TUFF GUIDE

MAMMOTH TUFF

September 19, 2026

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MAMMOTH HOSPITAL
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Welcome to Mammoth Lakes

MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA

NO SMALL ADVENTURE

Welcome to Mammoth Lakes, where "no way" is never far away. Majestic in scale and awesome in its natural beauty, the year-round adventureland of Mammoth Lakes is one of those rare places that you have to see to still not totally believe. The name speaks to the size of the mountains, the expanse of the valleys, the incredible number of crystal-clear mountain lakes and the endless opportunities for adventure just outside your door. But what makes this place unique are the surreal storybook scenes that drop jaws, spark the imagination and make every moment feel like a brush with the truly incredible.

If you've gotten as far as reading the TUFF Rider Guide, then by now you know how special this place is to us. We're so happy you're interested in joining us on the adventure and we can't wait to show you these roads less traveled. Let's make some memories and explore your tuff.

Love,

Dave and Amanda

Registration

Link to Registration

Total Event Registration Limit: 1,000

Check-In

2-7:30pm on Friday, Sept 18, 2026 at The Village at Mammoth

Address: 100 Canyon Blvd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

With Registration you will receive:

- Shirt (only if you registered before July 14, 2026 at 11:59pm)
- Swag Bag from Sponsors for all riders
- Registration Red Carpet photo
- On-course photos from Visit Mammoth
- Aid station support
- Raffle Ticket (Receive one, buy more at expo)
- Food and Beer/Drink Ticket

Classifications

For all classifications and distances, "Racing Age" is based on the Rider's age as of December 31, 2026. Minimum age requirement for the long course is 16 years of age. Only riders born before 31 December 2007 can participate in the UCI categories. There is no minimum age for the short course, and the category is 18 & Under. "Tandem" is defined as a solitary bicycle frame with two wheels, designed to be operated by two riders. No pull-behinds. No tag-alongs. No trailers. "E-Bikes" are allowed in the short route only if they are a category 1 - pedal assist and can hold a charge for 4 - 5 hours. There will be no prizes for this category as it is just one group. We reserve the right to add, combine, and/or delete classes.

Event Schedule

FRIDAY

- 11:00am-12:30pm Shakeout Rides at Footloose Sports *
- 11:00-1:30pm Vendor setup**
- 2:00-3:30pm Shakeout Ride with CTS at Footloose Sports *
- 2 – 7:30pm Registration and Expo Open **
- **4:30pm Beer Mile – The BUFF Event**
- 5:00pm *Riders Meeting* - LIVE on Stage at the Village at Mammoth**
  - (*Note:* Also Instagram Live and saved to watch later)

SATURDAY

- 5:30-7:00am Registration – Last Minute Pick-ups ***
- **Long Route: TUFFEST**
  - 7:15am Last reminders/Safety Chat
  - 7:30am Event Start
- **Medium Route: TUFFER**
  - 7:40am Last reminders/Safety Chat
  - 7:55am Event Start
- **Short Route: TUFF**
  - 8:10am Last reminders/Safety Chat
  - 8:20am Event Start
- **Post-Ride –** Enjoy post ride drink, food in the Village, and Concert
- 11:30-5:00pm Village Summer Concert Series – Free!
  Village Bar open to support Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center
- 5:15-6:15 UCI Podium Ceremony (all other categories Sunday)
- 5:00-9:30pm Drop Bag Pickup (Near Finish Line) or Sunday morning at Village Stage
- 5:30pm Hot Creek Aid Station closes
- 7:00pm Last Finishers – Course(s) Closed

SUNDAY

- 8-11am Drop Bag Pickup and Coffee
- 8:30-10:30am Awards/Raffle – The Village Plaza/Stage
  Awards first, the raffle will follow immediately after awards.
- 11am Clean Up and Riders Check out/leaving town

* Footloose Sports, 3043 Main St, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

** The Village Plaza 100 Canyon Blvd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

*** Bus Stop, Stop 90-Canyon Blvd / Across From Village

Course Info

Maps

The official courses will be released the week of the event, Monday September 14, 2026, to give you time to prepare your navigation and study the route. Anticipate nearly identical routes for 2025 barring any weather-related changes or Forest closures. Stats below are subject to change.

Long Course - TUFFEST

- 88.9 Miles (First 5.1 neutral)
- +7,539 ft
- Aid Stations: 3
- Paved 37%, Unpaved 63%

Medium Course - TUFFER

- 67.5 Miles (First 1.9 neutral)
- +3,575 ft
- Aid Stations: 2
- Paved 33%, Unpaved 67%

Short Course - TUFF

- 41.4 Miles (First 1.9 neutral)
- +2,156 ft
- Aid Stations: 1.5
- Paved 33%, Unpaved 66%

Cut-Off Times (~8mph)

The three aid stations on course will have the following cutoff times:

- Chalfant = 1:30pm
- Benton Crossing = 3:15pm
- Hot Creek = 5:30pm

RIDE WITH GPS

*TUFF participants can use code **Tuff-2026** to score 20% off a yearly premium subscription from Ride With GPS!*

Neutral

All routes will have a neutral roll from town to the first gravel segment. PLEASE watch the rider's meeting and listen the day of the event as we will explain the details of the neutral rollout for each route/course.

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Gear – Tires and Teeth

Panaracer

Tires (Panaracer is the official tire of the UCI Gravel World Series)

The answer here is to go big. The course can be ridden on a 38c but it will be easier and more fun on 40c or larger. We have been riding tires from 38-55c for years. The benefit of volume is more surface area for float and contact for any tricky descents where tread will help you slow down. MammothTUFF is known for its segments of pumice and soft surface material, so be prepared to ride a wider tire than you would normally.

We recommend starting with as wide a tire as your frame can handle. From there, select a tire that matches your bike, driving ability, and course conditions.

Gearing

- If **2x** we recommend something like a Shimano GRX crankset, or similar, with a **48/31 tooth chainrings** and a **11-34 or 11-36 cassette.**
- If **1x** we recommend a **44-46 tooth chainring** with at least a **10-51 cassette** but a 42 chainring would be better for long climbs if not worried about pedaling over 35mph (*Based off a 48c tire at 100 RPM = 35.3mph or 56.8km/h).
- Please note, Dave's suggesting a 1:1 ratio or easier. It is a long day at altitude and keeping your cadence higher allows for less muscle tension (less muscle fatigue from grinding).
- Here is a good article on BikeRadar about Gravel Bike setups, focus on the Chainring, Cassette, and 1x or 2x sections.
- For the super nerds, have a read from our friend JOM at Gravel Cyclist: https://www.gravelcyclist.com/9-gearing-gravel-bikes/

Gear – Equipment List

BE PREPARED!

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Each participant must carry with them (on their body, or on their bike) every item on this list:

1. Cycling computer, GPS device, and/or printed maps and cue sheets for self-guided navigation.
2. Minimum of two liters of liquid
3. Two spare inner tubes
4. Air pump or inflation system
5. A cell phone

ADDITIONAL Supplies You Should Consider

1. Lights for Long Route only: Front light and red taillight (Rule 19)
2. A GPS system to communicate your exact location to support or rescue personnel in the event of an emergency.
3. Small backpack / hydration pack
4. Waterproof / windproof jacket
5. Extra thermal top or warm layer
6. An emergency / survival blanket
7. Food – energy bars, gels, chocolate, etc.
8. Tire levers
9. Puncture repair kit
10. Chain tool
11. Allen wrench set
12. First aid kit
13. Chamois Butt'r
14. Chain lube
15. Cash

Click Here for a List of What to Carry on Epic Cycling Adventures by CTS and curated by Dave and Amanda

Gear – SHIMANO Aid Station Support

SHIMANO

Shimano's Multi-Service team (SMS) supports more than 50 consumer events each year and we're thrilled to announce they will be at Mammoth TUFF for 2025!

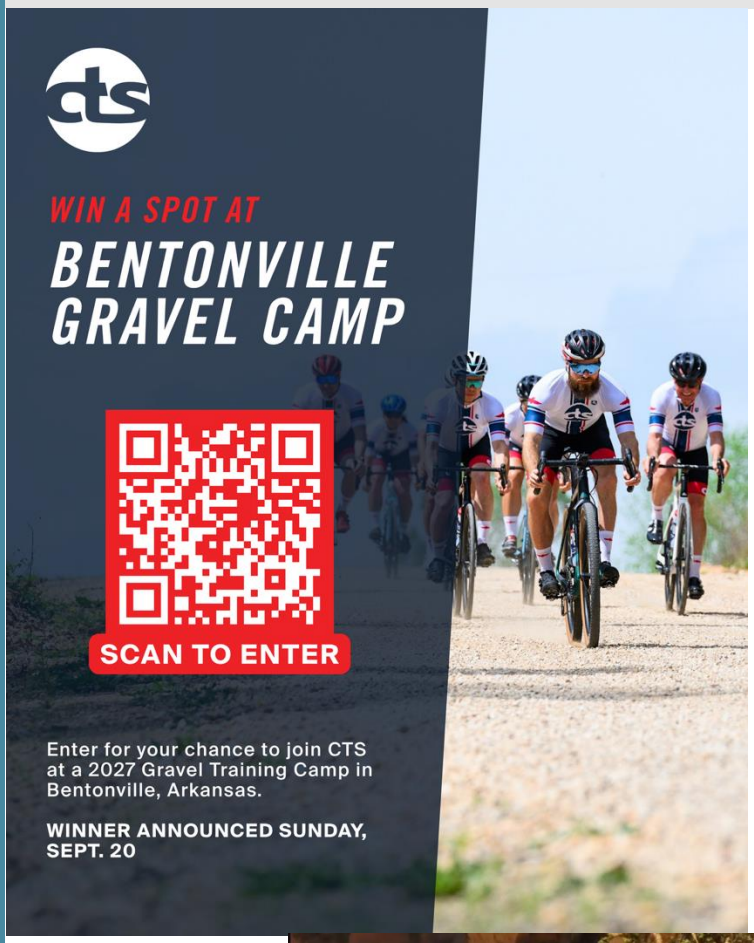
SMS technicians have been supporting riders for over 35 years at everything from regional rides and races to elite world class competitions. Their mechanics are part of a global team that serves as the official technical support for USA Cycling and the UCI.

Shimano's Schedule at the TUFF:

- **Friday - 2-7pm** at the Village at Mammoth the SMS crew will be available for any last-minute questions, concerns, or adjustments needed prior to the event.
  Any drive-train is welcome.
- **Saturday** - The SMS crew will be available for on-course support at one location. They will be at the Hot Creek Aid Station to see all riders on our routes. Benton Crossing Aid Station for the long course will have tools for self-serve mechanical support.

Come prepared but know Shimano will be there to offer peace of mind!

Offerings



CTS & TUFF:

- **Free Training plan**: Whether you're tackling the 40, 70, or 90-mile course, CTS and Mammoth TUFF have partnered to provide event-specific training plans designed by professional CTS coaches.
- **Friday 2pm Shakeout Ride** led by CTS Coaches
- **Webinar from CTS Coach Maddison Russell** covering how to structure your training, build race-specific fitness, and avoid common training mistakes. Whether you're lining up for Mammoth TUFF or another gravel adventure, you'll learn with actionable strategies to make your training more effective and your race day more successful.

Watch the replay of CTS Coach Maddison Russell's practical webinar on preparing for Mammoth TUFF and other long gravel events:

Offerings

BUBS Naturals

BUBS Naturals specializes in natural supplements like collagen peptides and hydration products. The company was founded to honor a fallen Navy SEAL and gives back to veteran charities. For cyclists tackling a demanding event like Mammoth TUFF, these products can be especially beneficial, and you'll have the opportunity to sample them with us. Their collagen peptides help with muscle recovery and joint health, while the "Hydrate or Die" electrolyte mix replenishes crucial minerals to prevent cramping and maintain performance on long, grueling rides.

Use code **TUFF2026** for 20% off your order @ Bubs Naturals.

The TUFF Collection by Bellwether Cycling

The 2026 Collection will be the final Bellwether clothing collab with TUFF. We will have some of the remaining inventory in-person at the TUFF Expo.

Offerings

We have teamed up with COROS to make a 10-week training plan for all Mammoth TUFF riders!

All you need is a COROS account for any of the COROS devices and you can incorporate the plan into your personal COROS Training Hub.

If you're thinking of switching to a COROS device like the DURA, get yours **here**, and you'll have access to the Training Hub with plans like this and more.

Fuel and Hydration

Our goal is to get you ready to ride a TUFF course and prepare you for more gravel events around the world where you must be more conscious about taking care of yourself. There is a reason why we have chosen Mammoth as our training grounds. If you can tackle this, you'll be tough enough to tackle anything else.

Plan to carry more than less. Always be prepared.

Below are basic recommendations on nutrition and hydration from CTS Coach D.Sheek.

On the Bike Nutrition Guidelines:

Hydration: Drink 20-40oz per hr

Sodium: 400-900mg per hr

Nutrition/Calories: 200-300 calories per hr (mostly carbohydrate)

Hydration

We recommend starting with 2.5-3hrs of hydration for all courses to be safe. In an example of riding 3hrs hours at 1 bottle per hour, this roughly equates to a 2 liter pack (67oz = 3 small bottles). This also allows for 2 bottles on the bike in case things take longer or if you need more in a drier climate. Riders need more fluids per hour when the temperatures go up, so it's good to carry extra. It will be cold in the morning and warmer later in the day, so we recommend increasing the fluid intake after the first aid station for the long course and increasing the fluid intake as it warms up for other courses. The altitude and dry climate should not be disregarded as your body will need more fluids to continue to work efficiently, on and off the bike.

Aid stations: We will supply an electrolyte mix.

Nutrition

Most people quitting longer events either don't have the fitness or encounter gastrointestinal distress. Bring foods that work for you. If you don't like the offerings at the aid stations, bring what works for you. We can't stress that enough. If you're doing the long route, bring your own food and mix in your drop bag so you can access it at the halfway.

When getting ready for big events, it is important to practice eating and drinking on your long rides. Find out what your body likes and when you need to refuel. The best athletes have a plan and stick to it to ensure they get their Hydration, Sodium, and Nutrition totals perfect for each hour. Hint, don't forget to add the sodium and calories from both food and hydration.

Aid Station provisions: Gels and solids + chewy and salty assorted snacks

Aid Stations

Plan to be as self-sufficient as possible with the aid stations supplementing your strategy. Do not solely rely on the aid station products as you should eat and drink what your stomach is accustomed to.

Rules

1. TREAD LIGHTLY. LEAVE NO TRACE.
2. Mammoth TUFF is a **bicycle** event along the gravel and dirt roads of public lands in California. For the purpose of this event, "bicycle" is defined as "a vehicle consisting of a frame mounted on two wheels one behind the other, and having a seat, handlebars for steering, two hand-operated brakes, and propelled solely by the operator via two pedals connected to the rear wheel by a chain or belt." E-Bikes and pedal-assist bikes will NOT be allowed in the Long or Medium routes.
3. All roads are open to public traffic. For your safety, it is imperative that you be constantly aware of your surroundings. In-ear **headphone** usage is not allowed. We suggest open-ear headphones if you must.
4. ALL participants are encouraged to attend **registration** on Friday to receive their event packet. Event packets will be given out to registered participants themselves. Registration will be available on Saturday morning, but it is not encouraged. Please see registration communication the week of the event.
5. There will be course markings on the route. Participants will be able to download the route from RideWithGPS and their mobile device (with off-line maps) or a GPS device to navigate. Route files will be the rider's primary means of navigation. **DO NOT RELY ON COURSE MARKINGS.** There is a history of tampered or stolen signs on our courses, so we cannot guarantee a perfectly marked course. We will do our best to have as many key turns marked as possible.
6. There will be cut-off times along the route. Cut-off times will be established for reaching each checkpoint. **Any participant not reaching a checkpoint before the established arrival cut-off time will be pulled from the event.** Arrival cut-off times are based on an average speed of 8 mph and are established for the purpose of rider safety. Therefore, these times will be strictly enforced. **NOTE:** Any rider refusing to comply to the cutoff times and continuing to ride will have their number plate removed by staff, will no longer be part of the event, will not be covered by event insurance, and will receive a DNF. However, adults are allowed to make the decision to finish on their own.
7. **Outside support is NOT allowed for non-UCI categories**. This includes, but is not limited to assistance with navigation, supplies, and lighting. The only exceptions to this are outlined in Rules 8-10.
8. Participants may help other participants with mechanical support or navigational assistance.
9. Each participant, regardless of event distance, is encouraged to have one contact able to get them should they need to **abandon** the event. There will be designated areas and aid stations to pick up abandoned riders. While there will be transportation, we recommend having a contact ready due to the long transfer times between aid stations and town. More details in Event Safety brief.
10. For the Long Route ONLY, there is one location where participants may access their drop bag, and riders will pass through this aid station twice. Please see the DROP BAGS portion of the Guide for more details.

Rules

11. Support crews, friends, and family members are NOT encouraged to be on the off-road segments. Our 'gravel' is soft in areas, and any additional vehicle traffic will be a **detriment** to course conditions and safety. For this reason, we also highly discourage driving the courses (especially near town) ahead of the event.
12. The primary route must be followed at all times. No **short cuts** or alternate routes are permitted. If a participant has taken a short-cut or alternate route, they will be **disqualified**. The course may be altered by the promoters in the event of inclement weather, or other unforeseeable circumstances. Should this occur, participants will be advised.
13. Riders must remain within the primary boundaries of the **roadway**. If you deviate off the roadway or damage natural habitat, this event will be put in jeopardy in the future.
14. Participants must start and complete the entire course on the same bicycle **frame**. All other components and equipment may be repaired or replaced during the event. Participants in the SingleSpeed class shall have only one gearing combination installed on their bike and must complete the entire event using the same gearing combination.
15. Bicycles must be equipped with two (front and rear) fully-functional **hand-operated brakes**. Coaster style brakes do not satisfy this requirement. "Fixed-Gear" bikes are not exempt from this requirement.
16. Participants must wear a properly approved **helmet** while operating their bicycle.
17. Participants must obey all city, county, and state laws, and **"Rules of the Road"**.
18. Long Route participants should have access to a front headlamp and a red taillight. Riders may choose to keep this **additional lighting** in their drop bag and retrieve while at Aid Station #1 or 3. Please note an 8 mph avg for the day will need headlights to finish. Sunset is 7pm for Mammoth Lakes on race day. Headlamps may be mounted either on the bike, or on the rider's helmet.
19. **Drafting** on another event participant is allowed. Drafting on a non-participant cyclist, or on a motorized vehicle will result in disqualification. Women drafting off of men in a premeditated fashion (or shall we say, as teams to solidify a result) will be prohibited.
20. Challenges to event **results** must come from a registered participant, must be made either in-person, or via email to the timing company, and must be received no later than 30 minutes before the UCI Awards Ceremony on event day or 7:59 am on Sunday after the race for the non-UCI categories.
21. Athletes who are currently serving a **ban** from sport or competition by WADA or any intergovernmental organizations, governments, public authorities, and other public and private bodies fighting doping in sport will not be allowed entry or participation in Mammoth TUFF.

Additional UCI Rules – Support

UCI Feed Zones

It is allowed for UCI category riders to have nutrition and hydration support at the feed zones. Outside of the official feed zones, support can only happen on *paved road sections*. We will note suggested areas when we release the final courses.

UCI Mechanical Support

It is allowed for UCI category riders to have mechanical support. Official UCI rules allow wheel changes to be made anywhere on course; however, we suggest you consider having support wait at the aid stations given the lack of cell service in some areas. Aid stations will have self-serve tools and Shimano Neutral Support will be at Hot Creek Aid Station.

UCI Drafting

Drafting is allowed because it is not possible to police the categories. While UCI Gravel World Series races permit drafting between categories and genders; the UCI Gravel World Championship race does not allow this. If you qualify for Worlds, please take note of this difference.

UCI GRAVEL WORLD SERIES

Drop Bags (Long Course Only)

Drop Bags

How it will work:

- All riders will be given the proper drop bag to use at registration.
- Fill your drop bag with items you want to access at your first and third aid stations (This is a single location you will pass twice on the long course. Reference maps for the mileage when released).
- Your bags will be tagged with Name/Number so either you or a volunteer can find it quickly on Saturday.
- You will deliver your drop bag Saturday morning at the official start line, please give yourself ample time to deliver your bag and stage for the start. This will be taken to the Benton Crossing Aid Station.
- It will be cold in the morning, so you can wear all the clothing you need and then shed at the the first Aid Station into your drop bag. However, we recommend you watch the weather forecast and make sure you won't need the clothing left in your bag. This is the Sierra, and the weather can change fast.
- After you access the items you need at the aid station, you can retrieve your bag at the finish line Saturday evening or at Awards on Sunday.
- *Your car keys, wallet, and any other important items should stay with you or checked in with the front desk at your lodging.

Event Safety

Our emergency plan has you covered with the help of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club, local EMS, the sweep team, and our lovely volunteers.

Cell Service -

There is NOT reliable cell phone coverage on all courses. Because of this, we have acquired the volunteer services of the Bishop Amateur Radio Club (BARC). There will be teams of radio operators at key areas of the course to help with communication so that you can enjoy the remote wilderness in peace. There will be sweep teams checking the course, the amazing gravel community will look out for each other on the roads, and aid stations will serve as communication hubs so you can enjoy the ride.

A satellite communication device is not required, but you are more than welcome to utilize one if it gives you an added layer of security.

First-Aid/Finish Line Support

Mammoth Hospital will be the mainline of support at the event. If you need help please check in with the First-Aid team. Also, to best ensure the safety and well-being for any individual(s) requiring assistance on course, in our remote zones, please understand how to communicate and read through our safety decision making process (flowchart on the following page).

Support/Pick-ups

If you find yourself in a dire situation needing to pull out AND you're able to reach your support contact, the designated areas where you can meet them to be picked up are aid stations. If you cannot reach your support contact or you don't have one, you can wait for the sweep teams or get to an aid station to reach event staff and make arrangements. Note: always communicate with other riders to relay messages to the station ahead if you absolutely cannot make it to the next Aid Station.

Sweep Teams - What to expect..

There will be teams sweeping the course to check on riders and make sure everyone is safe. Do NOT plan to quit just because there is a sweep team. There will not be enough room in vehicles to pick everyone up. Do not be afraid of being last on the course as long as you make the cut-off times at aid stations. The sweep team will ensure the last riders are accounted for and followed in.

If you are physically able, please keep pedaling until you get to the next aid station or reach cell service. There will be a sweep team pick-up near each aid station and each one will have a radio operator. In the event of an emergency, riders need to look out for one another first and foremost. There is a good chance that a rider will be a first responder and the second responder will be responsible for finding cell service, reaching the sweep team, or getting to a communication hub (aid station).

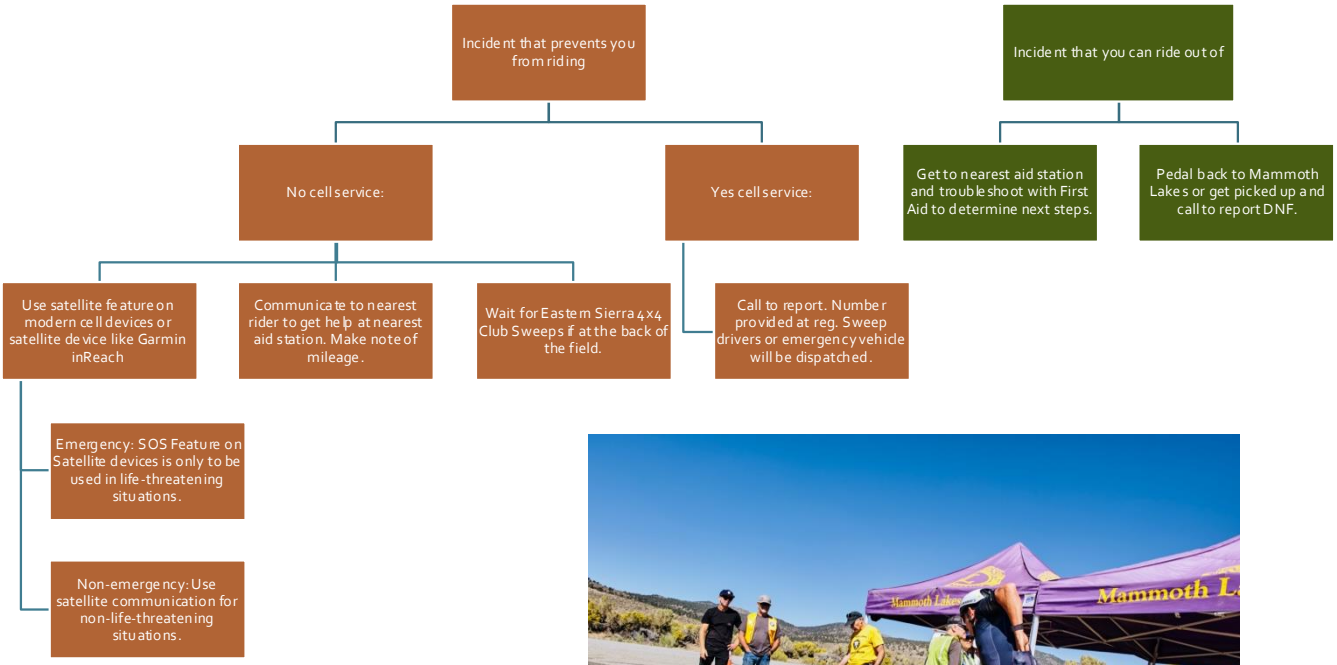
You are responsible for you, and we will all help each other! #ExploreyourTUFF

Event Safety

Due to the remoteness of our event, we want you to be prepared in case of an emergency. View the process below on how to problem-solve an incident that prevents you from riding versus an incident that you can ride out of.

If you are uncomfortable with the potential long response time in an area with no cell service (primarily on the long course), we highly recommend carrying a device with satellite communication capabilities to speed up the process or not taking the risk of riding at all.

While no rider will be left behind with our sweep plan, we want you to be prepared and understand ahead of time that long response times come with the territory. Participate at your own discretion with this knowledge.



Event Safety

You might encounter sheep and their livestock protection dogs on the route. Please read the Do's and Don'ts provided by USDA so you know what to expect.

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

LIVESTOCK PROTECTION DOGS: Protecting Sheep From Predators

If you encounter a band of sheep while visiting America's public lands, it is best to alter your route to minimize any contact. However, if you cannot avoid contact:

Do:

- Watch for livestock protection dogs near sheep (usually large dogs, white or tan in color).
- Remain calm if a livestock protection dog approaches you.
- If you are on a bike, dismount and put the bike between you and the dog.
- Tell the dog to "go back to the sheep" or say "no" in a firm voice.
- Walk your bike until well past the sheep.
- Keep your distance and choose the least disruptive route around the sheep.
- Keep your dog leashed.

Do Not:

- Chase or harass the sheep or dog(s).
- Make quick, threatening movements towards the sheep or dog(s).
- Try to outrun the dog(s).
- Attempt to befriend, pet, or feed the dog(s).
- Allow your dog to run towards or harass the sheep.
- Mistake a dog as lost and take it with you.

Learn More

FOR MORE information on the use of livestock protection dogs and other wildlife damage management methods, contact the USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's Wildlife Services program toll free at 866-4USDA-WS (866-487-3297) or 301-851-4009. The use of livestock protection dogs is an important non-lethal method for predator control, encouraged by Wildlife Services as part of an integrated approach to resolve potential human-wildlife conflicts while safeguarding agricultural resources. To learn more, go to www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife-damage.

FOR MORE information on the management of public lands for multiple uses, contact the USDA's Forest Service at 800-832-1355 or DOI's Bureau of Land Management at 202-208-3801.

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Why Use Livestock Protection Dogs?

IF UNPROTECTED, sheep are vulnerable to a variety of predators including coyotes, wolves, mountain lions, bears, and domestic dogs. Livestock protection dogs are a primary and traditional means of protecting sheep from predators. Modern livestock ranchers may elect to use pro-

tection dogs as an important and effective means of reducing predator attacks on sheep. Livestock protection dogs live with the sheep, patrolling the perimeters of sheep grazing areas to ward off potential predators. Livestock protection dogs have been used around the world for centuries and are an essential management tool in the United States. Without livestock protection dogs, thousands of sheep and lambs would be injured or killed by predators in the United States every year.

Sharing Public Lands

MILLIONS OF visitors enjoy recreational opportunities available on public lands, including hiking, mountain biking, and trail riding. Management practices for public lands are designed to allow multiple uses of our natural resources. In addition to recreation, livestock grazing is a useful activity common on public lands that supports healthy watersheds and wildlife habitat. Responsible grazing can be used to manage vegetation to reduce invasive species, limit wildfire fuels, and encourage plant growth. Grazing allotments, administered by Government agencies, occur on lands managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) Bureau of Land Management.

Recreationists and ranchers share a love of the outdoors. Working together helps ensure that all those who use public lands can have a positive experience. Please treat all lands as you would like others to treat your property. Leave gates as found, stay on existing roads and trails, obey posted signs, and pack your garbage out.

Avoiding Conflicts

AS MORE people enjoy and utilize our country's public lands, there is an increased potential for conflicts between people and livestock protection dogs. Livestock protection dogs are in place to protect the sheep in these areas, and if you do not appear to be a threat, the dogs will often just watch you pass by. Livestock protection dogs are not pets; they are trained working dogs. Feeding or petting them will distract them from their job of protecting sheep and may encourage them to approach and follow other recreationists they encounter.

Generally, if you are on foot, horseback, or an all-terrain vehicle and come close to sheep, a livestock protection dog should have time to see and/or hear you approach and recognize that you are not a threat to the livestock. However, a rapidly approaching mountain biker, suddenly surprising the livestock protection dog, may appear to be a threat. Hikers with domestic dogs may be perceived as a greater threat. An unleashed dog encountering sheep likely will be perceived as a predator, which could cause an aggressive confrontation with the livestock protection dog.

Public lands offer fulfilling outdoor recreational opportunities. To avoid negative encounters with livestock and/or livestock protection dogs and enjoy a peaceful experience, recreationists should follow common sense guidelines.

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Saturday Awards – UCI Only

UCI Important Notes:

- Every rider who finishes in the top **25%** of his/her category in the UGWS qualifier events shall be given a medal.
- UCI Gravel World Championship Qualifications:
  - For all categories, the first three finishers per category are always qualified, independently of the number of starters in that specific category.
  - The top 25% is based on the number of riders effectively taking the start (not the number of pre-registered riders or riders finishing the race).
  - The 25% is rounded to the highest number to determine the exact number of qualified riders per category (for instance: with 29 starters, 7.25 are eligible for qualification, meaning that the first 8 will be invited for the World Championships)
- The top 3 finishers per age group receive their medal on the podium. Positions 4th place and higher who qualify can pick up their medals when timing results are finalized after the podium.
- Receiving a qualifier medal doesn't give you automatically the right to participate in the World Championships as results are pending approval by the UCI.
- UCI Gravel World Series will provide a jersey for every winner in his/her category for both men's and women's races. The elite category winners will have a special design.

Order of UCI Categories for Saturday's Podium Ceremony:

- ELITE M
- ELITE F
- 19-34 M
- 19-34 F
- 35-39 M
- 35-39 F
- 40-44 M
- 40-44 F
- 45-49 M
- 45-49 F
- 50-54 M
- 50-54 F
- 55-59 M
- 55-59 F
- 60-64 M
- 60-64 F
- 65-69 M
- 65-69 F
- 70+

Sunday Awards

Top 3 in each non-UCI category

First: TUFFEST Trophy bottle

2nd & 3rd Ribbons

Categories

- Short:
  - Male & Female
    - 18&Under
    - 19-29
    - 30-39
    - 40-49
    - 50-59
    - 60+
  - Tandem
- Medium:
  - Male & Female
    - 16-29
    - 30-39
    - 40-49
    - Fat Bike
    - Singlespeed
  - Tandem
- Long:
  - Male & Female
    - 16-18
    - 50-59
    - 60+
    - Fat Bike
    - Singlespeed
  - Tandem
- Adaptive:
  - Top 3 in category and acknowledging the support riders
  - Thanks to Access Mammoth

- Top 3 Overall Short, Medium, and Long Courses-
  Male, Female, Non-Binary
  - 1st place: Howitzer Shell Casing Trophy benefiting Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol Alumni Association
  - 2nd and 3rd place: Daniel De La Riva Prints
- The RUFF (Tuff Lanterne Rouge)
  - Last place finishers in each distance, Male&Female
- The BUFF (Beer Run Omnium)
  - Each distance Male&Female BUFF winners

Awards Ceremony & Raffle Sunday

Date

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Time

8:30-10:30AM

Awards

Tuffest in each Category, Top 3 Overall, RUFF, BUFF

Raffle Details

Join us for the biggest gravel raffle in North America!

Raffle prizes will continue to update on our raffle web page.

Raffle Tickets

Purchase on BikeReg:

1 for $10, 5 for $45, 10 for $85, 15 for $120, 20 for $155

A portion of the proceeds will be going to Mammoth Lakes Recreation, Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation, Mammoth Police Department Explorers Program, Bishop NICA High School Team, and Mammoth NICA High School Team.

Help us reach the donation goal of $1500 for MLR's Adopt-A-Trail program again!

FREE COFFEE

Come for the free coffee!

HOLLYWOOD RACKS

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Venue and Parking

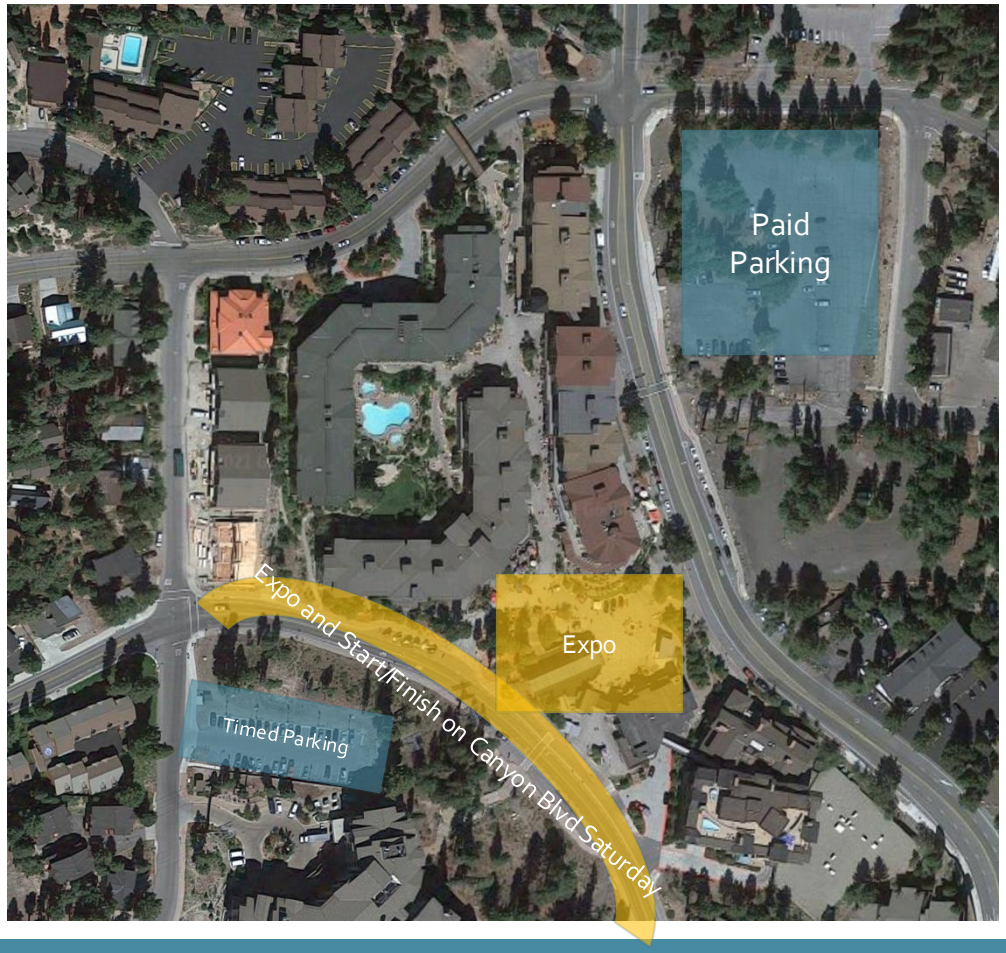
Parking:

There are various locations where parking is available at a cost or free for a limited time. Surrounding the Village at Mammoth there are timed parking spots across the street from The Westin Monache Resort on Canyon Boulevard, as well as on either side of Minaret Road.

There is also a parking lot across the street on the Minaret Road side of the Village at Mammoth. This specific parking area is a paid parking lot, where you can pay from an hour to whole days at a time. Prices may vary between holidays and events. Click here for current parking rates.

RIDE YOUR BIKE!

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is only four square miles, and we encourage you to ride your bike to get around.



Shakeout Rides

FOOTLOOSE FRIDAY FREE RIDES #YourAdventureBeginsHere

Join us on Friday, September 18 for the Shakeout Rides.

There will be three rides to choose from based on your ride preference. Choose your own Friday adventure, and they'll all start at Footloose.

1. **Flint Hills Gravel: No-Drop TUFF Shakeout Ride**
   - 11:00am
2. **TGIF x COROS: Mammoth TUFF Shakeout Ride**
   - 11:00am
3. **CTS: Mammoth TUFF Shakeout Ride**
   - 2pm

MAMMOTH BUFF – BEER MILE

Register for the 5th Annual Mammoth BUFF!

In honor of what once was Oktoberfest's Bier Run, we are hosting year four of the BUFF to keep the party going. Participate in the run AND the ride to be entered into the BUFF Category for Mammoth TUFF.
Scored as an Omnium on time.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Date

Friday, September 18, 2026

Time

3pm-4:30pm: Pick up bib at registration in The Village
(We will allow day-of registrations)

4:35PM: Race begins

Race Entry Fee

$30

All participants will get the three beers/water for the run, and a can of water to take home to rehydrate for the next day's adventure.

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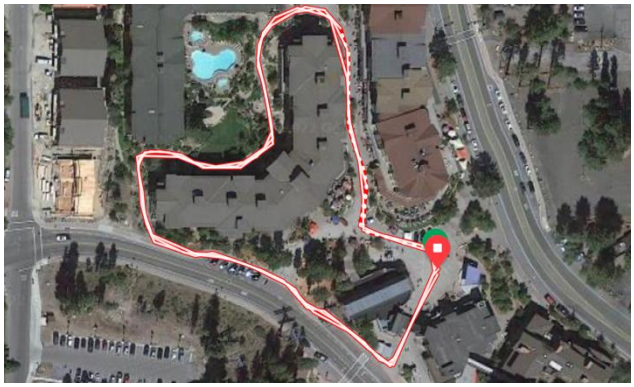
MAMMOTH BUFF



Distance

3 laps of Lincoln House building in the Village

Distance: 3 x 0.3 mile

Layout

Race brief @ 4:30pm, Women and Men race @ 4:35

Format

Back by popular demand are 12-oz beers and traditional format of:

Drink 12oz beer, Run 0.3mi, Drink 12oz beer, Run 0.3mi, Drink 12oz beer, Run 0.3mi, Finish!

You must run all three laps and drink 3x12oz beers to get a finishing time within 25minutes of the timing start. Beer brand Coors Light. You will be given a 4th beverage to take home.

Sober? No problem! We will have 12-oz sparkling water and/or NA Athletic Brewing cans available for you.

Awards

BUFFEST WOMAN & MAN

Finishing times will be calculated into the BUFF Category omnium for awards on Sunday, Sept 14th.

Food & Drink

- Each rider will receive one food and drink ticket each.
- Additional details about how and where you can redeem your tickets will be released in the RidewGPS Experience Portal.

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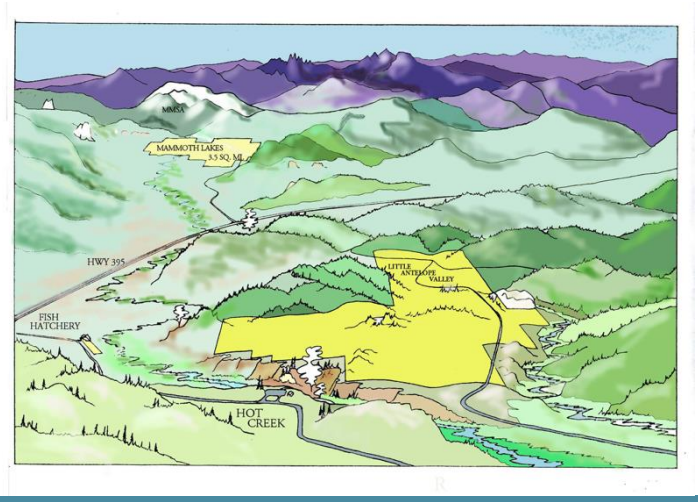
Protect Hot Creek Geologic Site

NO HOT CREEK MINE

Did you know the plan for an open pit, cyanide heap leach gold mine adjacent to Hot Creek Geologic Site is back on the table? The proposed area is directly affecting an area of gravel roads we have come to know and love near Hot Creek and Antelope Springs Road.

Exploratory drilling will happen unless we voice our concerns.
Please visit the NO HOT CREEK MINE website to take action with suggested contact info and donate to the cause.



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