

# Muleskinner

Gravel Classic

MAY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

LONE JACK, MO.



2026 Rider Guidebook

# Work Together Cycling Inc.

Work Together Cycling Inc. was founded to give young riders a real place to grow.

What started in 2018 as a simple “Kids on Gravel” ride through the Move Up Off-Road Racing Team quickly showed us something important—kids were hungry for more opportunities to ride, race, learn, and belong.

That early momentum grew into the Move Up Cycling Club Juniors Program, and in 2024, Work Together Cycling was created by Jason Chase and Kent Woermann to give that program a stronger foundation. Our goal was simple: build an organization dedicated to supporting the next generation of cyclists through mentorship, camaraderie, and competition.

Today, the program includes three 6 to 8 week seasons each year focused on road, mountain biking, and cyclocross. Every season includes structured practices led by professional coaches, experienced racers, volunteers, and parents who care deeply about helping young athletes develop both on and off the bike.

We believe youth cycling should be accessible, challenging, and fun. Racing is part of that, but so is learning how to work hard, handle setbacks, support teammates, and build confidence. The bike becomes a tool for much more than competition.

Events like the Muleskinner Gravel Classic help make all of this possible. Along with support from donors, sponsors, and volunteers, these efforts allow us to cover race entries, equipment, team resources, travel opportunities, and development for junior athletes across the region.

Every dollar raised goes directly back into the program.

Work Together Cycling is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and every donation helps create more opportunities for young riders to discover what the bike can do for them—not just as athletes, but as people.

# Partners



# Chamois Butt'r.



# Howdy Partner!



Within these pages ya'll will find all the race information your precious bike lovin' heart desires. We've put a lot of love into this event so you can focus on ridin' bikes and gettin' down at the post-race hootenanny. Remember, 100% of proceeds go towards the Move Up Junior Team. All those little whippersnappers sure do appreciate you showin' up to support their racing adventures!

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## **EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**

## **Nearest Medical Center**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Lee's Summit Medical Center</b>	816-282-5000	<a href="#">2100 SE Blue Pkwy, Lee's Summit, MO 64063</a>

## **Phone Directory**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Jason Chase</b>	334-379-7504	Race Director
<b>Kent Woermann</b>	816-301-2611	Assistant Race Director

For all inquiries before race day, please try calling the race director first. If things go catawampus and yer' unable to get through to our race director, the next step is to dial a ranch hand. On course calls should be directed to Ed Hett, who's number will be available on the back of your race plate.



# Waterin' Holes

**Main Venue**  
**(Registration, Start, Finish)**

**Muleskinner Training Facility**  
**[11508 S Hunt Rd, Lone Jack, MO 64070](#)**

**SAG - The Fords**  
**- Mile 14 (Short Course)**

**[2423 Texas Prairie Rd, Bates City, MO 64011](#)**

**SAG - Santa Fe Trail**  
**- Mile 22 (Long Course)**

**Pleasant Prairie Rd & Old Santa Fe**  
**<https://goo.gl/maps/Szp8A5cXw49DWtdz6>**

**SAG - Devils Backbone**  
**- Mile 35 (Long Course)**

**[Wellington-napoleon R-ix, MO](#)**

**SAG - Cumberland Wall**  
**- Mile 57 (Long Course)**

**[2295 Cumberland Rd, Bates City, MO 64011](#)**



# Your Day in the Saddle

TIME	FRIDAY, MAY 8th
5:00 PM	Packet pick-up Opens at PaPpo's Pizza in Lee's Summit
7:00 PM	Packet Pick-up Closes
TIME	SATURDAY, MAY 9th
6:00 AM	Registration @ Packet Pickup Opens at Main Venue
7:00 AM	Race day registration closes. Check-in remains open
8:00 AM	🚩 Race Start - 68 Mile Course
8:30 AM	🚩 Race Start - 33 Mile Course
11:00AM	PaPpo's Pizza is served!
6:00 PM	Last call, ya'll. Ya don't gotta stay here, but you don't gotta go either.

# RIDER RESPONSIBILITY & EVENT RULES

**EVENT SPONSORS, ORGANIZERS, PROMOTERS, STAFF, LANDOWNERS, VOLUNTEERS, AND ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EVENT ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY OR WELL-BEING. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOURSELF.**

We cannot stress this strongly enough.

Each participant is responsible for their own decisions, actions, equipment, fitness, and safety throughout the event. By participating, you acknowledge the risks involved with riding long distances on open roads, gravel surfaces, trails, and changing weather conditions. No responsibility can be accepted for participants becoming lost, stranded, injured, or worse.

## **OPEN COURSE / SELF-NAVIGATION**

Riders are strongly encouraged to download course files offline before arriving at the venue, as cellular service may be unreliable in some areas.

This event takes place on open public roads and trails that remain fully open to vehicle traffic, pedestrians, and other trail users. There are no closed roads, no protected intersections, no traffic control provided by event staff, and no course marshals directing riders through crossings.

The course will not be fully marked. Riders are responsible for navigating the route using the provided GPS files and event information. It is your responsibility to know the course and stay on route.

If you go off course, it is your responsibility to navigate back to the official route. Riders may rejoin the course at any point as long as they complete the full route under their own power.

Every rider must obey all city, county, and state laws, including stop signs, traffic signals, and right-of-way rules, regardless of pack size, race position, or competitive circumstances. Do not assume intersections are controlled or that approaching vehicles will yield.



Use extra caution at all road crossings, gravel-to-pavement transitions, descents, and high-speed sections. Riders are expected to make safe decisions at all times and to prioritize safety over competition.

No result, placing, or race outcome is worth risking your safety or the safety of others.

## **EVENT REQUIREMENTS**

Participants must wear a helmet at all times while operating their bicycles.

Be courteous and respectful to residents, volunteers, landowners, and fellow riders at all times.

Bring adequate food, hydration, flat repair supplies, and basic tools to support yourself for the duration of the event. Cellular service may not always be available, but we strongly recommend carrying a cell phone in a waterproof case to contact someone in an emergency.

Riders should be prepared to handle common mechanical issues including flat tires, chain problems, and basic repairs without outside assistance.

Friends and family supporting individual riders may drive to official SAG stations only and should avoid driving along the course whenever possible.

All riders must depart the Cumberland Wall SAG (mile 57) by 1:45 PM. This is based on a 10 mph minimum average pace and is required for rider safety and event operations.

Riders who miss this cutoff may be removed from official results and may be required to return to the venue by alternate means.



# Event Day Parking

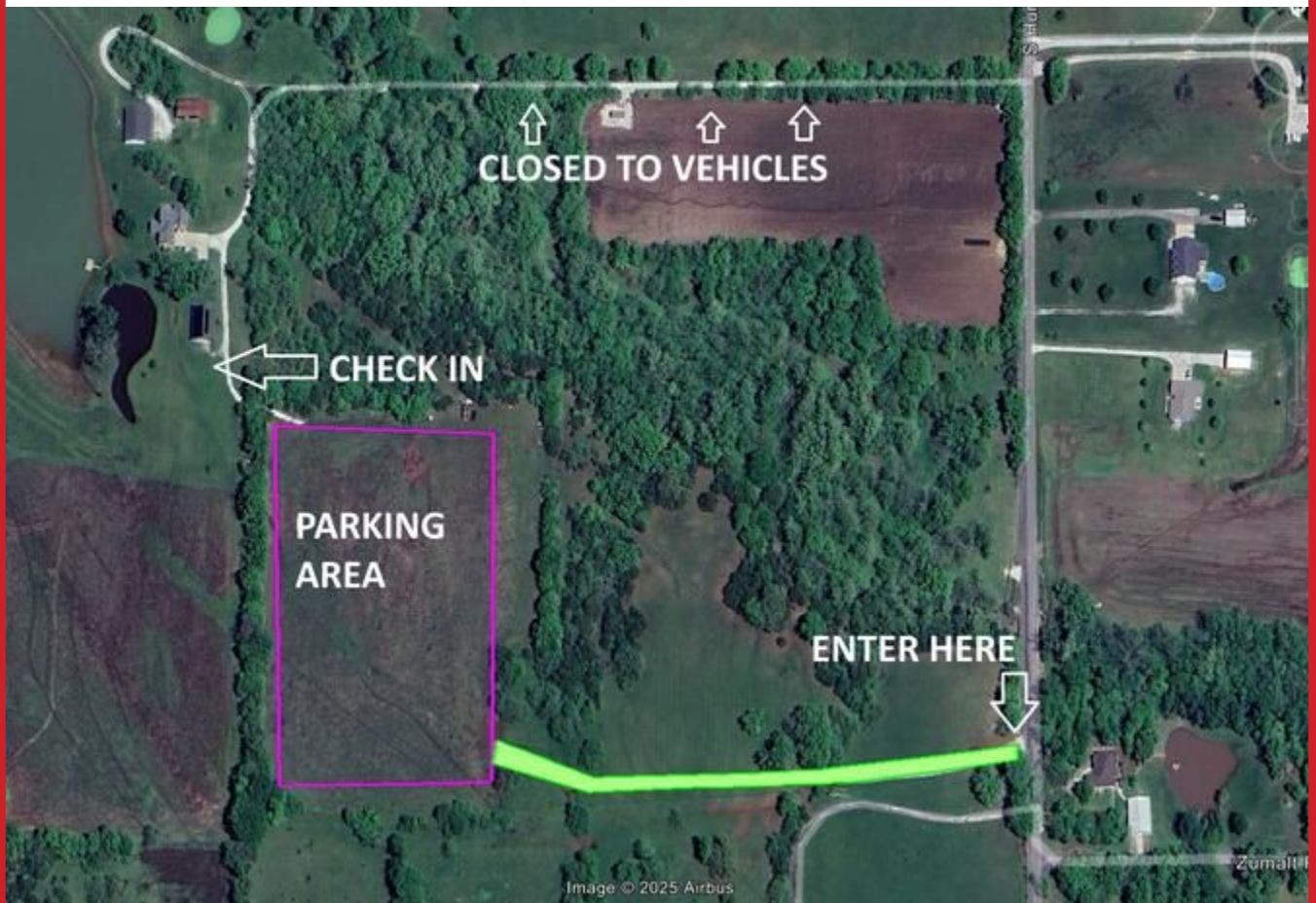


## Main Venue

(Registration, Start, Finish)

[11508 S Hunt Rd, Lone Jack, MO 64070](https://www.google.com/maps/place/11508+S+Hunt+Rd,+Lone+Jack,+MO+64070)

Below is a map of the parking area. Please feel free to park anywhere you like but keep in mind that there are a few ditches beyond where the grass is mowed. If you get your Mazda Miata stuck doing something silly, you'll probably have to wait a bit for us to pull you out. Also, the main driveway to the house is closed to ALL VEHICLE TRAFFIC. Only enter the property at the entrance clearly marked with big red Bike Stop feather banners.



# Race Number Plates



**Do not modify or bend your race number plate** or you will be disqualified and thrown in the pond. Race plates should be fixed to the front of your bike and clearly visible. We're using chip timing this year, and these chips will not register if they are bent or cut.



# What to Expect on Race Day



- The long course will begin at 8:00 AM, with staging starting at 7:45 AM. The short course will begin at 8:30 AM, with staging starting at 8:15 AM.
- Both the long and short courses begin with separate neutral roll-outs to Highway F. This is not the time for racing. The rollout will be controlled and intentionally paced to keep the group together and get everyone safely across Highway F with assistance from the sheriff's department.

We can only hold traffic for a limited time. If you leave the venue late or get significantly separated from the main group, you will need to cross Highway F as normal traffic and follow all traffic laws. This is the only assisted road crossing on course.

- If you have a medical emergency or immediate safety concern on course, call 911 first. Your safety comes before the race. After emergency services have been contacted, please call Ed Hett using the phone number printed on the back of your number plate. Ed is our SAG coordinator and first point of contact for all on-course issues. He will immediately relay information to a race director so we know what is happening and can assist where possible.

For non-emergency issues such as mechanical problems, exhaustion, or needing a ride back to the venue, please use the same number on the back of your number plate to contact Ed Hett. Please contact your personal SAG support first whenever possible, as event SAG resources are limited and we cannot guarantee immediate pickup for every situation. We will do our best to help coordinate assistance.

- If you cannot finish the event and are picked up by personal support, you must notify Ed or a race director so we know you are safely off course. Sweepers will be on course throughout the day, but riders should be prepared to be self-sufficient and make safe decisions at all times.
- Water will be available at all designated SAG stations, along with some snacks throughout the day. We will do our best to keep supplies stocked, but do not rely on aid stations alone for your fueling plan. Bring what you know works for you and plan accordingly for the distance you are riding.

- After finishing the event, free pizza from Pappo's Pizzeria will be waiting for you at the venue from 11AM to 3PM, along with free beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and water. Ramon from Trails and Tacos will also be serving tacos. Tacos are self-pay and not included with registration. Ramon accepts Venmo, PayPal, and cash.

- We welcome you to stay after your ride and help us celebrate all of the finishers. We plan to complete podiums for each category within one hour of the third-place finisher crossing the line. We appreciate your patience as we work through results and awards. Our goal is to make the day enjoyable for everyone and properly recognize each podium finisher.

- \$1,000 is on the line at Muleskinner for those who like to race up front.

\$500 prize purse for the Open 68-mile race

\$500 prize purse for the Women's Open 68-mile race

Top 3 in each category get paid

\$250 / \$150 / \$100 per field.

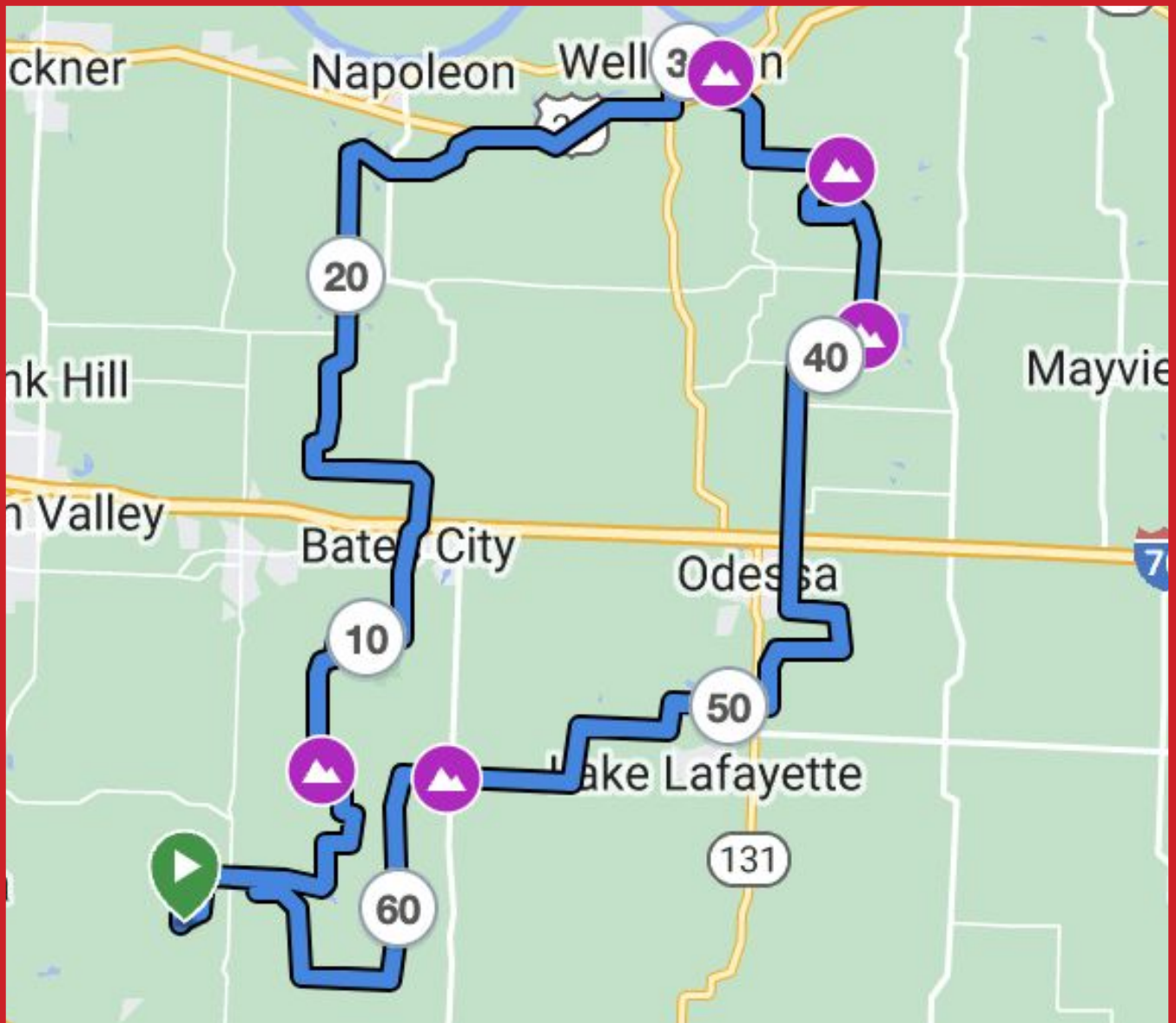
Huge thanks to Wineteer Construction and Bike Stop for making this possible. This prize purse is funded entirely through sponsor support, not registration fees.

Muleskinner Gravel Classic is still, and always will be, a fundraiser for the junior program through Work Together Cycling Inc.

*If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're here to help and create an awesome gravel experience for you to enjoy!*



# 68 Mile - Long Course



## Overview

Distance: 67.96 Miles

Elevation Gain: 4551 ft

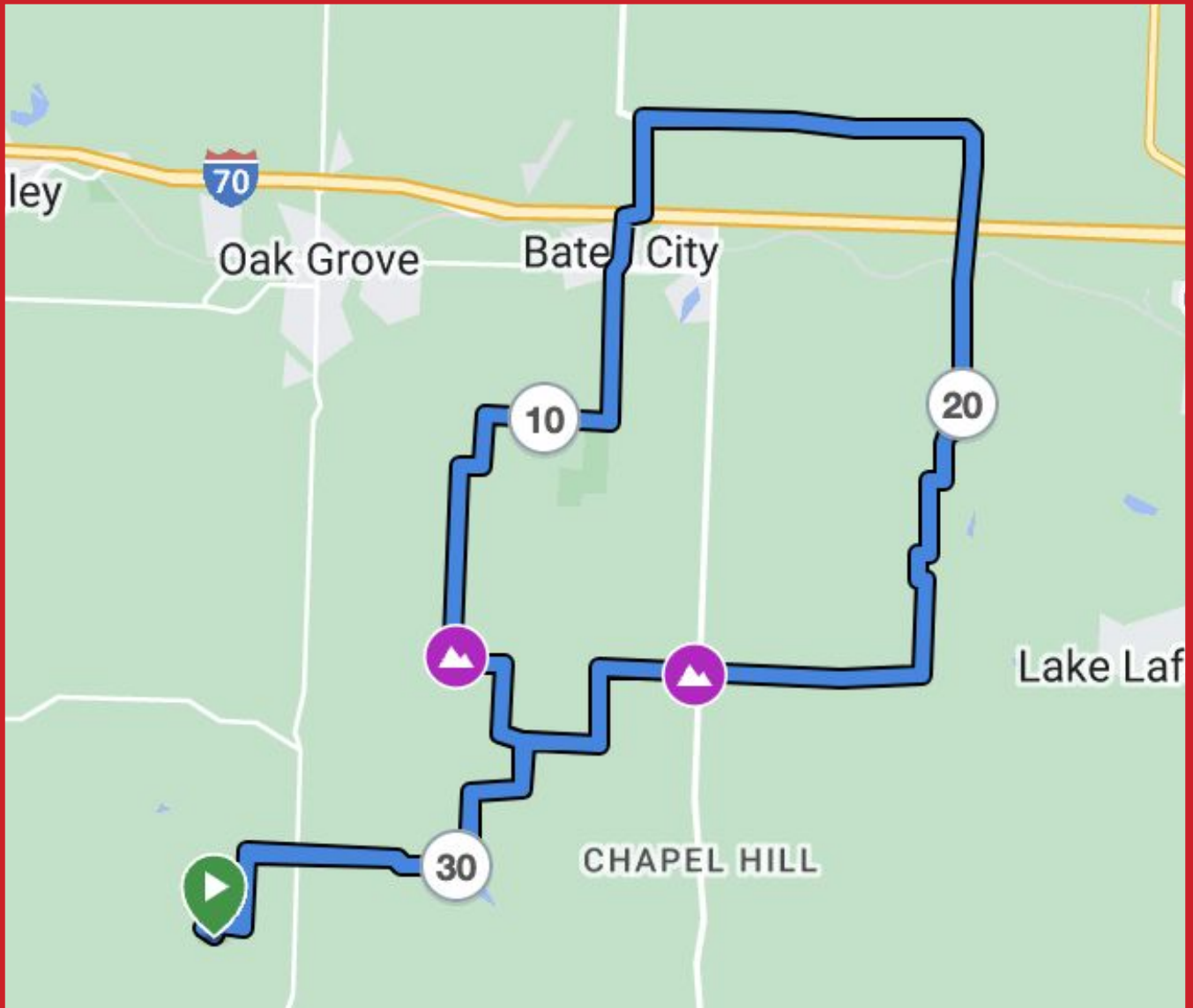
### SAG Locations

- SAG 1 - Santa Fe Trail (Mile 22)
- SAG 2 - Devils Backbone (Mile 35)
- SAG 3 - Cumberland Wall (Mile 57)

## Course File

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/36769642>

# 34 Mile - Short Course



## Overview

Distance: 34 Miles

Elevation Gain: 2244 ft

SAG Locations

- The Fords (Mile 14)

## Course File

<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/38998344>

# Intersections of Note



**The following are a few intersections and crossings we felt deserved a little extra attention based on traffic speed, visibility, or how riders tend to approach them during the event.**

**This is not a complete list, and every intersection on course should be treated with the same level of caution and respect. The course is fully open to traffic and all laws must be followed at all times.**

**We simply wanted to provide a few extra visual references for spots that could catch riders off guard on race day.**

# Intersections of Note



## Turn on to Old Hwy 40: Mile 12.8 (Long and Short)

Be sure to yield to traffic from the left on Old Hwy 40 **AS WELL AS** high speed traffic exiting from Hwy 70.

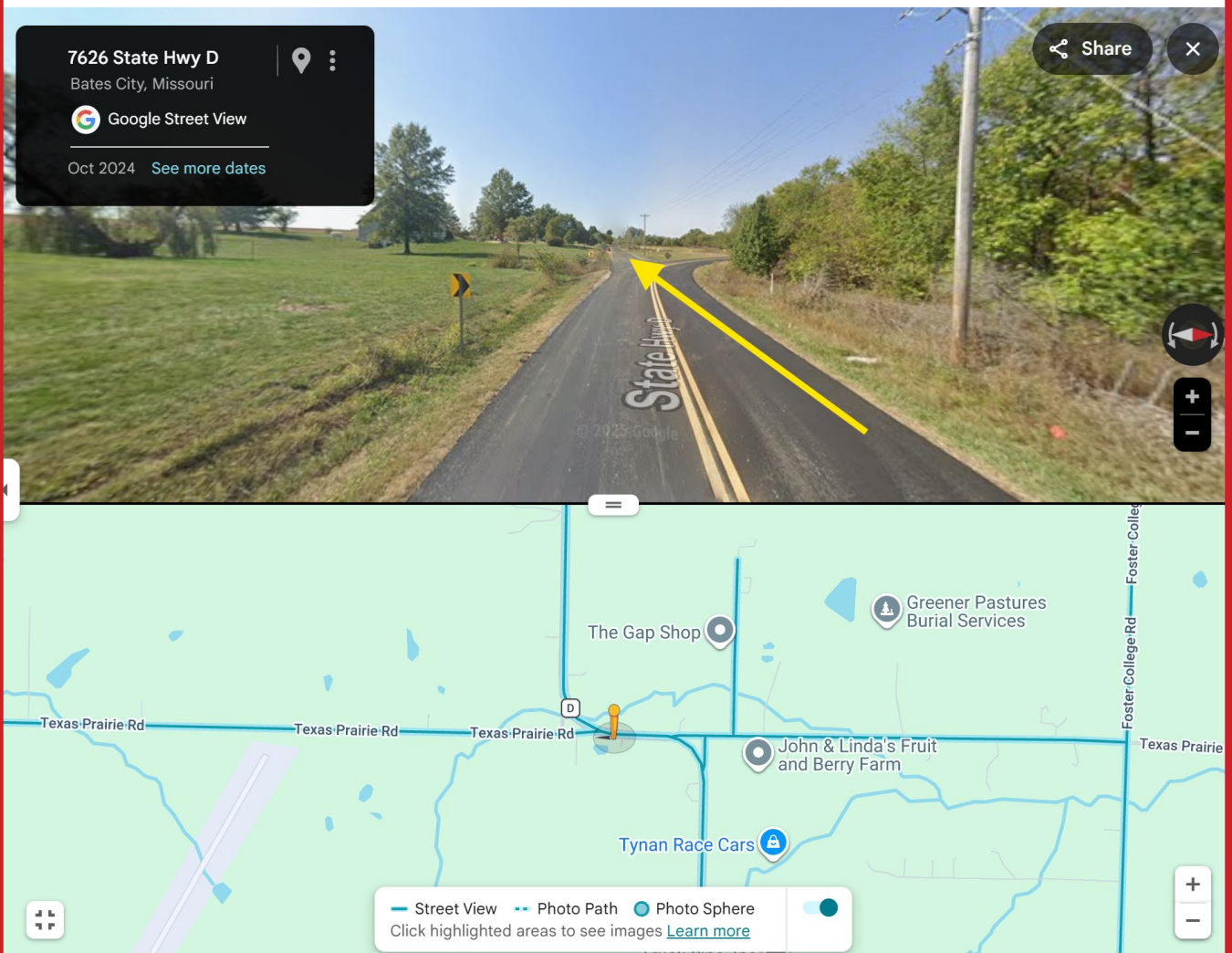


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## Turn onto Texas Prairie: Mile 14.1 (Long)

Use extreme caution for oncoming traffic on the highway when veering left onto Texas Prairie Rd.



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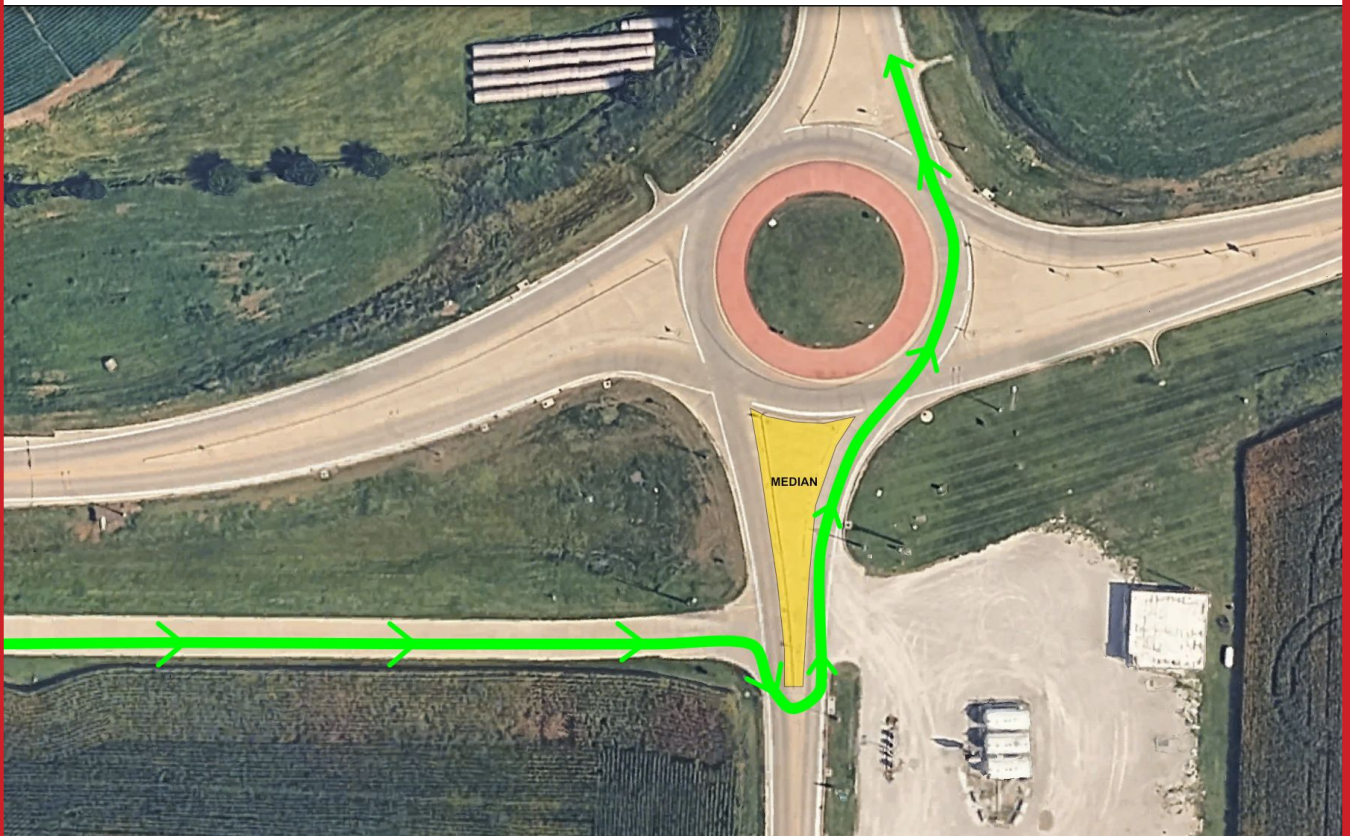


## Turn onto 131: Mile 28.8 (Long)

**No direct left turn.**

Turn right (south) before the median, make a controlled U-turn, then enter the roundabout to proceed north on 131.

Do not enter oncoming traffic or cross the median. Bunny hopping the median is illegal and creates a serious safety risk for you and other riders.

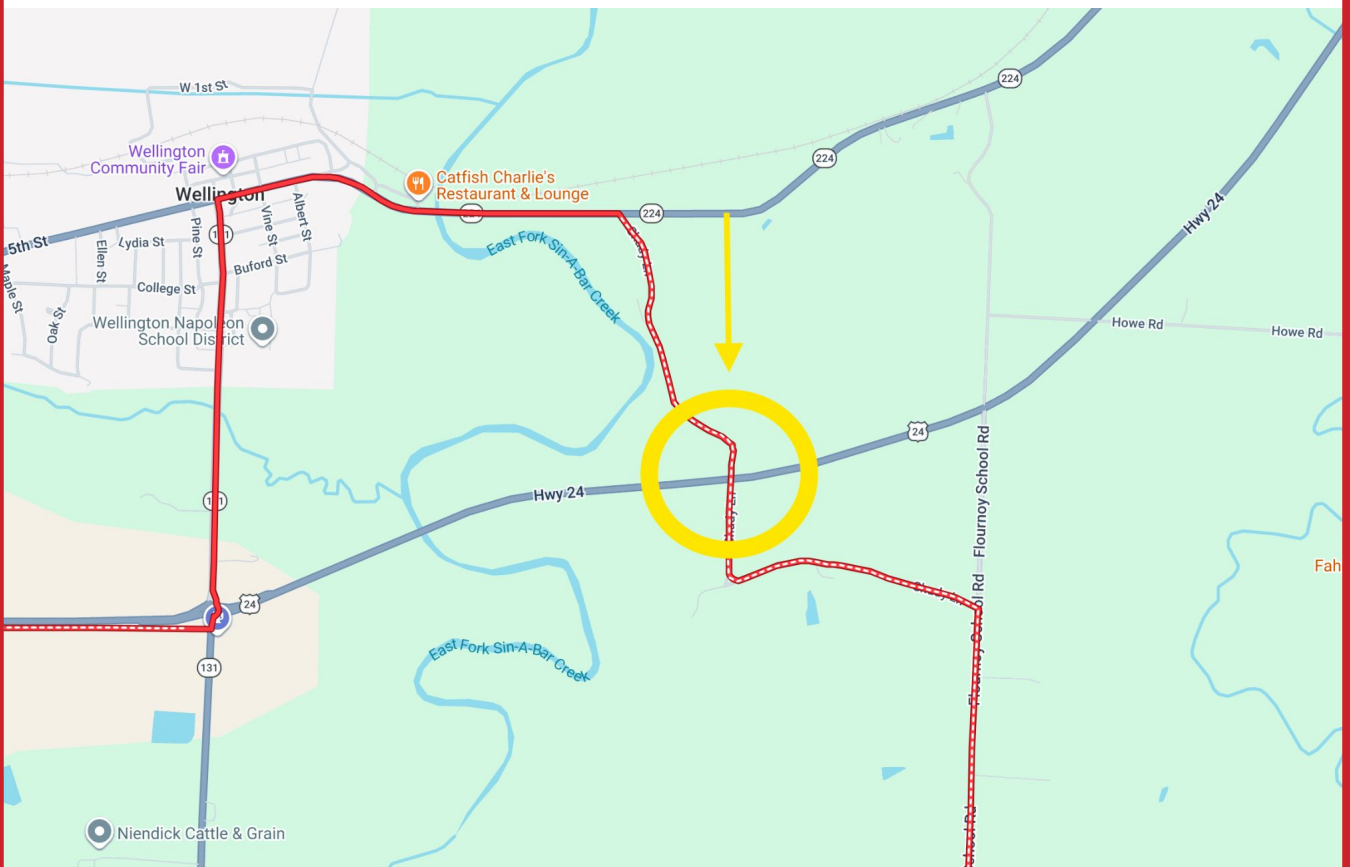


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## Crossing Hwy 24: Mile 31.0 Long Course

High speed traffic on Hwy 24. Be sure to come to a complete stop before crossing.



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## Crossing Hwy Z: Mile 56.5 (Long) 25.4 (Short)

High speed traffic and short sight lines on Hwy Z. Come to a complete stop before crossing.



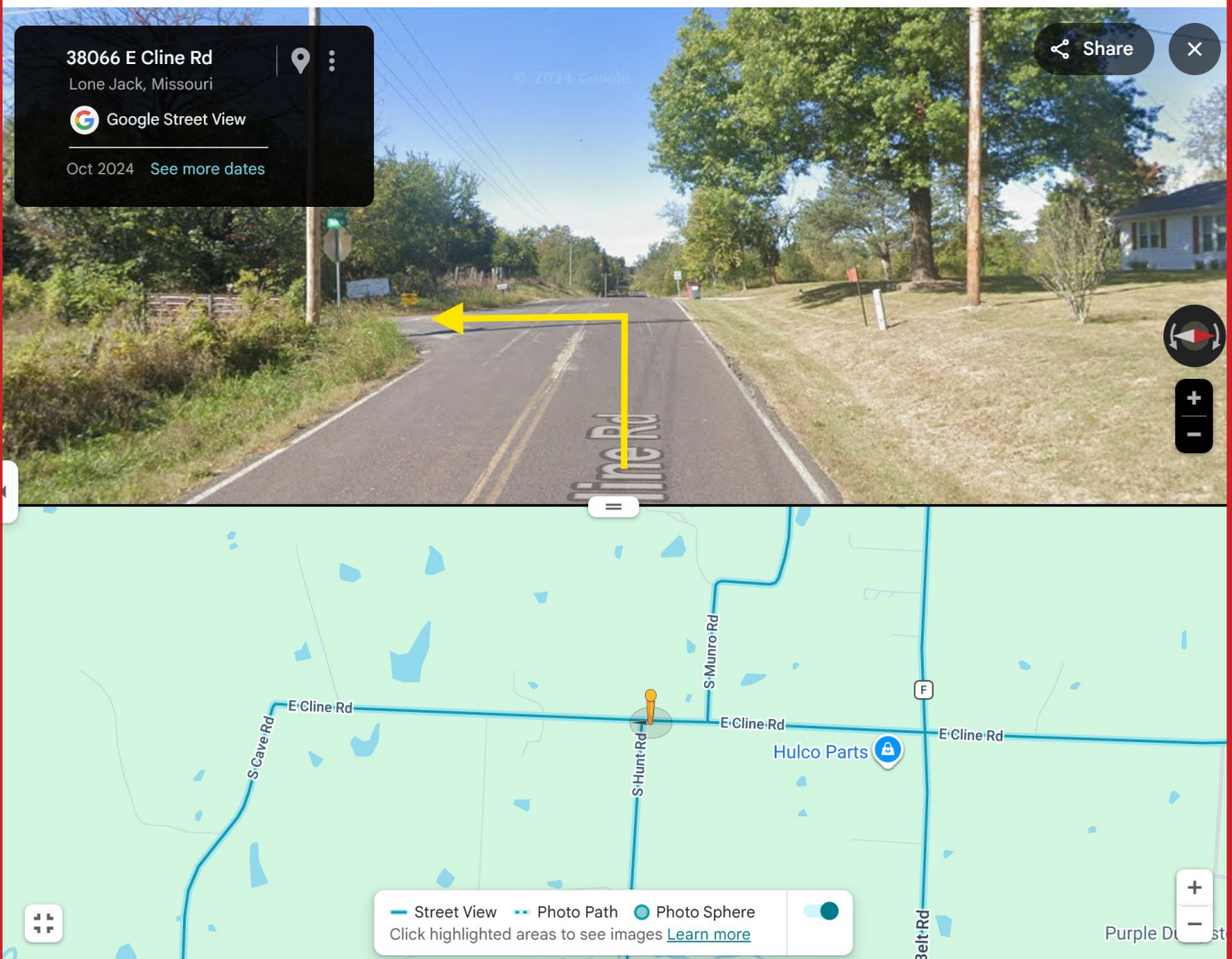
# Intersections of Note



Turn onto Hunt Rd.

Mile: 66.6 (Long) 32.5 (Short)

Do not cut this corner short. Be sure to visually clear the back side of the hill before turning left.



# Intersections of Note



## Race Finish: Mile 67.4 (Long) 33.3 (Short)

Right turn to race finish. This is NOT the same entrance as the one to parking!

