



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.

True Grit kicks off the [NUE Series](#): Race 3 out of 9 events in the Marathon or Epic tracks to win travel awards and huge props.

Slow Down when Crossing Timing Mats and don't stay within 30' of the mat. 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 and the Bear Claw Poppy. 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 two drop bags and friends can support you at each Feed Zone. There is no other on course support. **Read more....**

Hello Racers! Who has True Grit?

We hope you are as excited as we are for your ride and adventure on the amazing mountain bike trails of Southern Utah. There are 760 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 noon - 6 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 6:00 am - 9:00am at the HQ tent. Same as above.

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

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, ice cream and lemonade noon-5 pm
- Beer Garden by Salt Fire Brewing - noon - 5 pm
- Live Music by Sky Adobe - 2 - 5 pm

Starting Time and Wave

OFFICIAL START ROSTER

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

Each rider is assigned a starting wave and time. The starting wave is the order in which you line up. You can not change your starting wave or time. You will be chip timed at the start. If you "jump the gun" and cross the mat before your scheduled time you will be recorded as a DNS for the day and your ride will be void. If you want to begin the race with family or friends you may start any time later than your assigned time, just not early.

For example, if Jane and Kelly want to ride together and Jane is in wave E and Kelly is in wave G, both girls can start in wave G and their times will count.

50 Miles: Staggered Start in the Following Order.

BLOCK 1 - 7:15 Line up, 7:30 Start

 wave A - Male Open 100, wave B - Female, SS, Master 100

BLOCK 2 - 7:50 line up, 8:05 start

 wave C - Open/Pro Male, wave D - Open/Pro Female, wave E - as assigned

BLOCK 3 - 8:10 Line up, 8:20 Start

 wave F, wave G, wave H - as assigned

BLOCK 4 - 8:35 Line up, 8:55 Start

 wave I, wave J, wave K - as assigned

BLOCK 5 - 9:00 Line up, 9:15 Start

 wave L - All 15 mile riders

Each wave has an assigned check-in time based on your Block. When your wave is called you will be placed in the queue in 3 distanced queues. It is a rolling "mat-timed" start similar to a time trial. As the first wave begins the second will line up and go without a gun. The waves will continue to the end of the block. Each block is a neutral start with police escort. You can

not pass or chase until gates lane (the dirt). The police can remove you from the race if you do not follow neutral rules.

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).

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 ZEN Feedzone and, BARREL feedzone. Look for the bag drop area near 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 from Feed 1 is between 2 pm -3 pm
- Return From Feed 2 is between 5 or 6 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.
- Extra clothing may be dropped at ZEN We will do our best to return it with the drop bags. There is no excuse. not to dress warm in the morning.
- 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 is 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.

» The Mountain bike race is chip timed from the Mat, so your time is exact from start to finish. This means there is no extra advantage to being in an earlier start wave. It also means a person who starts behind you could claim the podium if they have a better over-all time. Its a bit like a time trial, but the best way to keep the field distanced.

Spectators and Rider Support

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

This being said there are a couple of places that friends, family and support crews can reach you while you are racing.

- The Miles 4 -23 miles can be view from the top of [Canyon View drive](#) in

Green Valley. You will be looking across the valley. You will not be upclose to the riders.

- [Feed Zone 1 at Zen](#): Dixie Drive to Canyon View Dr. Go West

to the dirt. You can park on the dirt at the top and walk down the hill or take the dirt road and park near the feed zone.

- [Feed Zone 2 in Santa Clara](#) : Support CAN NOT drive to this feed zone!!

You can park at the small parking area just past the water tank and walk down the course road (not trail) to the feedzone.

- You can not bring support to a racer on course. They can only receive support at Feed Zones.
- In case of an emergency contact event staff to reach a participant on course. Only numbered racers and course marshals are allowed on course with bikes

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The Course and Markings

You can find GPX maps for all courses except the 15 Mile Challenge on Trailforks. If this is your first time to True Grit we suggest you download the map to your device and get familiar with the course. If you come a day early, you would be wise to pre-ride Zen and the Barrel Waterfall. These are tricky sections, and knowing your line will keep you on your bike.

- Course markings are orange flagging with bright yellow signs except the following:
- 15 Mile cut off are green signs and green ribbon Once you rejoin the main course follow the orange flags to the finish.

IMPORTANT LINKS

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

[OFFICIAL 2023 MOUNTAIN BIKE COURSE HERE](#)

[OFFICIAL 2023 15 MILE COURSE](#)

[Self Supported Stage Ride - TBA](#)

[OFFICIAL 2022 GRAVEL COURSE HERE](#)

[GPX File resource](#)

First Aid and Course Marshals

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

There is a certified nurse at the Zen FZ and at the Finish, and many EMT's

RELAY Teams

The team will be given a baton and number plates with the same number. The baton will transfer from one racer to the next. You must show the baton to the official at the finish line. You may only transition at the ZEN Feed Zones.

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.

- Bottom of the ZEN (feed zone 1) leaving Zen 2:30
- Junction of Stucki RD & Rim Runner access 4:00
- -Start of Barrel Rolls (feed zone 2) 4:30

If you reach one of these spots after the cut-off, you will be directed to exit the course in the shortest and fastest way for your safety and respect for our crew.

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.

Mechanical support is provided by Travis Van Dongen with Velofix Odgen. He will be at the Zen Feed Zone 8 am - noon and Barrel Aid Station 1 - 5 pm

There will also be lively music and an announcer at Zen in the early AM.

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.
- You are expected to fix your own equipment in case of mechanicals.
- 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.

SPECIAL PASSING ZONES AND ALTERNATIVE LINES

- No-Passing Zones: There is a 1 mile no passing zone through the Bear-Claw Poppy habitat. Racers tires must remain on the trail tread at all times. There are several pull outs where a front racer may pull over to allow a racer by. These section will be strictly enforce so that we can maintain a permit to race this section. Markers will indicate “NO PASS ZONE”
- Safety Passing Zones: These are zones where passing a racer could cause injury to one or both racers due to technical conditions. These are about 5 of these sections on course and they will be marked with “SAFETY ZONE. A racer must make sure a front rider is clear of the obstacle before proceeding. If a racer must dismount they must be safely to the side to allow racers to proceed.
- Alternative Lines: There are several areas where alternative lines are OK. These are short spurs in the trail that avoid challenging lines. They are marked with ” ALT LINES OK”. On the Bearclaw Poppy trail there are alt lines built into the system. They are marked with Green Circle or Blue Square. Any line marked with official BLM markers are OK. On Stucki Springs there is a big hill that you can go straight up or around.

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

NO E-BIKES !

Fun Stuff

ENVE NO DAB CHALLENGE

Are you riding True Grit for the challenge? Do you have super techy skills to show off, but you're not always the fastest rider in the pack? Well, we have a challenge for you.

[ENVE](#) is sponsoring a no-dab contest on Zen. If you can clean a TBA feature you will earn points. ENVE will be awarding some sweet swag for your superb skills. Look for the signs as you climb, and get ready to show your stuff.



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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.

CASH PURSE AND PODIUM PRIZES

- \$5000 Cash Purse awarded 5 deep to Open 100 and Open 50 winners
- 100 Mile Catrories awared 5 Deep
- 50 Mile Age Categories Awarded 3 deep
- There is no podium for the 15 Mile Challenge

CEREMONY

Saturday

1: 00 pm - 50 mile open men

1:30 pm - 40 - 49, single speed , open women

1:45 ENVE no DAB Award

2:00 pm - 30-39, 20-29, JR men

2:30 pm -Sport Women, JR Women, 60+ men

3: 30 pm 100 Mile Men, 100 SS Men

4:00 pm 100 Masters , 100 Women

Ready-Set-GO, YOU HAVE GRIT!

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2023 Event Calendar

True Grit Gravel Epic - March 18th -Santa Clara UT

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

The Ring Gravel Race in Iceland - July 8 -tentative

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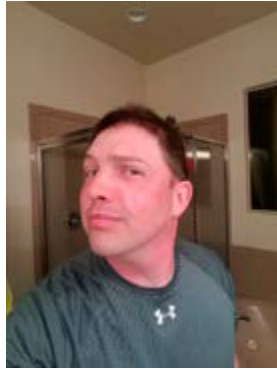
25 Hours in Frog Hollow - Nov 4-5 -Virgin UT

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