

50 Mile Riders Manual

This supplement contains information, rules, and details specific to your course.

You must also read the general riders manual for full event details.

Welcome to the **Pterodactyl Course**, the newest edition to Co2uT. She's fun, she's sassy, and our introduction to gravel, desert style!

Your route contains some of the best, varied terrains within Co2uT. Beautiful views a few breathtaking climbs, an awesome sample of desert gravel. Twists turns, climbs, descents, and views that take in the Book Cliffs and the Desert. This won't be the easiest 50 miles you've ever ridden. Perhaps it won't be the hardest. Neither was our aim. What we have strived for is the most unique, fun, diverse experience we could squeeze into 50 miles. We hope this inspires you to come again and chase an even larger dino!

Start Time

8:45 am Downtown Fruita – Peach Street and Aspen.

Start Location

All distances Begin in the parking lot on the north side of [Civic Pavilion Park 325 East Aspen Avenue](#)

Parking

Parking for all distances is Fruita Monument High School. 1102 Wildcat Avenue, Fruita, CO 1.5 miles from the start. Be sure to allow enough time to ride safely to the start and obey all road rules and laws. [Map from the Parking lot to start.](#)

Packet Pickup 2:30 pm–8:30 pm Friday, May 3

All Packets must be picked up Friday. **There will be NO race day pick-up.**

Packet pick location: [Civic Pavillion Park 325 East Aspen Avenue](#)

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ROUTE

Neutral Start

First 5 miles is a Sheriff's lead escort. Nice and easy

You will roll out of and back into Fruita on paved city streets. To keep you safe and give you time to find your groove the first 5 miles are "Neutral." NO RACING. Remember! All roads are open and will be busy with cars the closer you get to town! You will finish right at the park.

Course Notes

At mile 22 you will approach State Highway 139. You MUST stop before entering the highway. It is just ½ mile to aid station #1 and back on gravel. Please, use extra caution on this road. The median is wide. Use it to stay far right.

When you are coming inbound. You repeat this same ½ mile in the opposite direction when you depart the aid station. Again, use caution and stay far right.

Aid Station - You have one fully stocked aid station at mile 22.5

Your route is an "out-and-back". Meaning you'll ride 25 miles out to your aid station and turn around to ride 25 miles back, on mostly the same route. Trust us It will look completely unfamiliar on your way back and, the climb after the turnaround is a doozie! **Use caution after you turn around as you will be in two-way traffic with outbound riders.**

Summing up

We hope this is your intro to gravel. But, be it your first ride or one of many we thank you for joining us. As our stepping stone level route, we want Pterodactyl to be a fun sample of what gravel riding in our region is like. If we've done it correctly perhaps this will be the first step towards more gravel. We hope so. May you journey far and wide always knowing you have friends in the desert. Gravel on and we'll be waiting for you at the finish line!