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# Real West Gravel 2027

## Rider Tech Guide

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Sunday, March 14, 2027 · Pendleton, Oregon

*Let R Ride*

# **Built for the Gravel Enthusiast**

## **A Note from Mudslinger Events**

**Real West Gravel was built for you — the rider who loves the feel of gravel under the tires, the wide open sky, and the freedom of exploring roads most people never see.**

**Yes, we love our fast riders. We celebrate the racers who push the pace and chase the podium. But Real West Gravel was equally — if not more — designed for the rider who wants to saddle up, take it all in, and have the time of their life doing it.**

**Whether you're chasing a PR, riding with friends, or simply exploring Eastern Oregon's stunning backroads for the first time, there's a place for you here. Our routes, our aid stations, our catering, our music, and our community are all built around one simple idea:**

**Gravel riding should be fun. Full stop.**

**So come out to Pendleton. Ride the roads. Eat the food. Hear the music. Meet the people. And let r ride.**

**— Mike Ripley, Mudslinger Events**

# Event Overview



## Date

Sunday, March 14, 2027



## Location

Pendleton, Oregon



## Start Time

Mass Start 9:30 AM

Non-Competitive Self Start 9:00 AM



## Venue

Blue Mountain Equine Center & Pendleton Convention Center



## Capacity

500 Riders Max



## Distances

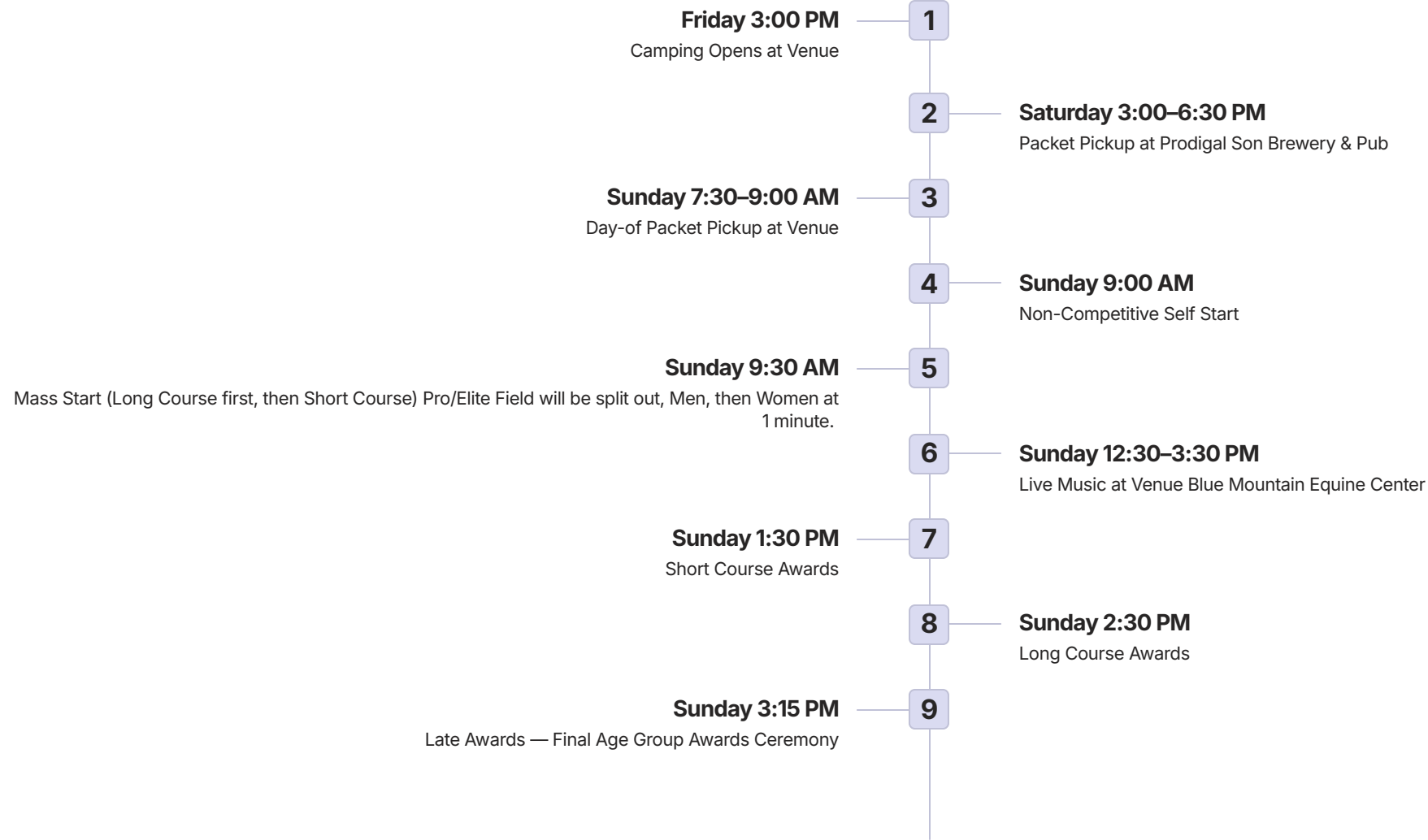
Long: 67 mi / 4,467 ft

Short: 48 mi / 2,852 ft

Real West Gravel showcases the untapped grandeur of Eastern Oregon with rolling hills and quality gravel roads. 94% unpaved, with ~60 ft of climbing per mile — a perfect early-season effort. Staging and finish at the Blue Mountain Equine Center, with camping on site.



# Day-Of Schedule



📄 Online registration closes Friday at 12:00 PM. Register in person after that. Packet pickup includes your custom tri-blend T-shirt or Socks. Custom Race Plate if registered by 1/20/27

# The Routes

## Long and Short • ~60 ft of Climbing Per Mile

### Long Loop 2027

**Distance:** 66.7 miles

**Elevation:** 4,467 ft

**Surface:** Mostly Unpaved 76%

**Aid Stations:** 3 (Mile 20 Alpha, Mile 37 Bravo, Mile 53 Charlie)

**Cut-off:** Must leave Mile 20 aid station by 11:45 AM (9.3 MPH pace)

**Route link:**

<https://ridewithgps.com/events/294166-real-west-gravel>

### Short Loop 2026

**Distance:** 47.7 miles

**Elevation:** 2,852 ft

**Surface:** Mostly Unpaved 68%

**Aid Stations:** 2 (Mile 20 Alpha, Mile 35 Charlie)

Both routes start and finish at the Blue Mountain Equine Center. The actual timed distance is ~3 miles shorter than the route due to the remote finish and ride back via the Umatilla River Parkway. Load routes to your Garmin or Wahoo device — routes are marked every 5 miles.



# Aid Stations

## Fully Stocked · Mechanical Support Available

01

### Aid Alpha — Mile 20 (All Routes)

- Water, electrolytes (Hammer Nutrition HEED), food
- PB&J, cookies, pretzels, pickles, and more
- Mechanical support available
- Long Course cut-off: Must depart by 11:45 AM
- Meat & Potatoes from Lakeside Foods

02

### Aid Bravo — Mile 37 (Long Course Only)

- Water, electrolytes, food
- Meat & Potatoes from Lakeside Foods
- Mechanical support available

03

### Aid Charlie — Mile 35 (Short) / Mile 53 (Long) — All Routes

- Water, electrolytes, food
- Gluten-free options available
- 9 miles to Remote Finish

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### Remote Finish — All Routes

- Timed finish line
- Ride back ~3 miles via Umatilla River Parkway to venue

☐ All aid stations have water, electrolytes, and food. Gluten-free options available at all stations.



# Gear & Bike Recommendations

## Bike Setup

- Gravel bike (2020 or newer recommended) with disc brakes
- Hardtail mountain bike also works well
- Tire clearance for 38mm+ recommended
- Tire recommendation: 40mm-45 for more comfort
- 94% gravel surface on both loops — a few chunky sections but manageable

## Navigation

- Load routes to Garmin or Wahoo device before the event
- Routes marked every 5 miles with mile markers on the long course
- Download from: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/50097003> (Long)
- 99%+ of riders stay on track with proper route loaded

## Hydration (Presented by USWE)

- USWE hydration packs are the official sponsor
- NoDancingMonkey patented design — stable, aerodynamic, no bounce
- Allows hands-free hydration without reaching for bottles
- USWE will be on-site at the event

## What's Included with Registration

- Custom soft tri-blend T-shirt or custom socks
- \$15 food voucher (valid at Prodigal Sons Brewery, Great Pacific, Sisters Cafe, or final catered meal)
- Custom race plate
- Post-event Pendleton Catering meal



# Venue & Camping

## Blue Mountain Equine Center · Pendleton Convention Center

### Venue Details

- Address: Blue Mountain Equine Center, Pendleton, OR
- Staging and start of event at the venue
- Showers available Sunday afternoon (Convention Center basement) for campers and riders
- Parking available on site
- Welcome back door for finishers
- Ride back via Umatilla River Parkway after remote finish

### Camping Options

- Camping opens: Friday at 3:00 PM
- Final departure: Monday morning
- Tent camping: Available, pay through BikeReg
- Sprinter Van / Self-Contained: Ample space available
- RV Hookups (Powered): \$35/day — book via link in registration confirmation email
- 5th Wheel RV Spaces: Available at Convention Center

📌 Camping is conveniently located in and around the venue, putting you right at the heart of the Real West action. On-site showers available Sunday afternoon after the race.



# Getting to Pendleton

**3 hrs from Portland, Boise & Spokane • 4 hrs from Bend**

## Hotels

### Oxford Suites Pendleton

- Official event hotel with room block
- Book: [LINK](#)
- This was sold out in 2026 so book early

### Radisson Hotel Pendleton Airport

- Located 2.5 miles from the start line
- Free WiFi, 24-hr fitness center, on-site restaurant (7 AM–8 PM)

### Pendleton KOA Journey

- RV and camping option nearby

## Things to Do in Pendleton

- Pendleton Underground Tours — historic underground city tour
- Pendleton Woolen Mills — iconic Western textile mill
- Outdoor recreation: trails, rivers, lakes, golf
- Great Pacific, Sisters Cafe, Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub (accepts \$15 food voucher)
- [travelpendleton.com](https://travelpendleton.com)

📖 Pendleton is handcrafted, genuine, and unwaveringly Tried & True. Your stories and experiences become woven into this legendary Western town.





# Explore Pendleton

## Rich Tradition. Fine Craftsmanship. Legendary Reputation.

Pendleton is more than a race venue — it's a destination. Nestled in the heart of Eastern Oregon, this authentic Western town blends cowboy heritage with modern creativity, legendary hospitality, and a community that welcomes every visitor as part of its ongoing story. Plan your weekend around the ride and make the most of everything Pendleton has to offer.

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|  <b>Pendleton Underground Tours</b><br>Explore the fascinating underground tunnels and hidden history beneath Pendleton's streets. A must-do for any visitor.<br><a href="https://pendletonundergroundtours.org">pendletonundergroundtours.org</a>                                                                 |  <b>Pendleton Woolen Mills</b><br>Tour the iconic mill that has been weaving legendary blankets and textiles since 1909. Shop the full collection on site.<br><a href="https://pendleton-usa.com">pendleton-usa.com</a>                           |
|  <b>Prodigal Son Brewery &amp; Pub</b><br>Craft beer, great food, and a welcoming atmosphere. Official packet pickup location Saturday 3–6:30 PM. Accepts \$15 food voucher.<br><a href="https://prodigalsonbrewery.com">prodigalsonbrewery.com</a>                                                                |  <b>Great Pacific &amp; Sisters Cafe</b><br>Local favorites for dining before or after the ride. Both accept the \$15 food voucher included with registration.                                                                                    |
|  <b>Outdoor Recreation</b><br>Trails, rivers, lakes, and wide-open spaces. Pendleton is the outdoor recreation hub of Eastern Oregon — explore before or after race day.<br><a href="https://travelpendleton.com/experience/outdoor-recreation">travelpendleton.com/experience/outdoor-recreation</a>              |  <b>Arts, Culture &amp; Family Fun</b><br>Live music, local art, family activities, and a rich Western heritage. Use the Pendleton Itinerary Builder to plan your perfect visit.<br><a href="https://travelpendleton.com">travelpendleton.com</a> |
|  <b>Pendleton Round-Up</b><br>One of the most famous rodeos in the world. Held every September, the Pendleton Round-Up is a legendary celebration of Western heritage, rodeo competition, and community spirit. Plan ahead for future visits!<br><a href="https://pendletonroundup.com">pendletonroundup.com</a> |  <b>Interwoven Oregon</b><br>Discover the rich cultural tapestry of Eastern Oregon — stories, traditions, and experiences woven together across the region.<br><a href="https://interwovenoregon.com">interwovenoregon.com</a>                  |

☐ Pendleton is 3 hours from Portland, Boise & Spokane · 4 hours from Bend. Plan your full weekend — you won't want to leave.

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# Registration & Pricing

**Early Bird: \$140**  
Before December 2, 2026 (includes \$15 food voucher + custom tri-blend shirt or custom socks)

**Standard: \$150**  
After January 2, 2027

**Late: \$160**  
After March 1, 2027

**Max Capacity: 500 riders**  
Sign up early!

## What's Included with Registration

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| <p> <b>Custom Soft Tri-Blend T-Shirt or Custom Socks</b><br/>Your choice of event apparel</p>                                                                                                                                                           | <p> <b>\$15 Food Voucher</b><br/>Valid at Prodigal Sons Brewery, Great Pacific, Sisters Cafe, or the post-event catered meal</p>                                                                                 |
| <p> <b>Custom Race Plate</b><br/>Your personalized bib for the event</p>                                                                                                                                                                                | <p> <b>Fully Stocked Aid Stations</b><br/>Water, Hammer Nutrition HEED electrolytes, PB&amp;J, cookies, pretzels, pickles, Meat &amp; Potatoes from Lakeside Foods, and more. Gluten-free options available.</p> |
| <p> <b>Mechanical Support</b><br/>Available at the venue and Aid Stations 1, 2, and 3</p>                                                                                                                                                               | <p> <b>Custom Finisher Medal</b><br/>Every finisher receives a custom Real West Gravel finisher medal — earned on the roads of Eastern Oregon.</p>                                                               |
| <p> <b>Custom Awards — 12 Age Groups</b><br/>Top 3 awards across 12 age groups for both the Long and Short courses, plus Overall Top 3 awards for each distance. Age group champions receive 50% off next year's event. Live music 12:30–3:30 PM.</p> | <p> <b>Post-Event Catering</b><br/>Pendleton Catering on-site after the finish</p>                                                                                                                             |

Save 10–25% by purchasing an [Oregon Triple Crown Series pass](#) — Real West Gravel kicks off the series.  
Register at: <https://www.bikereg.com/real-west-gravel>





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### USWE Hydration Packs

**Bounce-Free. Race-Ready. Built for Gravel.**

USWE changed the game of hydration for gravel and mountain bike racing. Their patented NoDancingMonkey® design keeps the pack locked to your back — stable, aerodynamic, and completely bounce-free — so you can hydrate safely without ever letting go of the bars.

USWE will be on-site at Real West Gravel 2027. Register and look for a special link in your confirmation email to save big on your next USWE hydration pack.

#### **Race 2.0 — The Gravel Standard**

The go-to pack for gravel racing. Available in multiple colors to match your kit. Lightweight, low-profile, and built for long efforts.

#### **NoDancingMonkey® Technology**

Patented harness system eliminates bounce and movement. Hands stay on the bars. Hydration stays on your back.

#### **One System. Every Mission.**

VST Configurator lets you customize capacity and setup for any style of riding — from casual gravel to full race mode.

#### **Multiple Colors & Configurations**

Race 2.0 available in a range of colors and sizes (2L). Options for every rider, every style, every distance.

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☐ USWE packs are available for demo and purchase on-site at the event. Ask the USWE team about the Race 2.0 and find your perfect setup.



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Led by Matt Scarborough — a trial lawyer with 34 years of cycling experience — Bicycle Accident Law specializes exclusively in cyclist cases. They build data-driven cases accounting for equipment, training, coaching costs, and long-term riding ability, with partners in all 50 states.

#### Cycling-Specific Expertise

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# What To Do If You're in an Accident

## A Quick Guide from Scarborough Bicycle Accident Law

01

### Stop & Stay Safe

Move out of traffic if possible. Check yourself and others for injuries. Do not leave the scene.

02

### Call 911

Report the accident. Request medical assistance even if injuries seem minor — some symptoms appear later.

03

### Document Everything

Photograph the scene, your bike, any vehicles involved, road conditions, and your injuries. Get witness names and contact info.

04

### Don't Admit Fault

Avoid saying "I'm sorry" or accepting blame. Stick to the facts when speaking with police or others.

05

### Get Driver Information

Name, license plate, insurance info, and contact details of any drivers involved.

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### Seek Medical Attention

See a doctor immediately — even if you feel okay. Medical records are critical for your case.

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### Contact Bicycle Accident Law

Call Matt Scarborough before speaking with any insurance company. Early legal guidance protects your rights and maximizes your recovery.

**Real West Gravel riders receive priority consultation. Call (813) 253-0097 or visit [bicycleaccidentlaw.com](https://bicycleaccidentlaw.com) — available 24/7.**



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## Rooted in the Land. Moving Together.

Lakeside Foods proudly supports Real West Gravel because it is based on a simple belief: life moves best when it's grounded in nature and community. Guided by the concept of Life is in Motion, Naturally, Lakeside Foods brings simple, natural nourishment to everyday life — fueling movement, gathering, and connection. This partnership celebrates Oregon's land, its people, and the authentic motion that brings them together.

### About Lakeside Foods, Inc.

Lakeside Foods is a premier supplier of high-quality frozen and canned foods to the retail, food service, and industrial sectors. Since its beginning in 1887, Lakeside Foods has expanded to 15 production facilities, including their Weston and Milton-Freewater, OR plants — just north of Pendleton. Lakeside Foods are makers of canned and frozen vegetables, canned beans, canned meat, smoked sausage, frozen whipped topping, and frozen appetizers & snacks. Lakeside Foods manages its vegetable growing and harvesting operations through a network of regional farmers, ensuring food quality and freshness from farm to table. The company is family-owned and based in Manitowoc, WI.

#### 15 Production Facilities

Including Weston & Milton-Freewater, OR — right here in the heart of Real West Gravel country

#### Farm to Table Since 1887

A network of regional farmers ensuring food quality and freshness from field to finish line

#### On-Course Fuel

Meat & Potatoes from Lakeside Foods served at Aid Stations Alpha and Bravo

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Lakeside Foods provides key food ingredients for our post-event catering and on-course support, including Meat & Potatoes at Aid Stations Alpha and Bravo.

A premier supplier of high-quality frozen and canned foods since 1887, with production facilities in Weston and Milton-Freewater, OR — just north of Pendleton.

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# Let R Ride!

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Start your season in the Real West. 67 or 47 miles of Eastern Oregon gravel, a legendary community, and everything that makes cycling worth it. We'll see you at the start line.

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