WILD GRAVEL ULTRA RIDE 2026 — PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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OVERVIEW

The Wild Gravel Ultra Ride is a long distance, self-supported endurance cycling challenge traversing gravel roads across the Great Southern region of Western Australia. This guide provides all essential information for preparing, navigating, and safely completing the Wild Gravel Ultra Ride.

If you are participating in one of the shorter Wild Gravel distances, please refer to the standard Wild Gravel Event Participant Guide.

Special Note

The Great Southern's gravel backroads can be remote with extremely limited access to services such as food, water, communications infrastructure, emergency services etc. Riders must be fully aware of the distance to the next resupply point and carry sufficient water, nutrition, communications (note in most areas Telstra is the only provider with network coverage and in some places, there is emergency coverage only), navigation and repair equipment. You are solely responsible for your own wellbeing and decision making throughout the event, and event organisers are not responsible for your safety.

If you break down or become injured, it is **your responsibility** to contact your nominated support crew. Event organisers will not retrieve riders. In an emergency, call **000**.

If you are not experienced in long distance, unsupported riding, or not prepared for a fully self-supported ultra-distance challenge, consider a shorter route option.

All participants must agree to stop to help any other riders they encounter on course that need assistance.

The event is not a race, merely a long-distance challenge using open roads. Standard road rules apply.

EVENT DESCRIPTION

WILD GRAVEL ULTRA RIDE — 2026 EDITION

The Wild Gravel Ultra Ride is a **420 km** gravel endurance challenge held across the Great Southern Region,

- **Date:** Friday, 23 October 2026
- **Start Time/Location:** 1:00pm and 5:00pm, Salt River Road, Amelup WA – adjacent to entrance of Mt Trio Bush camp and Caravan Park (approximately 2km west of Formby South Rd/Chesterpass Rd intersection)
- **Finish Time/Location:** Wild Gravel Event Village, Stirling Range Drive, Stirling Range National Park (approximately 7km west of Chester Pass Rd intersection)
- **Time Limit:** 28 hours, or 5pm 24 October (whichever comes first)
- **Course Marking:** Unmarked; GPS navigation required – refer to Strava map / GPX files at wildgravel.com.au
- **Tracking:** Mandatory live tracking via MAProgress (included in entry fee) - **https://wildgravel2026.maprogress.com/**
- **Support:** Riders are to provide all their own support, and nominate an emergency contact that can pick them up in an emergency.

GENERAL COURSE INFO

The Wild Gravel Ultra Ride uses a single-loop format and loosely follows the Wild Gravel Trail (wildgravel.com.au/wild-gravel-trail), with a start and finish in the Stirling Range rather than Gnowangerup . The route includes:

- Gravel roads
- Firebreaks
- Access tracks
- Varying conditions (e.g. clay, mud, corrugations, potholes, etc.)
- Sealed roads

Weather can dramatically affect riding conditions. In certain conditions, gravel roads may become impassable. Riders must prepare bikes, bodies, and minds for all possible conditions. Riders are responsible for navigating their way around any unforeseen changes such as road closures.

The course is **not marked**.

We encourage riders to record their ride using Strava (or equivalent) and share photos at key locations.

The course can be found here: https://www.strava.com/routes/3449391688829242100

MAIN COURSE RESUPPLY POINTS

There are **no official checkpoints**, but riders may use local businesses and services in towns along the route.

Approximate Resupply Locations

It is the responsibility of the participants to do their own research into businesses opening hours and accommodation options along the course. Options listed below are mere

suggestions and may not be up to date. Do not rely on these options as they may not be available and it may be hours before the next option becomes available.

78km | Ongerup | Lunchbar, Caravan Park, Hotel, General Store

135km | Gnowangerup | Caravan Park | Roadhouse | IGA | Roast & Brew cafe

217km | Katanning | Caravan Park, Hotels, Restaurants, Supermarkets, Service Stations

269km | Tambellup | Tambellup Store, Tambellup Hotel

304km | Cranbrook | Kaffe 107, Cranbrook Hotel, Nanna Vick's Cafe

314km | Tenterden | Anna's Cafe (approx. 1km west of course on Albany Hwy)

330km | Kendenup | Two Black Sheep General Store

350km | Mount Barker | Many options including Coop, Hotel, Bakery, Cafes

419km | Stirling Range Drive – Wild Gravel Event Village | Food Trucks

Course Segment	Segment Length	Total Distance from Start (end of segment)
Start - Ongerup	78	78
Ongerup - Gnowangerup	57	135
Gnowangerup - Katanning	81	216
Katanning - Broomehill	28	244
Broomehill - Tambellup	24	268
Tambellup - Cranbrook	36	304
Cranbrook - Tenterden	11	315
Tenterden - Kendenup	15	330
Kendenup - Mount Barker	20	350
Mount Barker - Finish	70	419

EVENT REGISTRATION & ENTRY CONDITIONS

Event registration can be found by following the Register link at wildgravel.com.au

- **Entries close:** 11:59pm Tuesday 20 October 2026
- Riders must provide correct personal details
- Riders must nominate a support person who will be in the area over the course of the event and will be available to check in with the rider periodically, and, if necessary, pick them up if no longer continuing
- In the event that the rider is withdrawing and no longer continuing, the rider or the support person MUST inform event organisers at the first opportunity using the event phone number 0497 304 977.
- Registration includes MAProgress tracking fee
- Riders must sign an event waiver specific to the Wild Gravel Ultra event which will be available at the event pre-race briefing
- Riders must be present for the pre-event rider briefing which will take place in the hour before each starting wave (Briefing one 12noon, briefing two 4pm, 23 October 2026)
- Prior to the event start, riders must present their bikes and supplies for inspection to demonstrate that they are well prepared for the event
- Event organisers reserve the right to refuse entry for any reason, including, but not limited to, riders failing to demonstrate sufficient experience and/or preparedness for the event. This may include evidence of relevant training.
- Any rider who is refused entry to the event is entitled to the maximum refund of the price of entry, at the discretion of the event organiser.
- If riders do not cross the finish line before 5pm on October 24, 2026 the riders support person must inform the event organiser of the plan to either complete the course or retire from the event (after communicating with their rider)
- Riders support persons will only be allowed onto Stirling Range Drive with the permission of the event organiser, and are advised to avoid doing so (as the road

will be closed between 23 October at 5pm to 24 October at approximately 7pm). Support people may access the event village from the eastern end of Stirling Range Drive via Chester Pass Road
- Minimum entry age is 18 years as of the day of the event commencement
- E-Bikes are not permitted in this event category
- Riders accept that their names and finishing times will be published
- Riders must wear an Australian Standards approved helmet for the duration of the event whilst riding
- Riders should wear bright, hi-vis cycling gear and apply reflective tape on their bikes
- Recommend riders also have rear and front flashing lights on during daylight hours. Primary and back up lights for front and rear.
- Riders must obey all applicable laws and road rules

ON-COURSE TRACKING

All riders must carry a GPS tracking device (iPhone/Android phone with MAProgress app installed or Garmin inReach). Devices must be registered with MAProgess.

Tracking map for spectators will be available via MAProgress.

https://wildgravel2026.maprogress.com/

PREPARATIONS

Mandatory Equipment

- Australian Standards approved Helmet
- GPS navigation device with event maps installed
- Mobile phone
- Hydration/food capacity for at least 200 km
- Front and rear lights (including backup lights)

- Spare batteries for phone/bike computer/lights
- Clothing suitable for all conceivable conditions **(including solar blanket)**

Strongly Recommended Supplies

- 2+ spare tubes
- Tubeless plugs
- Patch kit
- Tyre patches or tape
- CO_2 + hand pump/electric pump
- Tyre levers
- Multi-tool with chain breaker
- Spare quick links
- Cash and credit card

EMERGENCY INFO

Emergencies: In any emergency dial 000

Riders must download the St John First Responder emergency services app which provides exact GPS location - Download here

Nearest Hospitals

Gnowangerup Hospital 15 Yougenup Rd 08 9827 2222

Katanning Health Service Clive St 08 9821 6222

Plantagenet Hospital 59 Langton Rd Mount Barker 08 9892 1222

Albany Health Campus 30 Warden Ave 08 9892 2222

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