



Old Fashioned Gravel

Tech Guide - Year Two

2025

Welcome to the second year of the Old Fashioned Gravel Ride/ Race! We want to thank you for registering and look forward to sharing this amazing area with you. The routes will all start and finish at the Wieser farm in Butterfield Valley, Hokah Minnesota. After 2 miles of pavement, the rest of the route will be almost all gravel, climbing and descending through some of the most breathtaking scenery in the driftless. Whether you are racing or just going for a fun ride, remember to take the time to look around. Meet some new people, and most importantly, enjoy the ride.

This tech guide should have the answers to all the questions you may have (regarding the ride). If you find we have missed anything, please feel free to reach out and we will try to get an answer to you promptly.

Race Text Line: 507-205-2117

Location:

The Wieser Farm
7661 Wieser Rd
Hokah, MN 55941

This is the most important location as the race starts and finishes here. This is where everything happens.

Event Venue

What more can we say about this farm. It has been in the family for four generations and was purchased by Gabe and Annie from their uncle a few years ago. The family has put in an amazing amount of work into the property. The barn has been cleaned out and is now a super cool space. Hosting the Hokah DH race this year, and building a ton of mountain bike trails keeps these four busy. If you see them, say hi, and thank you for allowing us to have a fun event on this beautiful farm.!

All the funds collected for camping are going back to the family to put towards more conservation projects as the space grows.





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Location	Time	Event	Distance
Friday, September 12th 2025			
The Wieser Farm 7661 Wieser Rd Hokah, MN 55941	2:00p	Venue/Parking Open	
	2:00p - 7:00p	Camping Check-In	
	3:00p - 7:00p	Packet Pick-Up/Day of Registration	
	3:00p - 7:00p	Merch Booth Open	
	5:30p	Shakeout Ride	Approx 17 miles
Saturday, September 13th, 2025			
The Wieser Farm 7661 Wieser Rd Hokah, MN 55941	5:30a	Venue/Parking Open	
	5:30a - 11:30a	Packet Pick-Up Only	
	6:00a til gone	Coffee/Pastries	
	7:00a	99 Proof	100 mile
	9:00a	Winnie Cooper	60 mile
	10:00a - 5:00p	Merch Booth Open	
	10:30a	Crazy Corners	40 mile
	11:30a	Butter Valley	20 mile
	1:00p - 6:00p	Food and Beverage Open	The Butcher Shoppe The Compadres Mexican Restaurant
	2:00p	Men's Awards/Podium	All
	3:00p	Women's Awards Podium	All
	5:00p	Finish Line Timing closes	
Rest Stops	Time Open	Address	What Routes Hit It
Reno	7:45a-12:30p	16728 Hillside Road Brownsville, MN	40, 60, 100
Top of Crazy Corners	8:30a-4p	15497 Crazy Corners Road Caledonia, MN	40, 60, 100
Crooked Creek Community Center	Unmanned	16295 T-135 Caledonia, MN	60, 100
The Mill	10:30a-3p	7474 Cty Rd 5 Eitzen, MN	60, 100

Parking

We will be opening the parking area at 2pm on Friday, as we get things set up. Registration opens at 3pm, you can come hang out at the farm or go for the shakeout ride at 5:30pm. Please keep in mind that cows hang out in the fields for a big part of the year. There are going to be cow pies out there, so be aware of your surroundings. We will have lighting and some fencing to guide you to farm. Please be careful not to litter in the parking field, if the cows eat the litter, they will get sick.

This year we have changed the parking situation up a bit. We will enter the new parking field from the neighbor's driveway. This will eliminate bikes and cars operating on the same narrow driveway, making things safer for everybody. When you drive up Butterfield Valley you will see signs directing you to the parking and camping area. Follow the signs or flaggers, and you will be in your spot in no time. For the people leaving on the shorter routes, you may be asked by a flagger to stop to let cyclist by, please be patient and nice to our volunteers.

Camping

We are super excited to be able to camp Friday and Saturday night this year. Please register for camping on BikeReg. All money raised from camping will go to the landowners for conservation efforts and cool bike trails. There will be fire pits and a great spot to chill. There will be a grill available to you use if you want to bring something to cook and share with friends. Feel free to bring drinks if you like, we will have coolers available for you.

Camping will be in its own designated spot. We are not allowing big class A campers or huge trailer type campers. This will be in a cow pasture, so the ground is not flat. We do not want to have to figure out how to tow a big camper out if you get stuck. Vans and small campers are fine, feel free to email any questions on this topic. This is rustic camping and there is not a shower or electrical hook-ups.

There are alternate camping areas and hotels within 15 minutes of the start/finish. Details on the last page.



A few rules for the road:

Every participant **MUST** wear a helmet. No exceptions.

No ear buds allowed on course. No exceptions

Center Line Rule Does Apply, please stay on the correct side of the road and yield to traffic

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Be aware, these routes are passing by working farms and there may be large equipment out on the road. These men and women are working, so please yield to them and give them a little wave and a smile.

People live on these quiet roads for the same reason we like to ride there; it is a peaceful and beautiful area. Let's try not to ruin that, don't be a jerk and please do not litter.

Pack it in, pack it out! Enjoy this amazing countryside.

You may encounter animals on your journey. There may be loose cows, deer, horses, dogs, or other small critters on the route, so pay attention. We will once again have dog treats at registration to help settle excited dogs.

Be prepared for any weather that may head our way. It is September, it could be 98 degrees, or raining. Make sure to dress accordingly. There will be drop boxes at the rest stops.

It is illegal to urinate in public, so make good decisions. *See Rest Stops



Routes

All Route Links are available below on the Routes and Rest Stop pages

This year we will be closing rest stops at a set time. We have alternate routes to get back to the farm that does not involve gravel or hills. So, if you are not going to make it to the next rest stop before it closes, please take the alternate route back to the farm. Everyone should download these maps and que sheets just in case. We will not be coming out to pick riders up.

Alternate Route for all Routes except Butter Valley

[Alternate From The Mill Rest Stop](#)

[Alternate From Crazy Corners Rest Stop](#)

Please note the routes may change. It is important that you download the event routes after September 8th. This will give you the latest version. If you download the routes before this, we cannot guarantee you have the correct file. All though there will be more signage on the course, having the most up to date route will still be very important. There are time cutoffs this year and if you do not make it back to the farm within the time frame, you will be listed as a DNF.



Routes and Rest Stops

Rest Stop Addresses and Closing Times

Reno: 16728 Hillside Road Brownsville, MN – **Closes at 12:30p**

Top of Crazy Corners: 15497 Crazy Corners Road Caledonia, MN – **Closes at 4p**

Crooked Creek Community Center in Freeburg: 16295 T-135 Caledonia, MN

Winnebago Valley Hideaway (The Mill): 7474 Cty Rd 5 Eitzen, MN - **Closes at 3p**

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Butter Valley: 18 Miles

Butter Valley route has no rest stops. However, the entire route will be signed with arrows. If you did this route last previously, please note that it is being done in the opposite direction this year.

Crazy Corners 40: 40 Miles

First Rest Stop will be located just before Reno. **This rest stop closes at 12:30p**

We will have water, hydration mix, some snacks, and probably some surprises. There is a campground pit type bathroom here.

Your last rest stop will be at the top of Crazy Corners. **This Rest Stop closes at 4p.** You will probably want a cold drink, and perhaps a shade tree to sit under for a bit. We will have water, drink mix, and some snacks for you here. Porta Potty will be available at this stop.

Winnie Cooper: 60 Miles

First Rest Stop will be located just before Reno. **This rest stop closes at 12:30p**

We will have water, hydration mix, some snacks, and probably some surprises. There is a campground pit type bathroom here.

Your second stop will be an unmanned one at the community center in Freeburg. There will be snacks, water, and drink mix. You should fill up here!! There are no facilities at this stop.

The Mississippi Valley Amateur Radio Association will have their communication hub set up here, if you need emergency communication.

Your third stop is in Winnebago valley at The Mill. **This Rest Stop closes at 3p**

There will be a full rest stop here with snacks, drinks, and @La Crosse Adventure films own Keachen! Also, there will be a bathroom. Both of these things are exciting!

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99 Proof: 100 Miles

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Water will be available at the water tower in Caledonia, or at Kwik Trip. **There is no water for 20 miles after Caledonia, so fill up!**

There will be a water stop with a few snacks and hydration mix approximately 20 miles from Caledonia it will be noted on the map.

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Support:

What can you expect on course regarding support?

Be prepared for anything, expect nothing.

- Rest Stops will have food and drink as well as some mechanical help.
- A front light and a flashing rear light are good ideas as some routes leave and arrive at dusk. Be Seen!
- There will be a few vehicles on route to help with mechanicals.
- If you are unable to continue, please make arrangements for a ride back to the farm.
- If you have a friend or family member supporting you, please only so at Rest Stops.

Helpful list of things you may want to bring:

- Inner Tubes
- CO2/Pump
- Tire Plugs and tire boot
- Clothing for inclement weather
- Basic Tools
- Ample Food and Water
- Lights
- Battery pack for phone/GPS



Emergencies and weather emergencies

There is very poor cell coverage on course due to all the bluffs and valleys. Best practice in an emergency is always to call 911. Getting to higher ground may help with reception but the 911 network works quite well in this area. We will have vehicles roaming the course with Ham Radio operators, so we will have communication.

If you need to contact me at the farm

PLEASE TEXT THIS NUMBER: 507 205 2117 This connects you with the race director. You will need to arrange a ride back to the farm if you can't finish or make it to a rest stop.

If we've learned anything directing races over the years it is weather can move in quickly and can be dangerous. Some of y'all know what we're talking about. We will do our best to either delay or cancel the event if it is unsafe to ride. Your safety is our top concern.

Sorry, there are no refunds due to inclement weather.

We will have medical at the start/finish in case you need them. They will be able to take care of light injuries. The race directors' phone number will be available for any other incidents out on course (507 205 2117). If it is a serious or life-threatening accident, call 911.

This year we will have quite a bit of signage on the routes. In particular there will be some warning signs when there are fast descents that may be on loose gravel. Please ride within your abilities, and slow down on descents.



Off-site helpful things

Many hotels are within a 15-minute drive of the start/ finish location. There is something for most budgets if you prefer to sleep in a bed and want a hot shower.

[Best Western](#)

[Fairfield Inn Marriot](#)

[Courtyard Hilton](#)

[The Charmant Hotel](#)

Camping Options:

If you are going to take our rustic theme to heart, there are a few camping sites within 15 minutes of the farm. Many of these offer hook ups and facilities.

[Houston Nature Center](#)

[Pettibone Resort](#)

[Money Creek Retreat](#)

Food and Beverage:

There are tons of food and beverage options in La Crosse and a few smaller local businesses in Hokah we encourage you to visit. Here are a few of our favorites.

[The Butcher Shoppe](#)

[Free Range Exchange](#)

[Rudy's Drive-in](#)

[Turtle Stack Brewery](#)

[La Crosse Distilling Co.](#)

[Restore Public House](#)

[The Breakfast Club & Pub](#)