Oregon Coast Gravel Epic 2027 — Rider Guide

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Welcome to the Oregon Coast

We're So Glad You're Here.

Whether you're a tried and true gravel racer or simply looking for a good time with your friends, we have you covered.

Waldport, Oregon — where the ancient Siuslaw National Forest meets the Pacific Ocean — is your home base for epic gravel adventure. This is the **15th year** of the Oregon Coast Gravel Epic, and we couldn't be more excited to share it with you.

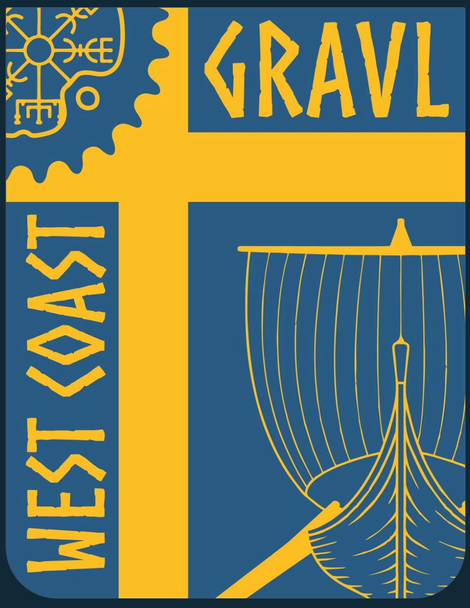
🎉 Make It a Double — Sunday at West Coast Gravel

Don't pack up after Saturday! The West Coast Gravel event takes place Sunday in Yachats — just 8.5 miles south of Waldport. It's the perfect way to maximize your time on the Central Coast with family and friends. Look for the complimentary code in your Oregon Coast Gravel Epic registration email to save and **sign up**

45%

Do Both Days

Riders turn this into a full weekend of riding, community, and coastal magic.



More Info at mudslingerevents.com →

Waldport — Where the Forest Meets the Sea

🦀 Alsea Bay

Dungeness crab, salmon & 400+ bird species

🌊 Sandy Beaches

Unspoiled Pacific coastline at your doorstep

🌲 Siuslaw Forest

Ancient old-growth logging roads & wilderness

🦭 Seal Rock

Sea lions & the iconic 1936 Alsea Bay Bridge

The Pacific Ocean Awaits

Hunt for agates. Kayak the Alsea River. Watch bald eagles soar. Stand at the edge of the Pacific and breathe it all in. No traffic jams. No tourist traps. Just the real Oregon Coast with plenty of old school gravel logging roads.

Getting to Waldport

Plan your trip to the Oregon Coast

🚗 Drive Times

Seattle, WA

~5 hrs 20 min | 320 miles | via I-5 S to US-20 W, Newport, or take the 101 anyway you want south to Waldport.

Portland, OR

~2 hrs 50 min | 149 miles | via I-5 S to OR-20 Newport, HWY 101 South to Waldport, OR-34 W (Alsea Hwy) optional

Eugene, OR

~2 hrs 10 min | 94 miles | Corvallis, HWY 20-Newport, South 101 to Waldport or via OR-34 W (Alsea Hwy) — optional direct to Waldport

Corvallis, OR

~1 hr 30 min | 65 miles | via HWY 20 Newport, south to Waldport or HWY 34 optional direct to Waldport.

Pro tip: Arrive Friday evening to beat traffic and enjoy Waldport before race day.

✈️ Nearest Airports

Eugene Airport (EUG)

93 miles, ~2 hrs. Closest major commercial airport. Alaska, United, American, Delta. Take OR-34 W.

Portland International (PDX)

149 miles, ~2 hrs 50 min. Most flight options. Major hub with all carriers.

Newport Municipal (ONP)

12 miles, ~15 min. General aviation / private aircraft only. Hertz rental car on site.

🏕️ Camping & 🏨 Hotels

🏕️ Camping

McKinley's RV Park & Marina — Alsea Bay waterfront, full hook-up RV & tent sites. mckinleysrvparkandmarina.com

Waldport/Newport KOA — Beachfront RV & tent sites, 1/4 mile north of Waldport on US-101. koa.com/campgrounds/waldport

Alsea River RV Park & Marina — 4 miles from HWY 101, cabins, RV & tent sites. alsearivervpark.com

Governor Patterson Memorial State Recreation Site — Oregon State Parks tent camping, Waldport beachfront.

Driftwood Beach State Recreation Site — Oregon State Parks, just south of Waldport.

⚠️ Book early — spring weekends on the Central Coast fill fast!

🏨 Hotels

Waldport Bayfront Hotel & Restaurant — Alsea Bay, bay views, jacuzzi suites, restaurant & firepits. waldportbayfronthotel.com

Overleaf Lodge & Spa — Yachats, 8.5 miles south. Luxury oceanfront lodge, ideal for post-ride recovery. overleaflodge.com

Sweet Homes Vacation Getaways — Family-owned vacation rentals in Yachats, Waldport & Newport since 2008. Beachfront and ocean-view homes, cottages, and houses — perfect for groups and families. sweethomesrentals.com

Newport hotels — 14 miles north on US-101. Wide selection of chain hotels (Holiday Inn Express, Best Western, etc.)

🗺️ Plan Your Stay — Explore the Oregon Coast

Waldport sits at the heart of Oregon's Central Coast — one of the most spectacular stretches of the 363-mile Oregon Coast. Whether you're arriving a day early or staying through the weekend, the Oregon Coast Visitors Association has everything you need to plan your perfect coastal getaway.

- 🏖️ **Central Coast highlights: Lincoln City to Florence** — lighthouses, tide pools, sea lion caves, and charming coastal towns
- 🏠 **"Coast Like a Local"** — discover hidden gems, local restaurants, and off-the-beaten-path experiences the tourists miss
- 💚 **Give Back With Your Stay** — voluntourism opportunities to support local nonprofits while you visit

Plan your Oregon Coast adventure → visittheoregoncoast.com

Your Routes — Choose Your Adventure

Three routes, one epic forest. All start at **Waldport Community Center at 9:00 AM** — 65% unpaved Siuslaw logging roads, 35% smooth pavement. **Remember to not go longer than your assigned loop. You may however at the aid station stop and ask for a green sticker to place on your plate to move to a shorter loop, and be scored for that shorter loop. Please notify the finish line as well. Also at Packet pickup please feel free to adjust your route choice. We got you!**

🟠 Abomination

60.9 mi | +6,764 ft

🔵 Uncle Abomination

49.4 mi | +5,874 ft

🟢 Son of Abomination

36.7 mi | +3,767 ft

The Land Beneath Your Wheels

A note of gratitude and respect

> The trails and forest roads of the Oregon Coast Gravel Epic pass through the ancestral homelands of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) — people who have stewarded these lands since time immemorial.
>
> For thousands of years, the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw peoples lived in villages along the estuaries of the Siuslaw, Umpqua, and Coos rivers — fishing, harvesting, and actively managing these forests through cultural burning practices that kept the land open, resilient, and abundant. The forests you ride through today carry that legacy.
>
> We ride these roads with deep respect and gratitude for the Indigenous peoples whose relationship with this land stretches back countless generations.

Learn more about the Confederated Tribes → ctclusi.org

Our Land Partner — Siuslaw National Forest

🌲 Siuslaw National Forest

Established 1908. Over 630,000 acres of Oregon Coast Range — Douglas fir, Sitka spruce, western hemlock, red cedar. Home to the Alsea, Siuslaw, and Yachats river watersheds. Our routes wind through 65% of these forest roads.

🤝 Co-Stewardship

In February 2024, the CTCLUSI and the Siuslaw National Forest signed a landmark co-stewardship agreement — returning Tribal stewardship practices to these lands after generations of absence. We honor this partnership.

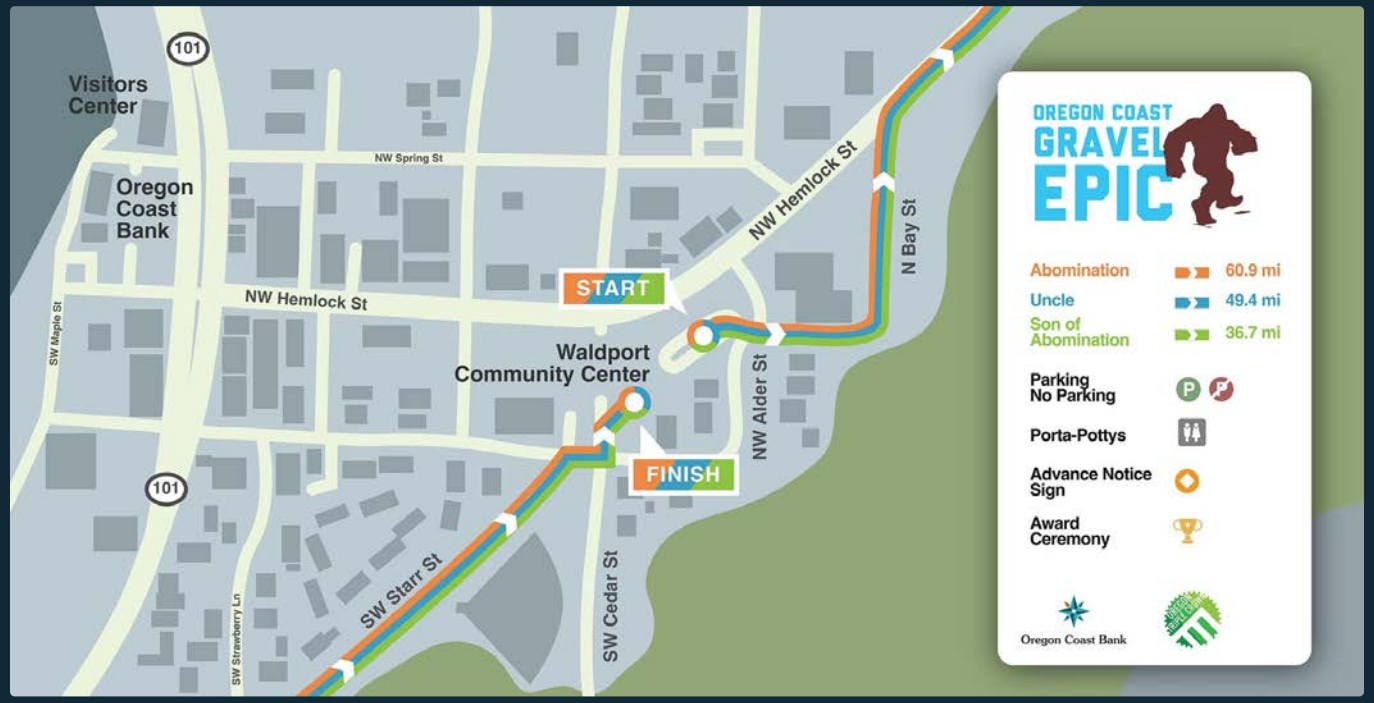
🚵 Permitted Event

The Oregon Coast Gravel Epic operates under a Special Use Permit from the USDA Forest Service, Siuslaw National Forest. We are grateful for their partnership in making this event possible year after year since 2013 along with Lincoln County and the City of Waldport.

Ride with Respect

Please stay on marked course roads. Pack out all trash. Leave no trace. These forests are a living, breathing ecosystem — treat them as the sacred place they are.

Venue Map — Start, Finish & Parking



Waldport Community Center

Mass Start: 9:00 AM

Remote Finish: NF-5360 — timing stops here; self-paced return to Waldport following Rules of the Road 5 miles

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🅿️ Parking

City streets only. **Do not park** in grocery store or adjacent business lots.

> ⚠ Parking in restricted lots may result in your vehicle being towed.

Day-of Timeline — Saturday, April 24th, 2027

1

7:00 – 8:30 AM

Packet pickup & day-of registration

2

9:00 AM

Mass start — all riders depart together! heading west on HWY 34 following the lead vehicle to Eckman RD, Neutral Slow Start 10-12 MPH. Racing begins on Eckman Rd 2 minutes after arriving.

3

11 AM – 5 PM

On-site BBQ — Patty Mac's & Cowgirl Cookin' planned

4

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Awards ceremonies — Short, Medium & Long

5

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Final riders clear course — course closes 5 PM

Packet Pickup

Don't Miss It

We recommend arriving **Friday evening** to explore the town, settle in, and set yourself up for a great race morning.

📦 Friday Evening

3:00 – 6:00 PM

Waldport Community Center

🌅 Saturday Morning

7:00 – 8:30 AM

Day-of registration also available

🎁 What's Included With Your Entry

🧦 Custom Wool Socks

Oregon Coast Gravel Epic Sasquatch wool socks — exclusive to registered riders

🔢 Custom Number Plate

Your personalized race number plate, ready at packet pickup

🍔 $15 Food Voucher

Use on-site at the Food vendors or at select local Waldport restaurants

Aid Stations, Cutoffs & Protocols

Cutoff times are confirmed based on a 9:00 AM mass start. All cutoffs are hard — please plan accordingly.

Riders looking to simply finish that want an early start of 8:30 am please indicate on registration, or sign up at packet pickup.

Station	Mile	Routes	Cutoff
Aid Station 1 "Alpha" — FS Road 53	12	All Routes	**11:30 AM (Hard)**
Aid Station 2 "Bravo" — NF-58	19.7	Long Only	No cutoff (drop-down point)
Safety Check — Buck Creek	31	Long Only	**1:30 PM (Hard)**
Aid Station 3 "Charlie" — NF-5360	21 / 34 / 46 (Short/Med/Long)	All Routes	**3:30 PM (Hard)**
Remote Finish — NF-5360	~10 mi past Charlie	All Routes	**4:00 PM**

✅ Check In

Bib scanned at every station — mandatory for safety tracking

🛑 Can't Continue?

Notify a volunteer immediately — do not leave course unannounced

🎒 Self-Supported

Carry food, water & a tube for every segment between stations

📡 Medical

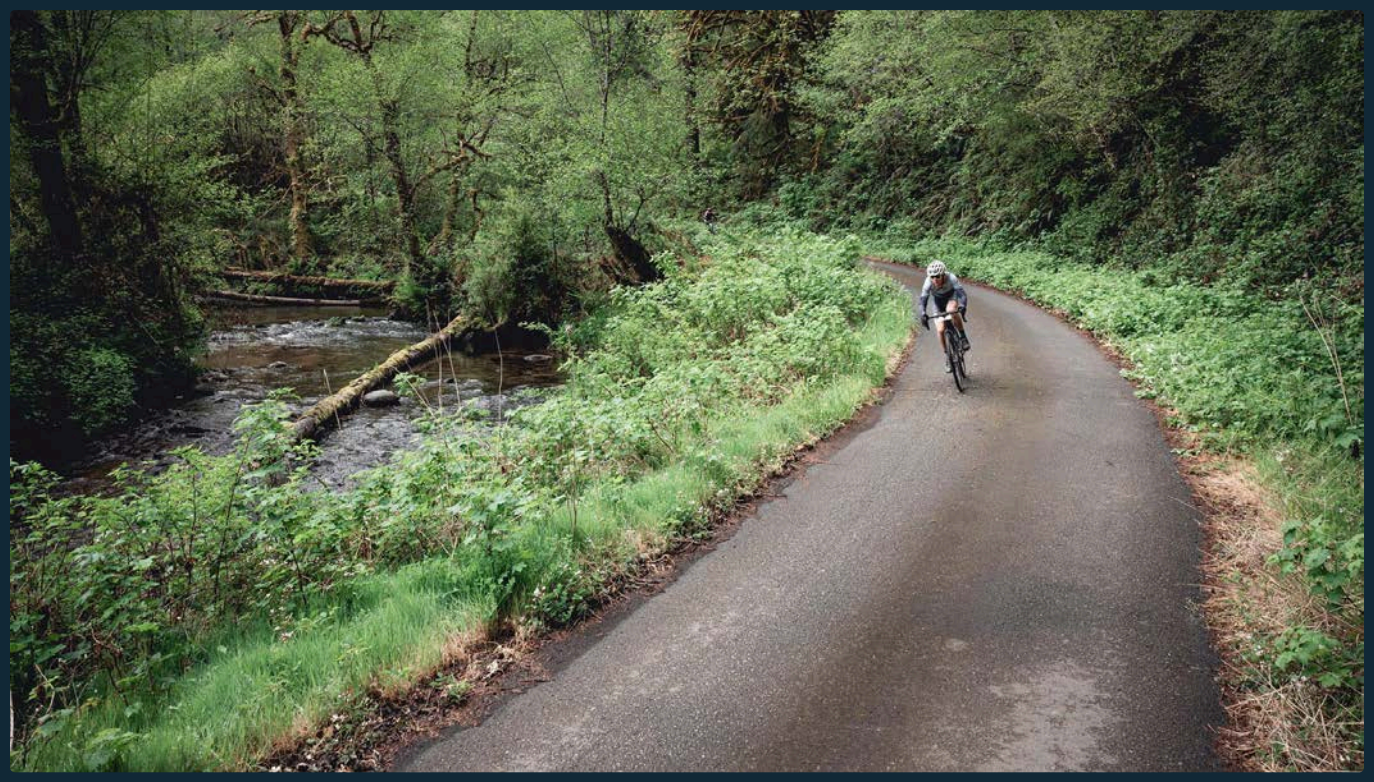
Radios & Garmin InReach at every aid station

🔴 **Fueled by Hammer Nutrition** — Hammer HEED and limited Gel available at aid stations. Stock up before race day at hammernutrition.com/MIKE50368 and save 15% on your first order.

MILE 12 — ALL ROUTES

Aid Station 1 — Alpha

FS Road 53 — Supported by Green Bike Co-op of Waldport



- **Serves:** All riders — Abomination, Uncle Abomination & Son of Abomination
- **Course split point:** Long & Medium riders turn left; Short course (Son of Abomination) riders go right
- **Cutoff: 11:30 AM** — Hard cutoff. Riders not through by cutoff redirected to Short Course. 99% of riders make this cutoff.
- **Drop-down option:** Riders may drop to the Short (37-mile) route here — stop and notify Green Bike Co-op staff
- **What's here:** Water, Hammer HEED, pre-packaged PB&J, cookies, porta-potty, volunteer check-in, bib scan

⚠ **Hazard ahead (Long/Medium):** Extreme hairpin turns begin at mile 13.4 — slow down and ride in control.

MILE 19.7 — LONG & MEDIUM

Aid Station 2 — Bravo

NF-58 — Optional Drop-Down to Medium Route

- **Serves:** Abomination (Long) riders — optional drop-down point to Medium route
- **Drop-down option:** Long course riders may drop to the Medium (49-mile) route here — stop and notify aid station staff
- **Medium/Long split point:** Medium riders turn left toward Yachats River Rd; Long riders continue on NF-58 toward Five Rivers
- **No hard cutoff at this station** — but riders dropping here will be redirected to Medium course
- **What's here:** Water, Hammer HEED, pre-packaged PB&J, cookies, porta-potty, volunteer check-in

⊗ **Cell service is extremely limited from this point.** Ensure your Ride with GPS route is downloaded offline before leaving home.

MILE 31 — LONG ROUTE ONLY

Safety Check

Buck Creek — Hard Cutoff 1:30 PM

- **Mandatory check-in:** Every Long course rider passes this point before the Buck Creek Climb. Hard right turn at this corner — do not miss it.
- **Cutoff: 1:30 PM** — Hard cutoff. Riders who miss cutoff will be escorted to the finish or swept by sweep riders.
- **What's here:** Ham radio comms, basic first aid, porta-potty
- **After this point:** Turn right onto East Buck Creek Road — 6.1 miles to merge with Medium loop at NF-58 to Yachats River Rd

FINAL AID — ALL ROUTES

Aid Station 3 — Charlie

🟠 Long Course

Mile 46

🔵 Medium Course

Mile 34

🟢 Short Course

Mile 21

⏱️ Cutoff

3:30 PM — Hard cutoff. No riders permitted past this point after cutoff.

What's here: Water, Hammer HEED, pre-packaged PB&J, cookies, porta-potty, mechanical support (Abbey Bike Tools), volunteer check-in

Mechanical support provided by Abbey Bike Tools. Remote Finish is ~10 miles ahead on NF-5360 — timing stops there; self-paced return to Waldport via HWY 101 follows Rules of the Road.

Safety First — What You Need to Know

🏥 Medical

Base medic at Waldport Community Center; Adventure Medics (BLS) on course from Bend, OR

Samaritan Pacific Hospital, Newport — **541-265-2244**

📡 Communications

Garmin InReach + Starlink on course; Ham radio support by Lincoln County Auxiliary

🚗 Traffic

Advance notice signs on Five Rivers Rd, Yachats River Rd & HWY 101; 35 volunteers on safety & crowd control

⚠️ Hazards

Extreme hairpin turns (mile 13.4), fast/loose/slick descents, potholes on return roads

🔴 Taillight — Be Seen

A taillight is strongly recommended on all open roads. Be seen. Be safe.

🚗 Open Roads — Live Traffic

All roads on course are open to public traffic at all times. Vehicles can approach from any direction at any moment — ride alert, stay right, and expect cars around every corner.

💥 Crashes Happen — Be Prepared

Crashes can happen at any time, on any surface. Surprisingly, dry days have historically seen the most crashes — loose gravel, dust, and overconfidence on fast descents are a dangerous combination. Carry a first aid kit, know your limits, and ride within your ability at all times.

Awards, Food & Celebration 🎉

Custom Medals

All finishers + top 3 in each division

$15 Food Voucher

Every finisher — local vendors & restaurants

Overall Champions

Free entry next year (Long & Short); 50% off for 2nd & 3rd

BBQ & Beer

Patty Mac's & Cowgirl Cookin', 11 AM–5 PM. One complimentary beverage in most years (21+ with ID)

A portion of proceeds benefits the **Waldport Junior League** — goal: $1,100 for aid station support

Camp Under the Stars

⛺ Tent & RV

McKinley's RV Park & Marina — Alsea Bay waterfront

🌲 State Parks

Governor Patterson Memorial & Driftwood Beach State Recreation Sites

✨ Luxury

Overleaf Lodge & Spa, Yachats — 8.5 miles south, perfect for a post-ride soak

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Navigate with Confidence

Ride with GPS — Your Essential Tool

Download the official routes **before you leave home**. Cell service is limited in the remote Siuslaw National Forest — offline maps are essential.

01

Search

Oregon Coast Gravel Epic on ridewithgps.com

02

Download

All three routes offline before race day

03

Cue Sheets

Also available at packet pickup as a backup

See You Out There

Ride Epic. Ride Safe.

Thank you for being part of the Oregon Coast Gravel Epic community. Whether this is your first time or your 14th, we hope the ancient forests, the Pacific air, and the camaraderie of fellow riders leave an indelible mark on your cycling life.

We'll see you at the finish line — and again Sunday in Yachats! 🌊

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Oregon Coast Bank has been a proud partner of the Oregon Coast Gravel Epic since the event's founding in 2013. As a locally owned community bank rooted right here on the Central Oregon Coast, their support isn't just a sponsorship — it's a neighbor investing in the community they call home. We are deeply grateful for their continued commitment to this event and to Waldport.

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