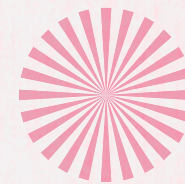


WHISKEY TANGO FONDO

April 27—28
Independence, CA



A Frontier Gravel Fondo
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WELCOME

Independence
California

WTF is a Frontier Fondo? You're well on your way and will soon experience the rugged natural wonders of the Eastern Sierras having left the safety of your comfy, air-conditioned SUV and going off road and into the wilderness. Like early travelers in the American West, you'll be in unfamiliar lands on a difficult path and encounter many hardships. For those pioneers that survive and reach journey's end, stories will be told of your grit and determination. Legends will be born and perhaps a piece of this land will be named in your honor.





The Eastern Sierras



Geology: the terrain here is unique, shaped by thousands of years of fracturing and twisting from sedimentation, erosion, volcanism, seismic forces, and glaciers.

Plants: Desert wildflower seeds hide in the sand for years, until a few drops of rain unfurl a colorful carpet across the desert, providing a hiding place for rattlesnakes to punish the unsuspecting influencer.

Wildlife: Keep an eye out for bighorn sheep, elk, and mule deer crossing the path. Nobody cares about your finish time at Whiskey Tango Fondo, but especially the large mammals with horns

History, Advocacy, Partnership with Sierra Club: Archeologists have found stone tools and projectile points to show that Eastern Sierras and Death Valley were first settled ten thousand years ago, with signs of fences from herding antelope and symbols chipped into rock formations. Owens Valley has been home to the Mono, Timbisha, Kawaiisu, and Paiute Native Americans.

The Old Spanish Trail (Route 16) is the trade route between the pueblos of

Santa Fe and Los Angeles which cut across a corner of Inyo County. The route was established in 1830 and looked like the 405 during the gold rush in the 1850s and 60s.

Farms, ranches and orchards thrived in Owens Valley until 1920, when water was diverted from the Owens River to supply the city of Los Angeles, through with the rights acquired through political fighting, "chicanery, subterfuge ... and a strategy of lies," overseen by William Mulholland. The Los Angeles Aqueduct drained Mono Lake and its ecosystem of migratory birds and brine shrimp, with lasting effects on the local economy.

Tourism and Hollywood brought awareness to the Eastern Sierras, with Gene Autry, John Wayne and scores of movies and shows from the Lone Ranger to the Great Trail Robbery filming in the region. The Museum of Western Film History is a popular attraction in Lone Pine and open all weekend.

Your participation and additional donations support the Angeles and Toiyabe Chapters of the Sierra Club, to preserve the outdoor spaces and the ongoing fight for water rights.

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KEY LOCATIONS

Saturday, April 27th

Registration + Rider Pick Up,
WTF x Wild West Museum
114 S Main St. Lone Pine,
CA 93545

Sunday, April 28th

WTF Festival + Start/Finish
Inyo County Courthouse
168 N Edwards St. Independence,
CA 93526

Shake Out Ride

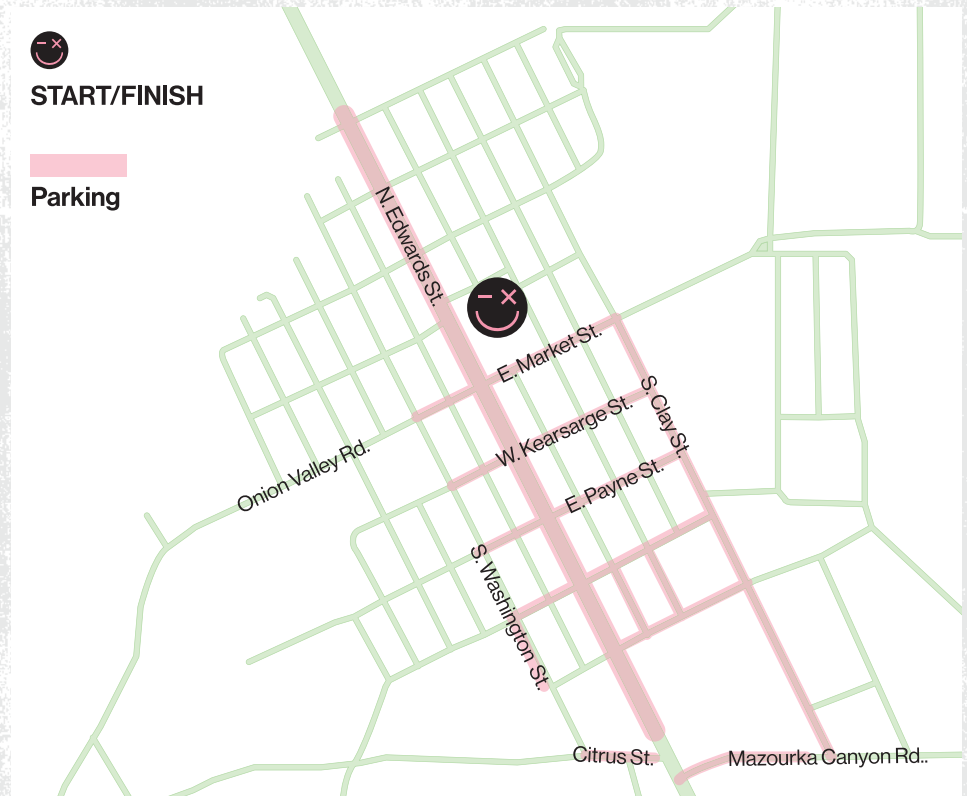
presented by Chamois Butt'r
114 S Main St. Lone Pine,
CA 93545

Parking Instructions:

**Respect Independence Residents.
Do Not Block Driveways or
Wake Up the Neighbors.**

Museum of Western Film History,

701 S Main St, Lone Pine,
CA 93545



WTF 100

Elevation Gain:
+10,544 ft

Aid Stops:
4



Featured Sections:

- Whitney Portal Rd
- De La Cour Ranch
- Tuttle Creek
- Movie Rd

Gravel/Paved Ratio:

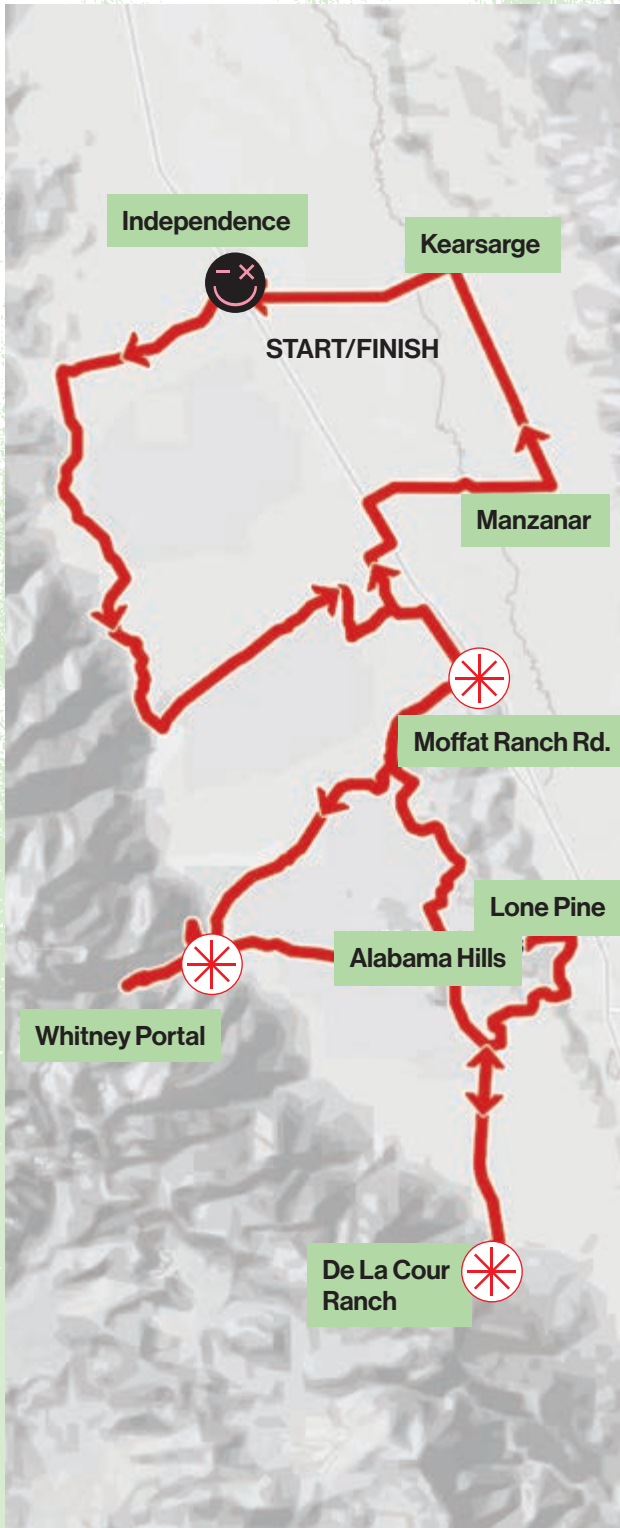
60% Dirt
40% Road

Warning

On the routes you may experience:

- Gravel Roads
- Soft Sand
- Chip Seal Roads
- Fresh Asphalt
- Rocky Sections
- Snow
- Creek Crossings
- Wild Animals
- Steep Descents
- Oncoming Traffic
- Motorcycles, ATVs or Offroad Vehicles.

*Courses subject to change



WTF 70

Elevation Gain:
+6,850ft

Aid Stops:
3



Featured Sections:

- Whitney Portal Rd
- Movie Rd

Gravel/Paved Ratio:

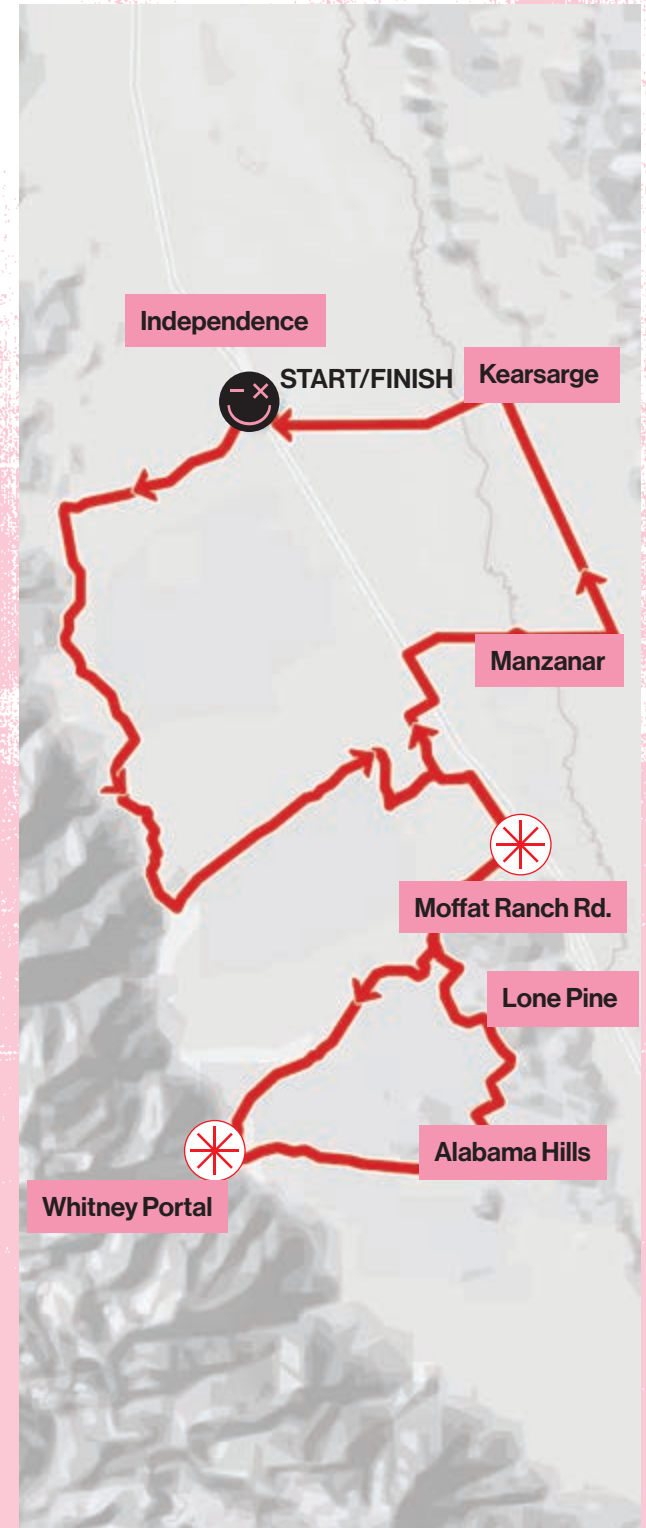
65% Dirt
35% Road

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WTF 50

Elevation Gain:

+6,850ft

Aid Stops:

2



Featured Sections:

- Foothill Rd
- Movie Rd

Gravel/Paved Ratio:

75% Dirt

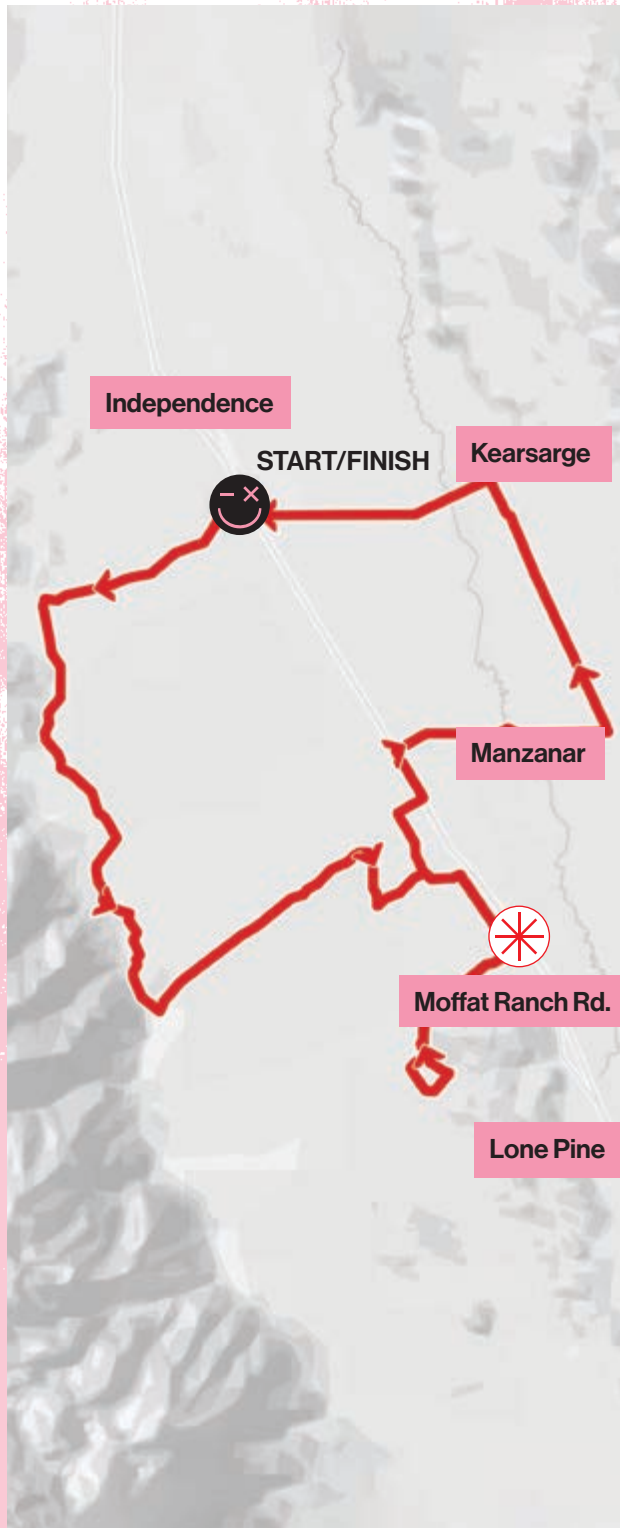
25% Road

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Tire Recommendations by

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Pro Notes

You can expect some loose to very loose sections of the courses. A larger volume tire is highly recommended, it will help you stay on top of the dirt and float over the sandy spots on Foothill Road and Hogback climbs and keep you from sinking.

The alluvium Pro 700x45 GCT has a fast center thread pattern that will still be extremely fast on the road portions, Whitney Portal Rd and Tuttle Creek Rd, but with some good cornering knobs for the high speed portions on Movie Road.

If frame clearance is an issue, or you just want a bit more aggressive thread, the Booster Pro 700x40 GCT is a great option for a bit more traction and peace of mind on some of the steep ups and downs on the course. GCT casing adds a lot of puncture protection from the large rocks scattered around that area with very little extra weight.

Pro Recommendation

Kenda Alluvium Pro 700x45 GCT

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Kenda Booster Pro 700x40 GCT

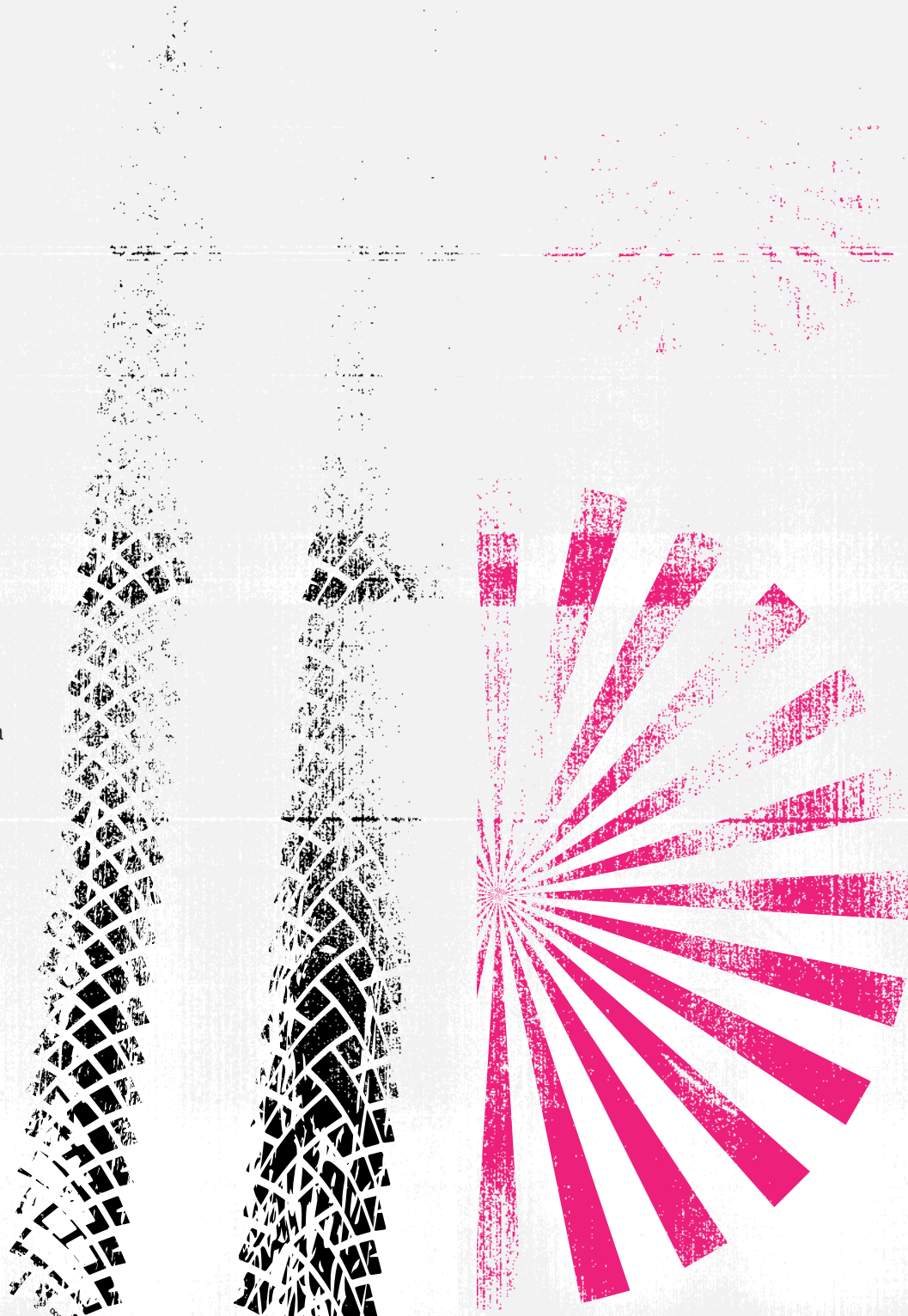
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BE PREPARED

Be Prepared For Anything.

Tools, Spare Tubes, Pump, Sealant, Food, Water, Electrolyte, Clothing, etc... Once you roll from the start line you need to be self-sufficient and ready for any scenario. Roads/trails take you into remote areas for Inyo National Forest, BLM & Inyo County lands. Vehicles cannot reach all sections of the course. We cannot simply come pick you up.

***All on-course support services can only meet you at Aid Station locations.**

Aid Station Locations

Hogback Rd @ Whitney Portal Rd
(All Courses)

De Le Cor Ranch (WTF 100 Only)

Diaz Lake (WTF 100 Only)

Moffat Ranch (All Courses)

Course Support Services

Aid Stations

Volunteers at Aid Stations will have limited supplies/tools for simple repairs.

Mechanical Support

VeloFix Mobile Bike Repair can reach Aid Station locations to provide assistance with critical failures of mechanical equipment.

SAG Support

Staff/SAG Van can only pick up riders from Aid Stations. If you no longer wish to continue riding, you will need to find the nearest Aid Station and request a ride.

EMTs/Medical

Mobile EMTs can offer BLS (basic life support) and minor medical needs. Non-emergency medical requests should be directed to nearest aid station.

Weather

Be prepared to bake in the heat, freeze in the snow, or both. Conditions can change fast in the desert and the mountains. Check the forecast, pack accordingly.



SAFETY

Roads and trails are open to cars 4-wheelers, and dirt bikes.

Wait until it's safe to cross streets/ highways. On a few occasions you will turn left to cross traffic including a straight crossing across Hwy 395. You do not have the right of way at these crossings.

If you're at the front of a group, be cool and let everyone get to the other side before you start rolling again.

Animals always have the right of way because they don't understand Strava.

Have fun on the downhill and twisty bits, but be safe — you can have 90% of the fun at 70% of the speed. Keep your hands on the bars. Take all of the photos, but put a foot down first. The only bad crashes we've had at our events were caused by high-speed selfies and badly-timed wind gusts.



ROUTE SIGNS

WTF course signs and route arrows will look like the examples below.



TIME LIMITS

Course Cut Offs / Time Limits

WTF 100

Course Time Limit: 12Hrs

Courses/Route Signage will be adjusted on rolling basis. If you fall behind this pace you will be directed to a shorter route.

WTF 70

Course Time Limit: 10Hrs

Courses/Route Signage will be adjusted on rolling basis. If you fall behind this pace you will be directed to a shorter route.

WTF 50

Course Time Limit: 8Hrs

Leave No Trace

Our routes are entirely on public land — your land. Take pictures and memories but nothing else. Leave only tire tracks, and stay on the trails if you ever want to see your friends and family again.

POST RIDE

Post Ride Food &
Woodinville Whiskey Tasting

Special thanks for Rolling Chef 395.
They'll be onsite to serve post-ride
meals from 12:30pm— 6:00pm.

Please present your rider wristband
to get your meal & drink.

Woodinville Whiskey Co. will also
be offering whiskey flights and
cocktails. Enjoy responsibly.



Thanks to Bike Legal for partnering
with WTF. Here are some safety tips
that they want to share with you
to keep you safe leading up to this
frontier fondoo and after. They base
their tips off of actual cases that
they have experienced over the last
nine years handling cycling cases.

- 1.** When training alone stick to bike paths when possible. When you stay off the streets the odds of being injured drastically decrease.
- 2.** When riding on the streets, ride with at least 6 or more cyclists. As much as drivers may not like us in packs, we are more visible, and there's safety in numbers.
- 3.** Use bike lanes when possible. Keep an eye out for flat-causing debris and parked cars (who might open their doors), but there are fewer accidents the farther right you can ride.
- 4.** Most drivers in California have the minimum amount of insurance coverage (\$15,000/person), so raise your Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist coverage on your automobile insurance and verify that your provider will cover you in the event of being hit while on your bike. We recommend a minimum of \$100,000 in coverage.

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