

WORS GRAVEL RACING

**ORA TRAILS COULEE CRUSHER: MAY 23
BASECAMP BLENDER: JUNE 14**

**MULTIPLE ROUTES
FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS!**



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INTRODUCTION

For 34 years, the Wisconsin Off-Road Series has featured off-road racing in a multitude of disciplines: Cross Country, Short Track, Enduro, Dual Slalom, and Time Trial, among others.

Now, for its 35th year, we're bringing gravel racing into the fold.

2026 will see the debut of two unique gravel races on our series calendar; while not part of the mountain biking series scoring, both events will be held on Saturday of a WORS weekend.

Our first event, the **ORA Trails Coulee Crusher**, is a traditional gravel race, featuring a mostly gravel course through the sandstone bluffs of southeastern Minnesota. As part of our ORA Trails Fest weekend in La Crosse, this event will complement the existing mountain bike racing in Hixon Forest, just a few miles to the east of the starting line in La Crescent, MN.

Taking place on gravel roads that share geographic proximity to iconic former and current races like the Almanzo 100, the Filthy 50, and the 2025 and 2026 Gravel National Championships, few regions are better suited for high-quality gravel racing than Southeastern Minnesota. Riders can choose between three routes: 25, 55 or 80 miles in length.

Our second event, the **Basecamp Blender**, comes only a few weeks later and is part of the broader Basecamp Bike Fest weekend.

The Blender will introduce a new type of racing format: while a healthy portion of the race occurs on gravel roads, it's not the only element. The 25-mile loop, taking place in and around Nine Mile Forest, will feature 40% gravel, 40% pavement, and 20% mountain bike trails. The mountain bike trails are a mixture of single track and double track, although all single track is rideable on a gravel bike.

Equipment choices will become part of the equation in this race; despite the lower milage, some riders may elect to ride hardtail mountain bikes. Gravel or mountain bikes are welcome – it's dealers' choice!

Both events will conclude with a Saturday evening Happy Hour – the Coulee Crusher will pivot back across the river to Hixon Forest where the rest of WORS racing is taking place – while the Basecamp Blender party will be getting started a mere few feet away from the finish line.

We invite you to join us for both events as we kick off this new chapter in WORS racing.

Registration is now open!

[**ORA Trails Coulee Crusher**](#)

[**Basecamp Blender**](#)

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1. Gravel Calendar

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#1 - ORA Trails Coulee Crusher	May 23, 2026	La Crescent, MN	509 N Chestnut St, La Crescent, MN, 55947
#2 - Basecamp Blender	June 13, 2026	Wausau, WI	221700 Red Bud Rd, Wausau, WI, 54401

2. Schedules

Both gravel events will follow the same schedule. All races will begin at the same time.

<u>Friday Schedule</u>		
Time	Event	Location
12:00PM – 7:00PM	Unofficial Pre-ride	Racecourse
<u>Saturday Schedule</u>		
Time	Event	Location
6:30AM	Registration / Race # Pickup Begins	Registration Tent
7:45AM	Staging Begins	Start Line
8:00AM	All Racing Starts	Start Line
4:00PM	Race Cutoff	Expo
5:00PM	Happy Hour Begins	WORS Venue

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3. Race Information (Registration, Categories & Classes, Pricing)

Registration

Registration is quick, easy, and facilitated online through BikeReg. We encourage you to use your mobile device or computer at home but will have on-site computers you can use if you choose to register day-of at the venue.

ORA Trails Coulee Crusher Registration: [CLICK HERE](#).
Basecamp Blender Registration: [CLICK HERE](#).

Categories, Classes & Pricing

Gravel Categories and Classes		
1	25 Miles	Girls 18 & Under
2	25 Miles	Women 19-39
3	25 Miles	Women 40+
4	25 Miles	Boys 18 & Under
5	25 Miles	Men 19-39
6	25 Miles	Men 40+
7	50 Miles	Girls 18 & Under
9	50 Miles	Women 19-39
10	50 Miles	Women 40+
11	50 Miles	Boys 18 & Under
12	50 Miles	Men 19-39
13	50 Miles	Men 40+
14	75 Miles	Women 29 & Under
15	75 Miles	Women 30+
16	75 Miles	Men 29 & Under
17	75 Miles	Men 30+

Pricing	Early Registration (by 11:59pm Tuesday)	Late Registration
25 Miles – Adults 19+	\$40	\$50
50 Miles – Adults 19+	\$50	\$60
75 Miles – Adults 19+	\$60	\$70
25 Miles – Juniors 18 & Under	\$30	\$40
50 Miles – Juniors 18 & Under	\$40	\$50
75 Miles – Juniors 18 & Under	\$50	\$60

The registration link for all WORS racing can be found [here](#):

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4. Race Information (Staging & Waves | Call-Ups)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Staging Time</u>	<u>Race Start Time</u>	<u>Waves</u>
All Categories	7:45AM	8:00AM	Mass Start

Staging will begin 15 minutes prior to the start of the race.

Both races will be mass starts, with all categories and classes starting at the same time.

For the Coulee Crusher, there will be a neutral start with a lead out through town before the race begins just outside of La Crescent.

For the Basecamp Blender, the race will begin with a several mile stretch of wide double track, prior to emptying out into the first gravel sector.

There will be no call-ups. Racers will start the race in the position of their choosing; we encourage riders to position themselves in the part of the peloton that they expect to finish the race in.

Both the Coulee Crusher and Basecamp Blender will feature ample passing opportunity.

5. Results | Awards

RESULTS will be hosted on MyRaceResults and will be embedded within our website.

To find the links for live results, or to view results of past races, please visit our [website](#).

ON-SITE RESULTS will be digitally displayed in the Trek Tent. Results are live and can be viewed during the race or immediately thereafter via the links on the website. QR Codes will be available at the venue as well.

To challenge the results, or to identify a mistake, please report as soon as possible to the timing tent. Award ceremonies are held shortly after the end of the race, and awards will be final at that point.

As with all WORS racing, podium positions will go five deep, with the top three racers receiving medals.

GRAVEL AWARDS	
Each Age Group	Medals - Top 3 Podium - Top 5

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6. Courses and Venues

#1 - ORA Trails Coulee Crusher	May 23, 2026	Link to course map and venue layout
#2 - Basecamp Blender	June 13, 2026	Link to course map and venue layout

7. Camping | Lodging

Camping

When possible, WORS will attempt to promote the separation of two different camping zones. The first zone is strictly for tent camping and/or generator-free camping. This is a quiet zone, intended to give folks quietest night of sleep possible. The second zone will be for RV camping and/or generator camping. This is a zone that will allow for generators. Regardless of zones, quiet hours will be in effect for general noise between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am.

EVENT	1 NIGHT TENTS	1 NIGHT RV/TRAILERS	2 NIGHTS TENTS	2 NIGHTS RV/TRAILERS	REGISTRATION
ORA Trails Fest	\$50/night	\$50/night	\$50/weekend	\$50/weekend	LINK HERE
Basecamp Bike Fest	\$20/night	\$30/night	\$25/weekend	\$35/weekend	LINK HERE

Lodging

EVENT	RECOMMENDED LODGING	HOTEL BLOCK CODE	OTHER NEARBY LODGING		
ORA Trails Fest	Fairfield by Marriott	Coming Soon	Courtyard Marriott	Home2Suites	Radisson Hotel
Basecamp Bike Fest	Hilton Garden Inn	Coming Soon	Days Inn & Suites	Courtyard Marriott	Hampton Inn

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8. FAQ

- What's the deal with number plates?
 - You get one number plate, and one number plate only! No matter what you're racing – gravel, cross-country, short track, enduro; you'll always keep the same number plate once you have it.
- If I already have my number plate, am I required to stop by the registration tent?
 - Nope, you are free to skip the lines at the registration tent once you have your number plate. All waivers will be signed online and are required before completing your registration. Remember that you must be a registered rider to take the start line; you will not be timed if you have not registered for an event and may be banned from future WORS racing.
- What if I lost my number plate?
 - No worries! We'll get you a replacement number plate for \$10. Stop by the registration table to pickup your new number and hold onto it for the remainder of the year.
- What if I get hurt or sick during the season? Can I still get a refund?
 - We have a No Refund policy; however, if you are hurt during the season or have a family emergency pop up please send us an email at wors@trekbikes.com.
- Why do you have a No Refunds policy?
 - In the gravel and mountain bike event landscape, no refund policies are the industry standard. This is because the vast majority of event expenses are incurred months before the events actually takes place.
- Is this a sanctioned race?
 - No it is not. You don't need any license to participate.

9. Weather Policy

The nature of outdoor events over the course of several days in the Midwest throughout summer means that weather will inevitably play an impactful role on our series. As such, we have developed a weather policy that aims to better define and increase the transparency of our decision-making process. This policy has been developed with safety in mind above all else; we will also take into consideration potential damage to racecourses and venues. While decisions will often be borderline and very difficult, we will firmly stand by our decision to err on the side of caution.

The Wisconsin Off-Road Series reserves the right to cancel any event, at any time, due to what we deem inclement weather. The Series Director is responsible for the decision regarding the cancellation of a race, altering start times, and/or the abbreviation of laps. This person will work in direct collaboration with the Race Director and land manger(s) to determine the best course of action. Whenever possible, decisions will be made in a timely manner. However, the nature of summertime weather in the Midwest means some decisions will need to be made very quickly.

PROACTIVE DECISION-MAKING

- While some storms are sudden, many are not. We will constantly monitor the weather situation, especially on weekends with inclement weather forecasted, and do our best to be proactive in our decision making. When possible, we will delay the start of races rather than start them on time only for riders to be pulled off the course.

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COMMUNICATION & UPDATES

- Rapidly changing weather conditions mean decisions must be made on a moment's notice. Decisions will be communicated via updates from these three avenues: Instagram, Facebook, and an email to all registered participants. Please make sure to follow us for the most up-to-date information:
 - Instagram – **wors_mtb** https://www.instagram.com/wors_mtb/
 - Facebook – **WORS** <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=wors>
- In circumstances where the race is already ongoing and a decision is made to adjust, shorten or outright cancel, a race marshal will be standing at aid station(s) communicating the latest news. Riders are obligated to slow enough to understand this messaging.
- In extreme circumstances where riders need to be evacuated from the course quickly, a marshal at a course aid station may direct riders to exit the course and take shelter or a shortened path back to the start/finish area. Once again, if a marshal on the course is providing direction, a rider is obligated to slow enough to understand this messaging and follow the directions.

RAIN

- Unless torrential, rain itself will not postpone a WORS event. If it has rained in excess of 2 inches on the days preceding an event (Thursday and/or Friday) WORS will consult with local venue officials and determine if a course adjustment is necessary.
- If rain falls during a race and is not accompanied by thunder or lightning, the event will continue until completion.
- If rain is falling and the event is set to begin in a matter of minutes or hours, a decision on whether or not to adjust or shorten the course will be made as soon as possible and communicated with riders via the PA announcements.

THUNDER & LIGHTNING

- Unlike rain, thunder and lightning will delay or postpone a WORS event. If there is lightning within a 15-mile radius (or 25-mile radius and coming straight in our direction) all racing will be delayed for at least 30 minutes and all riders will be asked to seek shelter in their vehicles or indoors.
- For events that are ongoing, riders will get pulled off the course either at a course aid station.

EXTREME HEAT

- If temperatures exceed 90 degrees and/or heat indexes exceed 95 degrees, WORS reserves the right to shorten racing.
- If temperatures exceed 100 degrees and/or heat indexes exceed 105 degrees, WORS races will be canceled.

REFUND POLICY

- For events that are canceled due to weather, no refunds will be offered.
 - This is standard across the bike racing event industry because the majority of costs associated with putting on the races are incurred many months before the event happens. We understand the frustration this causes, and do not come to this decision lightly.

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10. Rules & Regulations

WORS has adopted the USAC rulebook, which can be found [HERE](#).

For especially relevant rules & regulations, please review the following list:

1. Racers shall complete the event on the same bicycle.
2. All repairs during the event must be completed by the rider themselves.
3. For safety, a rider that loses an essential part on their bicycle (seat, seat post, pedal) will not be allowed to continue the race. Riders will receive a DNF.
4. Riders must work together when one rider is rapidly approaching another, whether the takeover is happening to riders on the same lap or if one rider is lapping another. Both racers are entitled to their positioning on technical single track, but the rider being overtaken must offer a pass within 30 seconds or at the earliest place on the course safe to do so.
5. Riders must stay on the marked racecourse at all times.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE POLICY:

If WORS had only one rule, it would be this: **Please be respectful of people around you – both on and off the course.** It's okay to be competitive - it's not okay to verbally abuse others. Please help us maintain a fun and inclusive atmosphere.

We understand that in the heat of racing words can get exchanged and emotions can flair. To a degree, this is part of racing. That said, the following behaviors are **unacceptable** at a WORS event and will not be tolerated.

- Swearing at other participants
- Physically pushing riders
- Verbally abusing others

Often, a challenging reality is that a complaint revolves around two individuals with two different stories. The race director will handle any reported incidents.

GENERAL RULES

Helmets - required at all times when on a bicycle, even when not racing. This will be strictly enforced.

Headphones - not allowed to be worn while pre-riding or racing. Please respect other participants and do not carry a speaker while you are racing.

Littering - Leave no trace! WORS has the privilege of holding events at some of the most beautiful venues in the state. Please help us keep them clean.

HAVE FUN - We're hosting these events - and hope you're attending these events – because they're fun! This is our most important rule. Don't forget it!

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11. About Us

WORS is owned and operated by Trek Bicycles. Administration and management of the series is the responsibility of the Series Director; this individual is a Trek employee and member of the Trek Events team.

The current Series Director is Marcus Warrington.

Our Team:

Head of Registration & Awards: Heather Rainer
Head of Voice: Kerry Gonzalez
Head of Timing: Andy Allstadt
Head of Retail: Kim Sherman
Head of Social: Natalie Horeck
Head of Medical: Dave Mangan, The Wisconsin Bike Patrol

Insurance

WORS events are insured through USA Cycling.

Medical

WORS is extremely fortunate to work with the best in the business - the Wisconsin Bike Patrol. The volunteer organization, with over 50 medically certified members, attends each WORS event. With decades of experience and a plethora of medical tools on-site, including a rescue UTV, they offer WORS medical coverage and professionalism seen at very few other races.

WORS works with the Wisconsin Bike Patrol directly to ensure their presence at all official pre-riding and racing throughout event weekends. WORS will work with Race Directors and/or property owners to coordinate venue maps, double track paths, and potential short cuts the Bike Patrol can utilize when needing to respond to a medical emergency.

The Bike Patrol is well staffed, often with over a dozen on-site volunteers, and handles all medical emergencies that require ambulance rides or off-site care. They are given by WORS the exclusive ability to ride on course, traverse the venue, and interrupt racing in a medical emergency as they see fit.

If you need medical attention at our events, please find the nearest staff member or WI Bike Patrol member and we'll get you help right away.

For additional questions on medical support, insurance, or permitting, please contact Marcus Warrington at marcus_warrington@trekbikes.com.