



Welcome to the first ever Gravel Grape Crusher! We hope you're pumped up for Saturday. This event is rain or shine. Don't be a baby.

PRE-RIDE/START:

The ride will start and finish at Paradox Vineyard located at **1833 Flint Hill Rd, Landenberg, PA 19350**. This is private land – it is only open to cyclists SATURDAY. Registration will open at 8:45 AM. You will need to check in to sign your waiver, grab your shirt and food/drink ticket. Wooden Wheels will be on site during registration and check in for a free bike check. **Rider's meeting will be at 9:50**. The 50 mile will start at 10:00 AM, the 25 mile will start at 10:05 AM. Remember, this is **not** a race.

FOOD/WATER STATIONS:

We will have one station for the 25 mile route and two stations for the 50 mile route. Snacks, water, and Gatorade will be available at each, but this should be supplemental to your own supplies. There will be trash bags available at each station – we aren't your mother. We won't be cleaning up after you, so save your trash for the trash bag! Don't be a jerk, don't litter. We promise it's not that hard to hold onto a wrapper... If you pay attention, you may even be able to find some bathrooms along the way (hint: **look around at your rest stops – there's public port-o-potties along the route and you may need to get a litttttle creative**).

- The first station will be located during **mile 21** in White Clay Creek State Park
- The second station will be located around **mile 34** in Fair Hill.
- We are all volunteers, so be nice.
 - o Tips are appreciated.
 - Especially at Station 2.
 - Kristine is going crazy.
 - o Just kidding.
 - Kind of.

SUPPORT:

There will be no formal mechanical support – you will need to be self-sufficient and bring lots of extra tubes, patch kits, pump, CO2, etc.

We will not be supplying medical support so if you have a medical emergency, please call 911 immediately. If you SEE a medical emergency, don't just ride by – call 911 and one of the contacts below. If you have a medical emergency in Fair Hill, call this number first: (410) 260-8888

THE ROUTE:

You are responsible for your own navigation, our markings are supplemental. Attached are the GPS (GPX, TCX) files and cue sheets. Print the cue sheet and bring your OWN copy. With all the rain this week, some markings may be altered and you better not be that guy without a backup.

We are also providing a georeferenced map through Avenza Maps. Download the free app Avenza. Download our georeferenced map to the Avenza app on your phone and you will be able to see exactly where you are on the route. Links to the maps are listed below – load it to your phone and import the maps. The blue dot is where you are – the red is the route.

Get this done before you come, there is no wi-fi at Paradoxcx!

DO NOT MISS THE RIDER'S MEETING!

- Avenza Maps:
 - o 25 mile: <http://veloamis.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Gravel-Grape-Crusher-25-2017-race-final1.pdf>
 - o 50 mile: <http://veloamis.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Gravel-Grape-Crusher-50-2017-race-final1.pdf>
- RideWithGPS links:
 - o **Do not** use their cue sheets. If you do, you'll get lost. Sorry.
 - o 25 mile: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/19904774>
 - o 50 mile: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/19905058>

ROUTE MARKING:

Each park has different rules for how we are allowed to mark (lucky us) so the markings will be different from park to park. PAY ATTENTION! If you don't pay attention, you'll get lost. Sorry.

- On roads –
 - o **25 mile: you will follow BLUE paint**
 - o **50 mile: you will follow WHITE paint**
 - o If you miss a turn on a fast downhill – we're sure someone will - there will be a **white X** painted on the road signaling you have gone too far.
- In woods, on trails –
 - o **25 mile: you will follow BLUE paint**
 - o **50 mile: you will follow WHITE paint**
 - o Blue survey flags
 - o Yellow arrows
 - o Velo Amis event signs

ROUTE NOTES:

This is not a race, so be careful around people! Communication is key. It is opening day of fishing season along White Clay Creek – don't take out any unaware fisherpeople (watch out for car doors). There will be lots of people with headphones (particularly around the Newark Reservoir). Horses are people too and they will be out in force. Never just ride up on a horse – slow down and make your presence clear. Horses are used to us, but only if we give them a heads up. Always announce your presence, ring your bell, call out, smile and go on your way. We have permits and do several events in these parks each year, so please honor the relationships we have made. We want to come back next year, don't be the one to mess it up for everyone!

WHEN YOU GET BACK:

Bring a chair and change of clothes. Family and friends are more than welcome to come hang out before you get back – wine and beer will be available for purchase, and the food truck will be fired up around noon. No dogs are allowed. Check back in at the registration table to let us know you got in safely. We will be doing random drawings for giveaways

while riders are out, so we will let you know right away if you won anything. Each rider gets a drink and food voucher, so hang out and enjoy for a while. **DO NOT** bring outside alcohol onto the vineyard property.

STRAVA:

There will be 3 segments up for bragging rights. If you'd like to be considered as QOM or KOM, sign up for a free Strava account and join the 2017 Gravel Grape Crusher club. At registration, let us know your Strava username. The start/end of these segments will be clearly marked. No prizes will be awarded, but we all want to say we're on top. Go on... Brag away.

- **Segment 1:** Gore Climb (25 mile route only)
- **Segment 2:** Gallagher Climb presented by Twin Six (50 mile route only)
- **Segment 3:** Paradox Climb (both routes)

SOCIAL MEDIA:

Velo Amis is on [Facebook](#) and Instagram @veloamis - tag all photos and videos from the event #GGC2017 #GravelGrapeCrusher & #VeloAmis.

REMEMBER:

We're going through a **lot** of parks, people. There will be other events happening and lots of people out. There are sections of roads with cars, follow rules of the road. Be courteous and patient to other people, always announce your presence with a bell or a haaaaayyyy, and above all, **remember: this is not a race**. Each park we are riding through knows this is a Velo Amis event, so be respectful and maintain the relationships we have built.

Thanks to our sponsors:

Paradox Vineyard	Wooden Wheels
Stan's NoTubes	Henry's Bicycle Shop
Grass Management	Bike Line
Twin Six	Gore Bike Wear

Contact Information:

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PS – A requirement to ride through one of the parks is some volunteer hours. Contact info@veloamis.org if you're interested in helping out and we'll give you half off next year's ride and a sweet volunteer shirt. Plus, Velo Amis is pretty cool to work with.