock or drawstring bags will be accepted. Small coolers ( 12 " or less) are also acceptable. Mark them with a name and bib #.

**NO open plastic or paper grocery store-type bags are accepted.** These will not be transported and will be placed directly in Lost and Found.

- Return is between 1 pm -2 pm

The bags will be dropped exactly where you placed them at the start of the day. Any left bags can be picked up Sunday at the Registration Tent.

- Bags not claimed will be disposed or donated back to race support.
- Lost and Found will be at TG HQ during the event.

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## Timing

The race is chip-timed. **DO NOT BEND OR WRAP YOUR NUMBER PLATE.**

# AERO doesn't matter if you don't get timed.

[LIVING TRACKING LINK](#) - will go live race day.

» QR codes will also be placed around the venue to access and share the live results.

These codes will be posted for you to quickly check your spot on the podium. Any questions or protests can be submitted through the live results page.

There are 3 sets of timing track-boxes on the course that will track your progress and provide split times. One at the top of Hard Rootbeer Hill, the other just after Feed #2. The Sweet Stuff riders will go by 1 of these.

1. Start of the Dirt at the first curve
2. At Feed Zone #2 ( before and after)

Please pass by these slowly and in single file to ensure you chip is captured

**AGAIN - DO NOT WRAP YOUR BIB. IT GOES ON THE FRONT OF THE BIKE AND MUST REMAIN FLAT**

## You will be timed based on Segments

- Segment 1 - Navajo Dr to Feed Zone #2
- Segment 2 - Feed Zone #2 to Finish

Your ranking is based on segment times , not over all times. Sweet Stuff 64 are timed on Segment #2 only.

- You will be able to see your over-all time on course, but your ranking is only based on segments. You will not be timed at Feedzone #2

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## Spectators and Rider Support

The public is not allowed to ride, drive, or spectate on the course.

That said, there is 1 place where friends, family, and support crews can reach you while you are racing.

- At Mile 33 - Which is the junction of Old Hwy 91 and Lytle Ranch Road
- In case of an emergency contact event staff to reach a participant on course. Only numbered racers and course marshals are allowed on the course.

## The Course and Markings

There are two very important road conditions! .

1. Old Hwy 91 is finished and has a nice bike lane on the east side. For your safety use that bike lane instead of the road shoulder whenever possible.
2. When finishing, you will turn right on Gates LN, just before you reach the homes in Santa Clara. You then take a quick right before the bridge onto a dirt lane called Bonneli Trail. This turns to pavement and then turns into Old Farm Road as the road curves North. You then turn on Vineyard to reach the finish.

## [FINISH ROUTE DETAIL MAP](#)

We have moved all course resources to Ride with GPS. You can download GPX, FIT, and Cue Sheets Directly From the site. If you load the course onto your device they will take you through the road changes.

- Course markings bright yellow signs at junctions, and orange street arrows.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

[Venue, Parking, stage and start maps](#)

[Tough Stuff 84](#)

[Sweet Stuff](#)

**First Aid and Course Marshals**

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There are course marshals all over the course. They are there to keep you safe and keep you honest.

## Check Points and Cut-Offs

Pace yourself, don't miss a cut-off & don't cheat by cutting the course. We will know.

- Top of Hard Rootbeer Hill - Feed #1 11:15
- Lytle Ranch Road and 91 - Feed #2 1:15

ALL riders not reaching the checkpoints by the designated times will have their number marked and radioed in and will be instructed to head directly back to the finish or to the nearest aid station to get picked up. There will be NO exceptions to these times.

If you bail, please check in with someone so we know you're not on course  
**PLEASE and THANK YOU!**

## Ride Support

**Our aid stations have water, real food and CarboRocket Hydration. If you have a special race food you love make sure you pack what you know. Here is an example of what they will have.**

1. Chips, Carbo Rocket, Rootbeer, Hard Rootbeer , Bananas
2. Warm Potatoes with Salt, PBJ, banana bread, Bananas
3. Self-supported stash box with gels, chews, candy, and water
4. Bacon, pickles, baked potatoes, oranges, and apples
5. PBJ, pickles, chips, and Fruit

**Mechanical support will be stations at aid #2**

**There will also be music at each feed zone to keep you pumped up.**

## Rules to Follow (Pretty Please with a donut on Top)

1. Don't be a Jerk!

We know it's bad and we don't like using such language. So don't cross that line and we'll treat you with nothing but respect & love. Do cross that line so that we get mad enough to use our bad words, and you won't be welcome back. Plus you'll have to deal with everyone on the internet!

It's Rule #1, and it goes a long way, but there are more rules, too...

- Safety first! While this is a timed event the prizes aren't worth injury, or worse. Take care of yourself and each other out on course.

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- No cutting the course or creating your own shortcut.
- No spectators, team or staff are allowed on the course.
- No littering on the course, at aid stations, or in town.
- Must wear an approved helmet at all times.
- Racers must have a number affixed to the front of their bike during the event.
- You must finish on the same bicycle you started on.
- Race directors, medics, and aid station captains may remove any rider from the event that they feel is a hazard to other participants or themselves.

**RULES OF THE ROAD** Participants must obey all city, county, and state laws, and “Rules of the Road”. Specifically, **DO NOT** ride two abreast and carry a taillight so you are visible to drivers.

## After Party

### Beer Garden

Everyone over 21 can get a beer ticket for a free after beer. Beer is also for purchase.

### Food Trucks

Everyone is given a food ticket at packet pick up. Use that to get some tasty grub from one of our two food trucks.

## Awards

### FINISHER PRIZE

We have finisher prizes for everyone! Upon finishing your race, make your way over the the HQ tent where some awesome volunteers will give your your award. Don't forget to pick this up to commemorate the day.

### RAFFLES

Everyone is a winner in gravel rides. We have 2 prize baskets full of sweet goodies from our sponsors. You will be given a 3 raffle tickets at packet pick up. While you are out enjoying the sun, we will draw names. Check in at the HQ tent after your ride to see if you won.

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## CEREMONY

Saturday

2:00 PM Gravel 84 - Tough Stuff Awards , Awarded 3 deep

\* There is no podium ceremony for the Sweet Stuff 64. This is a fun ride. You will be able to see your ranking in the results for bragging rights.

# Ready-Set-GO, YOU HAVE GRIT!

**Did you catch our newsletters?**

We have sent out some great emails to get you prepared to race. If you missed them you can check them all out now.

# THANK YOU

Host City: City of Santa Clara

Land Managers: BLM SGFO, Utah State Trust Lands, Ivins PD,  
St George PD, Steve Hafen

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# **SPONSORS**

**Greater Zion**

**Cascade Water Resources**

**Lauf Cycles**

**STANS**

**Carborocket**

**Rowdy Trails**

**Crankit**

**Club Ride Apparel**

**Hand Up**

**NUEMTB**

**VeloVaere**

**Velofix Ogden, Silver Reef Brewing, Squirt Lube, Brad Harr**

## **2026 Event Calendar**

[North Bound Grvl, Iceland - July 30-Aug 1](#)

[unPAved of the Susquehanna River Valley - October 11 th - Lewisburg PA](#)

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