



WILD GRAVEL

5 October 2024



Event Guide

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Welcome Message from the Shire of Gnowangerup

Welcome participants, spectators, event organisers, and volunteers to our inaugural event Wild Gravel.

It is with great pleasure that the Shire of Gnowangerup hosts this event. We warmly welcome all participants and are thrilled to showcase the unique beauty and spirit of the Stirling Ranges.

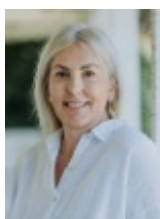
We are especially fortunate to have the wildflowers in full bloom, adding a vibrant touch to our stunning landscape. This natural splendour, combined with the excitement of Wild Gravel, makes this event truly special.

Supporting dynamic community events like Wild Gravel and fostering greater community engagement are core values of our Shire. This event not only boosts tourism but also brings together our geographically diverse community.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the Wild Gravel Local Organising Committee for their tireless efforts in making the 2024 event a reality. Their collaboration with property owners, the local community, and cycling enthusiasts has been instrumental in bringing this event to life.

At this time of year, the Stirling Ranges are at their most magnificent, a testament to the hard work and dedication of those who cultivate this land. These fields provide more than just a stunning visual experience; they are a vital part of the Western Australian economy, contributing significantly to the region's prosperity. As you navigate the course, we invite you to take a moment to soak in the breathtaking beauty of the landscape, a true testament to the natural splendour that defines our area.

We wish everyone the best of luck in today's event. Participate safely and savour the experience of traversing our beautiful Stirling Ranges. We look forward to seeing each of you cross the finish line.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kate O'Keefe'.

Kate O'Keefe
Shire President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David Nicholson'.

David Nicholson
Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to Wild Gravel

For all event details and the latest news and announcements, visit wildgravel.com.au

For any enquiries regarding the event, email wildgravel@gnowangerup.wa.gov.au

For any **urgent** enquiries from Thursday 3 October to Saturday 5 October, **please call the event phone on 0439 644 768. Please save this number to your phone now.**

Event Participants Sign-on / Number Pickup

All event participants will receive an event number to attach to their shirt (runners) or bike (riders). Event numbers can be picked up from Albany, Gnowangerup, or the Event Village on event day. Note that the Event Village pickup is a backup option, so please endeavour to pickup beforehand. Details of the pickup sessions are on the Event Schedule.

Note that riders under 18 years of age must also hand in their signed permission form to receive event numbers.



Key Locations

The map below shows list of key locations for the event, including locations to obtain food and fuel. **To view this map online click [here](#).**



Note the following when in the area:

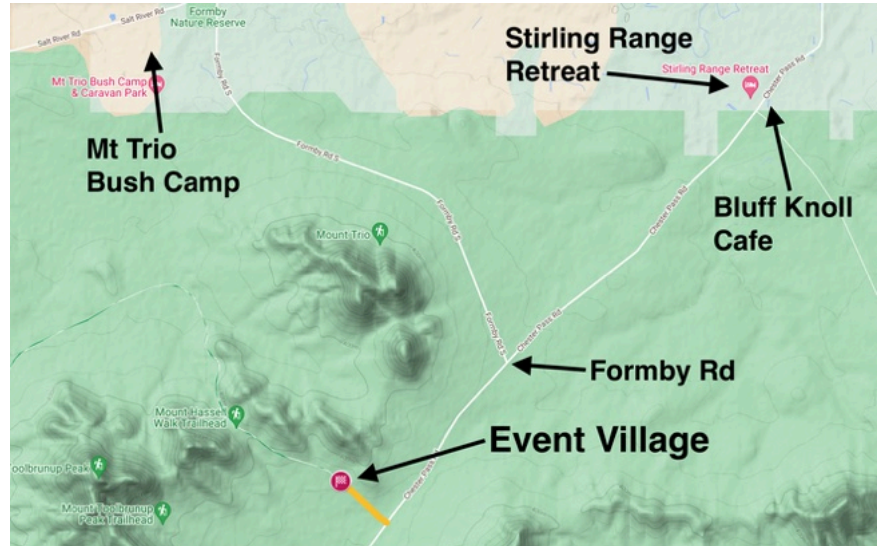
- Phone coverage can be extremely limited. Check your phone company's network before you leave home. *Hint: only Telstra provides close to adequate coverage in the Gnowangerup and Stirling Range areas.*
- Here are links to Telstra, Optus and Vodafone network coverage maps:
 - [Telstra](#)
 - [Optus](#)
 - [Vodafone](#)
- Please consider that you may need to bring cash along to pay for any items as electronic payment systems are not always available in the area
- Consider driving distances and distance between fuel stops. the closest available fuel to the event village is [Amelup Service Station](#) (approximately 20km from the Start/Finish area)
- Plan ahead with food and drink (particularly water) as options for purchase are limited in the area, especially after hours

Course Location & Event Bus

The Course Start/Finish area incorporating the Event Village is located approximately 1km west of the intersection of Chester Pass Rd and Stirling Range Drive. It can only be accessed on foot or by bike, and will be open on event day from 7am until 4pm.

Please allow enough time to park, then walk/ride to the event village before your event briefing.

Note that Stirling Range Drive is closed in it's entirety for the event, hence there can be no spectating on course outside of the designated spectating area adjacent to the Start/Finish line.



Special Free Bus Service

A special free bus service has been arranged for the day catering to runners and spectators who wish to visit the event village. As there is limited parking on Stirling Range Drive **we encourage runners and spectators to utilise this service** which is run from Mt Trio Bushcamp & Caravan Park and Bluff Knoll Picnic area carpark (please do not park in Bluff Knoll Cafe carpark). Please ensure you allow enough time to walk the approximately 1km from the bus dropoff area to the event village. See bus times below.

To Event Village		
Mt Trio Bushcamp	Bluff Knoll Picnic Area Carpark	Event Village
6:30		7:00
		7:15
		7:40
		7:55
		9:40
		9:55
		10:30
		10:45

From Event Village		
Event Village	Bluff Knoll Picnic Area Carpark	Mt Trio Bushcamp
7:20		7:35
9:15		9:30
10:00		10:15
11:15		11:30
		12:00

The Shire has received special permission by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to host the event in the National Park, **hence we are required to keep this pristine environment as we found it. Please ensure that no litter is dropped in the national park.**

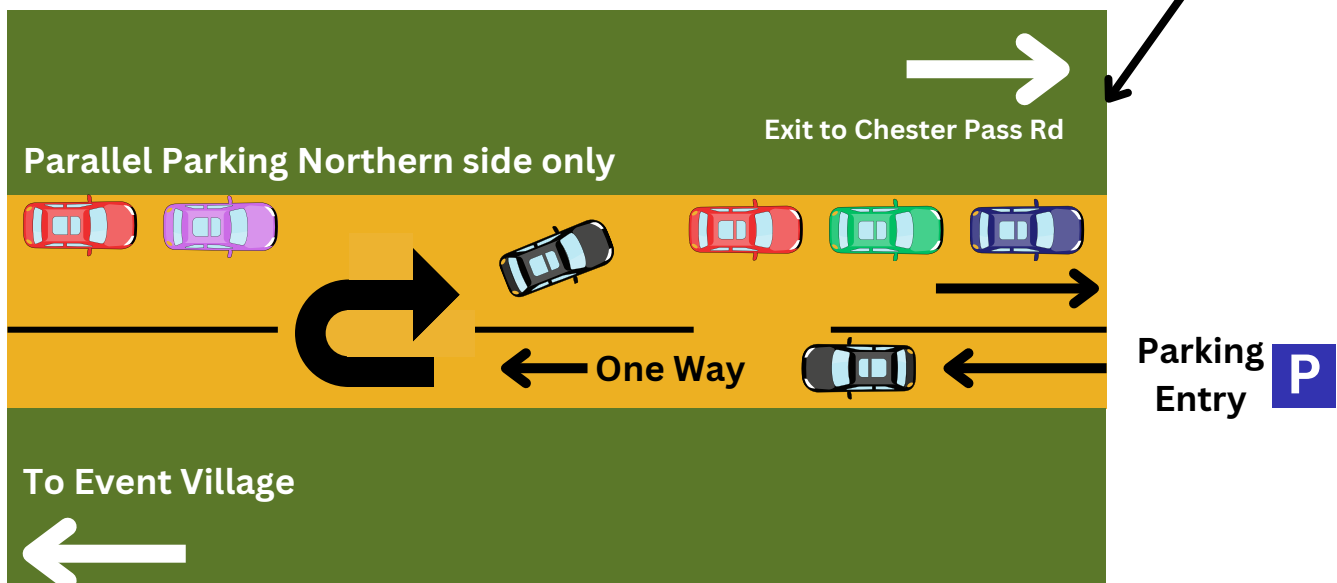
Event Parking

An event parking area will be setup at the entrance to Stirling Range Drive (east), and drivers will be under the direction of Parking Managers. The entrance is approximately 4km south of Formby Road South, and 11km south of Bluff Knoll Cafe.

Chester Pass Road will be under traffic management with the speed limit dropped to 60kmh during the event, but we ask that extra care is taken when entering and exiting the event area, and that participants avoid parking and riding along this road.

We ask visitors to always keep to marked roads and parking areas.

Note that parking may be limited (and congested) at certain times of the day, and where possible, we ask participants to carpool to reduce the number of vehicles parking at the event, and arrive early to avoid issues.



Event Village

The Event Village is located approximately 1km west of the intersection of Chester Pass Rd and Stirling Range Drive, immediately to the east of the Start/Finish Line.

At the Event village you will find the following services:

Item	Description
Event HQ	Last minute event check-ins plus any other event related questions.
St John First Aid	The fully qualified first aiders from St John's will be on hand to deal with any medical issues that may arise
SES	The wonderful volunteers at the State Emergency Services tent will be in attendance to assist with communications, come and have a chat!
Commentator	You'll be informed and entertained by the knowledgeable (and colourful) Erik Mellegers
Food Van	A chance to buy coffee, snacks and drinks
Merch Tent	An opportunity to buy Wild Gravel merch - bring your cash!
Impulse Cycles	Bike Mechanic for last minute bike fixes/tune-ups
Drinks	Visit the Wild Gravel water station to fill up and rehydrate after your event
Shade Tent	A place to sit and chill before and after your event
Water Station	Last minute top-ups before your event, and rehydrate afterwards!
Afgri Equipment	Pop down and see our Gold Sponsors!
Sponsors & Supporters	Get to know our wonderful sponsors and supporters!
Toilets	Portable and accessible toilets available on site

Rider Bag Drop

For Kany 125 and Koodjal 80 riders wishing to have a bag transported to the Central Lookout Pitstop, please drop the bag at the Event HQ marquee, **clearly marked with your event number & name at least 30 minutes** prior to your event commencement.

Event Week Program

Day	Time	Item	Location
Wednesday	11:59pm	Entries close	-
Thursday	4:00pm - 6:00pm	Pack Pick-up Albany	Impulse Cycles, Albany
Friday	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Pack Pick-up Gnowangerup	28 Yougenup Rd, Gnowangerup
Saturday	7:00am	Event Village Opens	Stirling Range Drive, corner of Chester Pass Rd
Saturday	8:00am	First event distance commences	Stirling Range Drive, near corner of Chester Pass Rd
Saturday	4:00pm-7:00pm	After Party	Mt Trio Bush Camp & Caravan Park



Event Schedule - Saturday 5 October

Time	Item
07:00	Event Village Opens
07:45	125km Kany Ride - Ride Briefing & Welcome to Country
08:00	125km Kany Ride commences
08:05	21km Maar, 12km Maar-Kany, 5km Maar-Koodjal - Run Briefing
08:15	21km Maar Run commences
08:15	12km Maar-Kany Run commences
08:15	5km Maar-Koodjal Run commences
10:50	80km Koodjal, 50km Dambart, 21km Koodjal-Koodjal - Ride briefing & Welcome to Country
11:00	80km Koodjal Ride commences
11:05	50km Dambart Ride commences
11:10	21km Koodjal-Koodjal Ride commences
16:00	Last rider on course
16:00-19:00	After Party - Mt Trio Bush Camp & Caravan Park



Notice:

Dogs are not allowed in national parks in Western Australia. Bringing your dog into Stirling Range National Park could be fatal due to 1080 poison baiting in the area.

Sponsors

A brand new event like Wild Gravel requires an immense amount of support to get off the ground. We would like to thank the following organisations for their generous support in this our inaugural year.

FOUNDATION SPONSORS



Department of
Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries



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Event Routes

125km Kany Gravel Ride

Start: 08:00

Finish by: 16:00

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Profile



2181m



[GPX File - click here](#)

Pitstops

Great Southern Treasures Central Lookout Pitstop - 22km & 102km

Red Gum Pass South Pitstop - 52km

Western Lookout Pitstop - 88km



Event Routes

80km Koodjal Gravel Ride

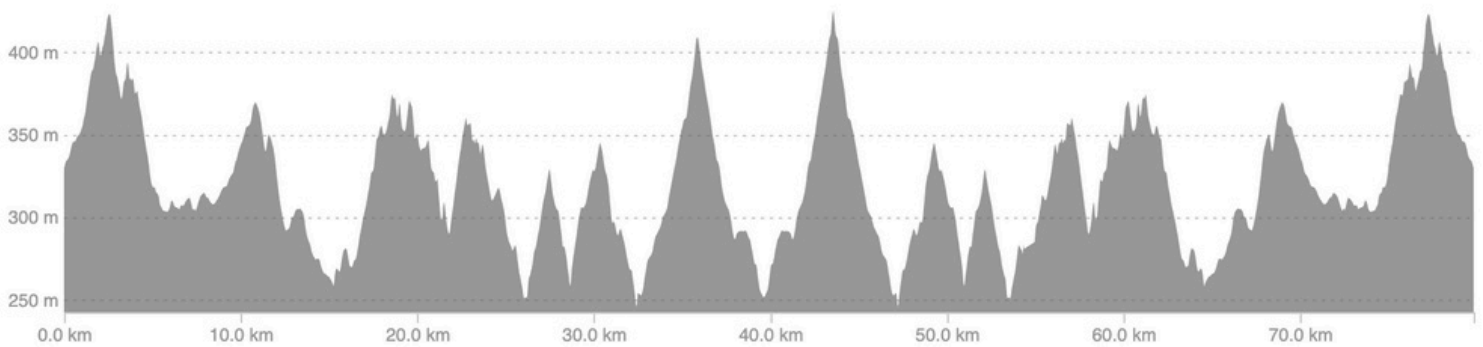
Start: 11:00
Finish by: 16:00

[Map - click to view](#)



Profile

 1752m



[GPX File - click here](#)

Pitstops

Great Southern Treasures Central Lookout Pitstop - 22km & 57km

Western Lookout Pitstop - 44km



Event Routes

50km Dambart Gravel Ride

Start: 11:05

Finish by: 15:05

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Profile

 1029m



[GPX File - click here](#)

Pitstops

Great Southern Treasures Central Lookout Pitstop - 22km



Event Routes

21km Koodjal-Koodjal Gravel Ride

Start: 11:05

Finish by: 13:05

[Map - click to view](#)



Profile

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[GPX File - click here](#)

Pitstops

21km turnaround water station - 10.5km



Event Routes

21.1km Maar Half Marathon Gravel Run

Start: 08:15

Finish by: 11:00

[Map - click to view](#)



Profile

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[GPX File - click here](#)

Pitstops

5km turnaround water station - 2.5km & 18.5km

12km turnaround water station - 6km & 15km

21km turnaround water station - 10.5km



Event Routes

12km Maar-Kany Gravel Run

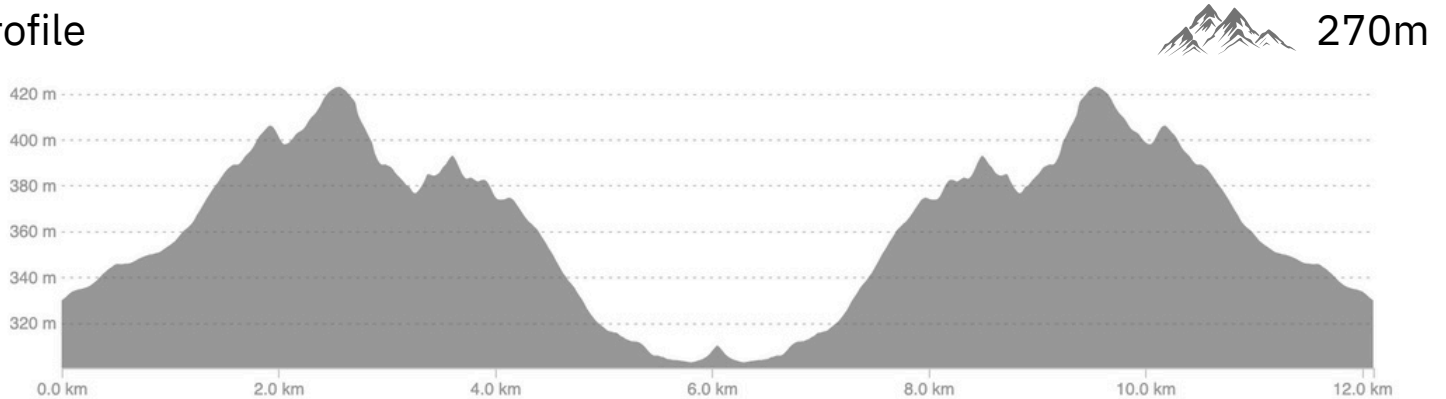
[Map - click to view](#)

Start: 08:15

Finish by: 10:15



Profile



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Pitstops

5km turnaround water station - 2.5km & 9.5km

12km turnaround water station - 6km



Event Routes

5km Maar-Koodjal Gravel Run

[Map - click to view](#)

Start: 08:15

Finish by: 9:15



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Pitstops

5km turnaround water station - 2.5km



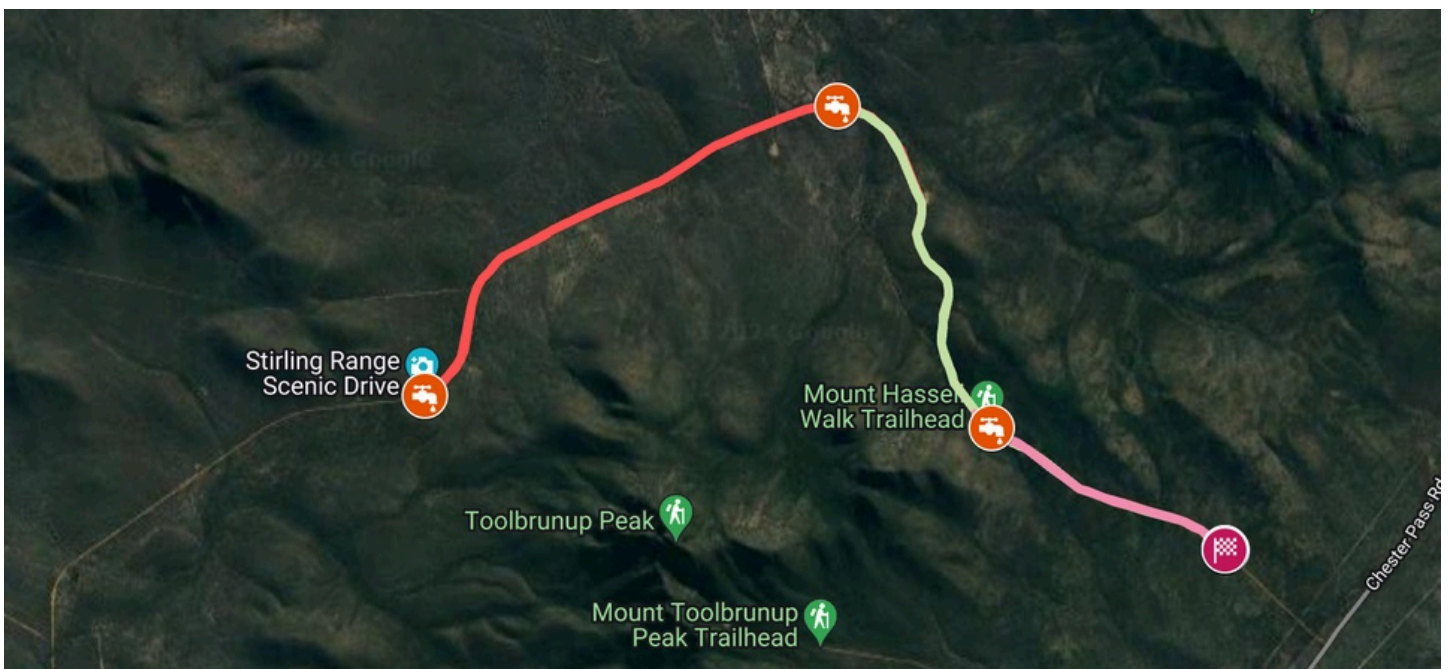
50, 80, 125km Gravel Ride Pitstops

Name	Location* (*relative to Start/Finish)	Utilised by Events	Items Available
Great Southern Treasures Central Lookout Pitstop	22.5km	Kany 125km Ride (22 & 102km) Koodjal 80km Ride (22 & 57km) Dambart 50km Ride (22km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets • Water + Electrolyte • Nutrition (bananas, lolly snakes, baked goods) • We Are Feel Good Inc. Sunscreen • First Aid Kit • Basic Bike toolkit • Pump • Bag Drop - Pickup
Cycliq Western Lookout Pitstop	36km	Kany 125km Ride Koodjal 80km Ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets • Water + Electrolyte • Nutrition (bananas, lolly snakes, baked goods) • We Are Feel Good Inc. Sunscreen • First Aid Kit • Basic Bike toolkit • Pump
Red Gum South Pitstop	51.5km	Kany 125km Ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets • Water + Electrolyte • Nutrition (bananas, lolly snakes, baked goods) • We Are Feel Good Inc. Sunscreen • First Aid Kit • Basic Bike toolkit • Pump



5, 12, 21km Gravel Run/Ride Pitstops

Name	Location* (*relative to Start/Finish)	Utilised by Events	Items Available
2.5km Pitstop	2.5km	Maar-Koodjal 5km Run Maar-Kany 12km Run (2.5 & 9.5km) Maar Half Marathon Run (18.5km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water • First Aid Kit
6km Pitstop	6km	Maar-Kany 12km Run Maar Half Marathon Run (6 & 15km)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets • Water + Electrolyte • We Are Feel Good Inc. Sunscreen • First Aid Kit
10.55km Pitstop	10.55km	Maar Half Marathon Run Koodjal-Koodjal 21km Ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets • Water + Electrolyte • Nutrition (bananas, lolly snakes, baked goods) • We Are Feel Good Inc. Sunscreen • First Aid Kit








Event Merchandise for Sale

Get your hands on the inaugural Wild Gravel event merch! Imagine the kudos you'll receive in future years when you are seen wearing *the OG* Wild Gravel merch!

Come to the merch tent at the Event Village on event day, or merch will also be available at the event pickup sessions in Albany and Gnowangerup. Stocks are VERY limited, don't miss out!

Merch sales will also be available at Event Pack Pickup events in Albany and Gnowangerup, as well as the Event Village on the day - don't forget to bring your cash!

	<p>The Wild Gravel Pedalare jersey</p>	<p>\$119</p>
	<p>The Wild Gravel casual t-shirt</p>	<p>\$40</p>
	<p>The Wild Gravel Running shirt</p>	<p>\$40</p>
	<p>The Wild Gravel Hoodie</p>	<p>\$60</p>
	<p>The Wild Gravel trucker cap</p>	<p>\$30</p>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: How does the Run+Ride work?

A: When you enter the Run+Ride, you are essentially entering two separate events. The start times of the two events will be the same as individual run and ride events. You will receive a number for the run (to pin on your shirt) and a separate number for the ride (to pin on your bike). When the times are published, you'll receive individual times for each of the two events, plus a combined time for the two events.

Q: What sort of bike am I allowed to ride?

A: Essentially you may ride any road-legal bicycle (or even tricycle!), including e-bikes. We do not recommend road bikes with tyres under 32mm wide as these will be difficult to control on gravel surfaces.

Q: How much pressure should I have in my tyres to ride gravel?

A: This will depend on many factors including tyre width, rider weight and personal preference. As a starting point have a look at this [Silca Tyre Pressure calculator](#). You may also get your bike checked at the Impulse Cycles marquee on event day.

Q: What happens if I have a problem with my bike while out on course?

A: Firstly, we recommend that all riders bikes have had a recent bike service to ensure their bike is in its best condition for the event. We also recommend participants should take tools and spares to fix any foreseeable minor issue (eg flat tyre, loose bolt etc.). If a problem occurs that requires assistance, however, we have on course motorbike riders with an assortment of spares. If this does not suffice, we have vehicles on course that can transport you to the nearest pitstop to receive further assistance. If the problems cannot be fixed we can transport you back to the finish with your bike.

Q: Where will I find out my official time?

A: Timing results will be published on the wildgravel.com.au website within 48 hours of the event completion.

Q: Are there any event rules?

A: Yes, there are rules of participation that can be viewed [here](#).

Q: How is timing calculated?

A: Participant numbers, be they ride or run numbers, have a timing chip in them. When you cross the timing mats at the start/finish area (as well as other timing points on course) these will capture the exact moment you were at that point. These timing points will be used to calculate your event elapsed time. Note that it is important you don't cross these mats more than once (or twice in the case of the start/finish) to avoid creating calculation errors.

Q: Where do the names Kany, Koodjal, Dambart etc. come from?

A: These names are simply "one", "two", "three", etc. in the local Noongar language. From one to ten, the translation is as follows: Kany=One, Koodjal=Two, Dambart=Three, Koodjal-Koodjal=Four, Maar=Five, Maar-Kany=Six, Maar-Koodjal=Seven, Maar-Dambart=Eight, Maar-Koodjal-Koodjal=Nine and Maar-Maar=Ten.



MT TRIO
BUSH CAMP & CARAVAN PARK

The After Party!

When you cross the finish line on October 5, the fun is not over... it's just beginning!

**Mt Trio Bushcamp &
Caravan Park**

**Saturday October 5
3-7pm**

4850 Salt River Rd, Stirling Range National Park

**Open to all family &
friends of Wild Gravel!**

What to expect?

- Food van
- Live music
- Bonfire under the stars
- Wine tasting
- Great times!

FREE!

Wild Gravel Entry Draw

Warperup Creek Wind Farm have partnered with Impulse cycles to donate two amazing prizes for entrants into Wild Gravel.

All Wild Gravel entrants go into the draw to win either the running or cycling prizes below, kindly donated by Vestas's Warperup Creek Wind Farm.

Runners

GarminForerunner® 965

Carbon Grey DLC Titanium Bezel with Black Case and Amp
Yellow/Black Silicone Band

RRP \$999



Cyclists



FOX 32 FACTORY TaperCast - GRIP SL

Gravel suspension fork
700c Wheel Size / Black

RRP \$1599

Run+Ride entrants go into both draws!





Event Safety

Safety is an extremely important component of Wild Gravel, hence we ask you to read, understand and adhere to the items on this page to ensure everybody has a safe and enjoyable event.

Travel to and from the Event

Please be conscious of driving fatigued, take regular breaks, and where possible, share driving duties and drive in daylight hours. Particularly around the national park area there will be wildlife such as kangaroos and emus, so please drive at speeds appropriate to the conditions and take care.

Please check the weather forecast before the event. As with any mountain environment, weather conditions can vary, as well as change quickly. Please bring adequate clothing that will provide protection against a variety of weather conditions, hot or cold.

Event Day

On Event Day, Stirling Range Drive will be closed to vehicles (except for designated parking areas). Event volunteers will direct you as you arrive to park. Please be extra careful on Chester Pass Road, as it is a heavy vehicle route. We encourage you to car pool to minimise the number of vehicles at the event village area.



Whilst participating in your event, be aware that there are many others on course, moving at different speeds, with different levels of experience. Please always be respectful, give each other space and warn others as you approach. When approaching your turnaround point, **check behind before turning!**

Wherever possible, keep as far to the left as is practical, and watch for oncoming riders, runners or vehicles, particularly as you approach the crest of hills.

As you approach the finish area, be prepared to stop shortly after the finish line, as there may be others finishing in front of you that have come to a halt quickly.

On Course Support

Support on course will include motorbikes (carrying bike spares), pitstops supplying water and food, and a Sag Wagon (if you decide not to continue).

Although we provide food and water on course, we expect participants to carry a reasonable amount of food/water/bike spares in order to be mostly self sufficient.



Please follow and obey the instructions of course marshalls, they are there for your safety. If you retire from the event please ensure you inform one of the course marshals, or SMS the event phone.

Note that phone signal on course will be limited to Telstra only, and that it can also be very limited in certain places.

If you require any support on course, please get the attention of motorbike riders, course vehicles or pitstop crews. If you have phone signal you can also call the **Event Phone on 0439 644 768**



In the case of an emergency call 000. We also recommend downloading the St John First Responder app. Download link [here](#).

CYCLIQ

Congratulations to our Cycliq Ultimate Bundle
August entry winner!

Holly Cannon

You could WIN! A Cycliq Fly6 or Fly12!

We want to see your best photos of Wild Gravel!
Post your photos to Instagram or Facebook, use the tag
#CycliqWildGravel24 for your chance to win your choice of a
Cycliq Fly6 or a Fly12!

One entry for every tagged post!

Entries close on October 20, 2024 and announced shortly after!

FLY6
PRO



FLY12
SPORT