

'23



RACER BIBLE 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 area are home to the Desert Tortoise. Competitors are requested to report any tortoise sightings to the nearest marshal.

Weekend Festivities include food trucks, vendors, a beer garden, and live music. Bring the family and relax under the giant trees in Downtown Santa Clara.

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....**

Hello Racers! Lets get Graveling ?

We hope you are as excited as we are for your ride and adventure on the amazing backroads of Southern Utah. There are 160 riders who are participating in the 2023 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!

Parking

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

- Participant parking is available near-by on city streets or 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.
- Note that Santa Clara will be very busy on Saturday. In addition to the True Grit Epic, there are 3 baseball tournaments that day.
- DO NOT TRY TO PARK AT TOWN HALL OR IN FRONT OF THE EXPO
- DO NOT DRIVE UNDER THE STARTING ARCH
- ARRIVE EARLY AND PLAN TO RIDE , THIS INCLUDES FOR PACKET PICK-UP
- PLAN YOUR APPROACH AHEAD OF TIME, DONT 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 T Shirt.

Packet Pick-Up: Option #1 - Friday 3/10 1 - 5 pm at the HQ tent at the Santa Clara Town Park located at [2601 Santa Clara Dr](#) . There's plenty of parking on Santa Clara Drive, Heights Drive and at the [Canyon View Park](#). Do not block the Expo or Local residence. Walking or riding your bike is encouraged.

Packet Pick-Up: Option #2 - Saturday 3/11 8 am - 9:00am at the HQ tent. Same as above.

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

We will accept late registrations on Friday Afternoon, but not Saturday Mornign.

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 MTB peeps.

- Food Trucks, Tacos and Burgers 1-5 pm
- Beer Garden by Salt Fire Brewing - 1 - 5 pm
- Live Music by Mountain Meadow - 2 - 5 pm



Starting Times

[OFFICIAL START ROSTER](#)

Use the link to see a list of bib numbers. If you know yours it will help speed up the process.

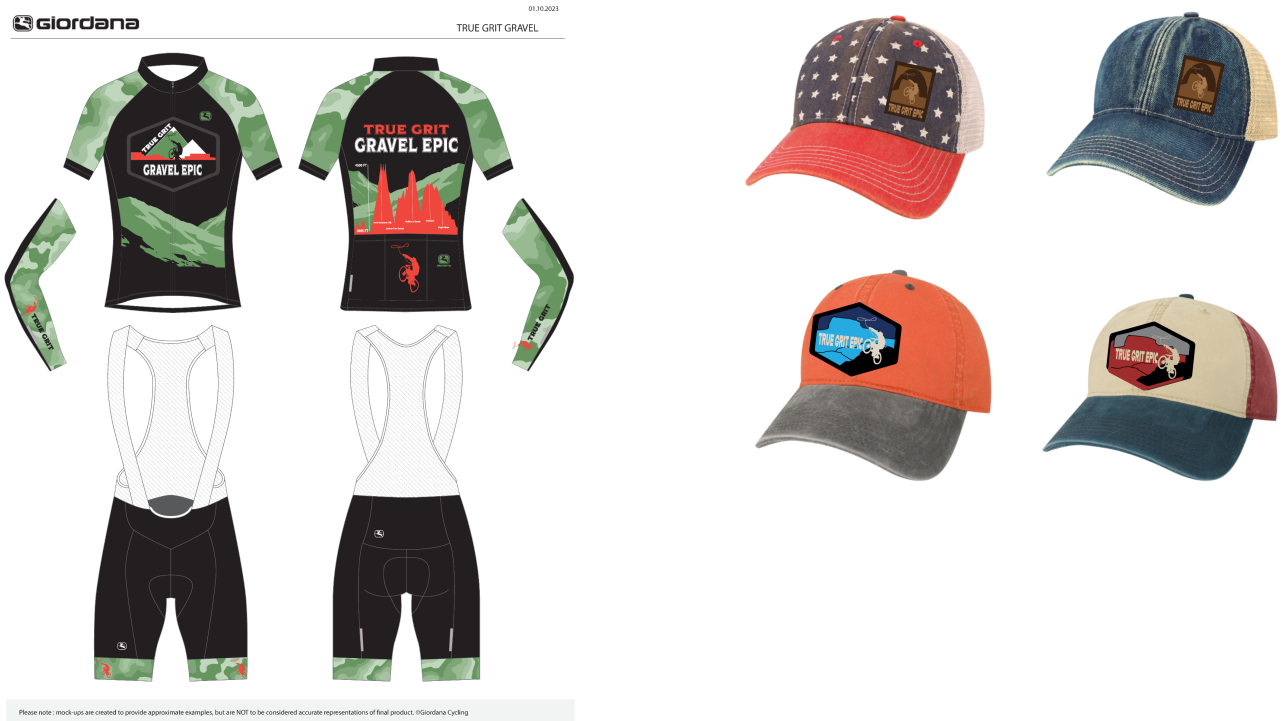
Waivers must be signed online *before you get your number*. If you have not done this, log into [BikeReg](#) and sign your waiver. Anyone without a signed waiver will need to fill out a paper form (and we don't like killing trees for that).

- **Tough Stuff** riders will go in a neutral wave at **9 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. You can start your ride between 9 and 10 am. Please roll over the 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 will be able to 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 2 pm -3 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. . You can request unclaimed items be shipped thru 3/16 at your expense.

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 4 track boxes on course that will track your progress and provide split times. The Sweet Stuff riders will go by 2 of these.

1. Start of the Dirt at the first curve
2. At the top of Hard Rootbeer Hill- Feed Zone #1
3. At Feed Zone #2
4. At Feed Zone #5 - End of Dirt

Please pass by these a slowly and in single file to assure you chip is captures

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

» Spectators and Rider Support

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

This being said there is 1 places that friends, family and support crews can reach you while you are racing.

- The 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 course.

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The Course and Markings

CHANGES: There are two very important changes to be aware of on the road.

1. Old Hwy 91 is under construction in Ivins. The Ivins PD have asked that all riders detour. You will turn left on Kwavasa Dr, Right, on 400 S, then Right on 400 East to return to Old Hwy 91. This is both out and back for Sweet Stuff riders.
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 resource to Ride with GPS. You can down load GPX, FIT and Cue Sheets Directly From the site. If you load the course onto your device they will take you though 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

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

Check Points and Cut-Offs

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

There are electronic tracking boxes that will track you 5 times on your ride. The are programed to DNF any rider who passes them after the following Cut-Off times.

- Top of Hard Rootbeer Hill - Feed #1 12:30
- Lytle Ranch Road and 91 - Feed #2 2:30

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 , Grapes
2. Warm Potatoes with Salt, PBJ, banana bread, Bananas
3. - self supported stash box with gels, chews, candy and water
4. Perogies, Bacon, pickles, baked potatoes, oranges and apples
5. PBJ, pickles, chips, Fruit

Mechanical support by VeloBazzar from Purump NV. They 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 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.
 - No cutting the course or creating your own shortcut.
 - No spectators, team or staff allowed on course.
 - No littering on 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.

BE PREPARED! This is no easy cruise. Ultimately you are responsible for you. Carry plenty of water and gear to keep you moving in the back country.

Going off trail or short-cutting the course is never OK and will be grounds for disqualification.

NO E-BIKES !

Fun Stuff

AXE THROWING AND RAGING

Our good Friends at [Smashlabs Ragerooms](#) know that you might have some nerves to calm before a big race. Here is a little deal for you to use during race week.





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After Party

Live Music



These guys talk a lot of hootenanny, but between the two of them they play more instruments than an threadbare speakeasy orchestra. A brimming showcase of styles, genres, subcultures and junk store ingenuity. Jon's robust honest vocals are burnished with the travel & dust of a lost America. A ballyhoo of musical saw, fiddle, suitcase and spoons that would have had your Great-Great-Grandfather plucking his sweetheart off the porch and capering about in the dusty street. Founded in 2018 Jon & Byron already have hundreds of gigs under their heels and a self-titled album to boot. You don't want to miss this once in a lifetime experience.

Beer Garden

Everyone over 21 can get a beer ticket for their 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 4 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.

CEREMONY

Saturday

3: 00 PM Gravel 84 - Tough Stuff Awards

4:00 PM Stage Awards - or after last rider

Ready-Set-GO, YOU HAVE GRIT!

THANK YOU

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2023 Event Calendar

6 Hours in Frog Hollow - April 8th -Virgin UT

The Ring Gravel Race in Iceland - July 8 -tentative

unPAved of the Susquahana River Valley - October 8th - Lewisburg PA

25 Hours in Frog Hollow - Nov 4-5 -Virgin UT

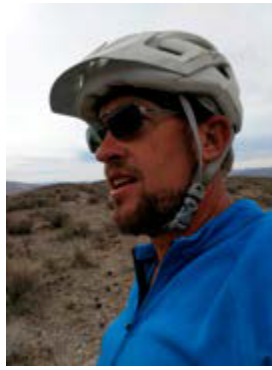
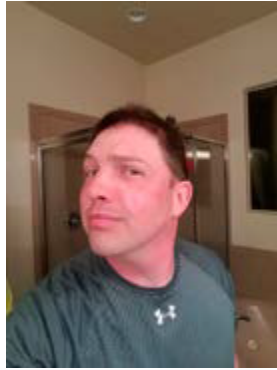
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