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LEAVENWORTH BIKE FEST TECH GUIDE

OVERVIEW

The 2026 Leavenworth Bike Fest presented by Bloom Productions (a 501-c3 non-profit organization) is the reincarnation of the historic Bavarian Bike 'n Brews mountain bike race that last ran in 2018, now combined with a pro-level gravel race, century rides, the Bike 'n Juice mountain bike event for kids and a host of weekend festivities including live music, a beer festival, a poker ride, the Bavarian Cheese Wheel Chase and more.

This Technical Guide covers the procedures for the races scheduled for June 19, 20 and 21, 2026.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All mountain bike, gravel bike and other festival events occur at 10701 Ski Hill Dr, Leavenworth, WA 98826, aside from the Tour De Alpen Flüsse century rides which occur at Plain Cellars in Plain, WA.

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Riding venue open for preview using downloaded courses at <https://www.leavenworthbikefest.com>; SheRides Training Series pre-race clinic led by pro racer Emma Maaranen starts at 4 p.m. at Leavenworth Ski Hill.

Friday, June 19, 2026

Courses marked in AM; packet pickup for all events available at Leavenworth Ski Hill Pavilion from 10a-8pm; Pivot bike demos from 10am-3pm; Arlberg Sports bike expo from 3pm-8pm; Poker Ride anytime between 12pm and 5pm with poker hands played at 5pm at the Ski Hill Pavilion; Icicle Brewing Beer Garden at Ski Hill Pavilion from 4pm-10pm; Live Music at Ski Hill Pavilion from 5pm-10pm; BIKE n' BREWS Elite race start at 6pm; Bavarian Cheese Wheel Chase at 7pm; BIKE n' BREWS Elite Awards Ceremony 8pm.

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Packet pickup starting 7am at Leavenworth Ski Hill Pavilion for BIKE n' BREWS and BIKE n' JUICE; TOUR DE ALPEN FLÜSSE road bike century, metric century, or 45-mile rides start from Plain Cellars at 8am with packet pickup at Plain Cellars from 7am; Arlberg Sports Bike Expo from 9am-6pm; BIKE n' JUICE races from 10-11am with awards ceremony at 11:30am; BIKE n' BREWS leisure class start at 11am, Long course amateurs start at 12 p.m.; Medium course start at 3pm, Short course start at 3:15pm; Icicle Brewing Beer Garden at Ski Hill Pavilion from 11am-10pm; Live Music at Ski Hill Pavilion from 4pm-10pm; BIKE n' BREWS Awards at 5:30pm.

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Packet pickup starting 7am at Leavenworth Ski Hill Pavilion; Schotterfest Gravel Elite and Amateur Long Course begins at 9am; Short course begins at 9:30am; Icicle Brewing Beer Garden at Ski Hill Pavilion from 12pm-4pm; Schotterfest Gravel races awards ceremony and crowning of the King and Queen of the Fest at 2pm.

PARKING

Parking for Leavenworth events will be in the Ski Hill Parking lot and the western shoulder of Titus Road. Please follow the instructions of parking attendant volunteers, and please refrain from parking on Ski Hill Drive. Overflow parking is available at Icicle River Middle School, 10195 Titus Rd., Leavenworth, WA, 98826. ***NO OVERNIGHT PARKING OR CAMPING ALLOWED AT ANY PARKING LOTS.***

CAMPING

A limited number of RV and camping spots are available at Gibbs Organic Farm, 11632 Freund Canyon, Leavenworth, WA, beginning Thursday, June 18, through Monday, June 22. Reservations are available through the Leavenworth Bike Fest registration system at <https://www.bikereg.com/leavenworth-bike-fest>.



BIKE 'n BREWS – June 19 & 20, 2026

Race Description: Bike n' Brews is a mountain biker's mountain bike race. Proper amounts of climbing on singletrack with spectacular views, combined with sometimes flowing, sometimes technical, and occasionally steep and rowdy descents, will leave racers smiling long after the pain subsides. Droppers and full suspension not required, but recommended.

Steady grade climbing with occasional steep pitches should not require modified gearing. Hard-packed with limited roots/rock and occasional dry/loose corners should inform tire choice. Moisture is unusual in mid-June, but wet conditions will substantially degrade traction given soil type, and should result in changed tread choices.

Courses will be marked with signage, tape, and course marshals at intersections, however it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that all racers download course maps on GPS devices from <https://www.leavenworthbikfest.com/bike-brews> in the event that signage is disrupted or other unforeseen circumstances arise. Cellular coverage is largely available on the courses, but spotty in certain locations.

Start line, call ups, and the finish area will be immediately in front of the Ski Hill Pavilion.

Parking will be in the Ski Hill Parking lot and the western shoulder of Titus Road. Please follow the instructions of parking attendant volunteers, and please refrain from parking on Ski Hill Drive.

Lengths/Vert:

Elite/Long: 24 miles with three evenly dispersed climbs and descents;
5,100 vertical feet

Elite racers will begin at 6pm on Friday, June 19, and first finishers are expected just under two hours. Amateur racers will begin the Long course at 12 p.m.

Feed zone will be after the second descent in front of the Ski Hill Pavilion.

THE THIRD CLIMB UP THE “NUT” TRAIL WILL CLOSE AT 8:30 PM FOR COURSE SWEEP AND FIRST-RESPONDER AVAILABILITY CONSIDERATIONS. ANY RACER NOT

ARRIVING AFTER THE CUTOFF FOR THE THIRD CLIMB WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE IN THE RACE.

Medium: 16.5 miles with two evenly dispersed climbs and descents;
3,300 vertical feet

Medium course racers will begin on Saturday, June 20, at 3pm and first finishers are expected in approximately an hour and a half. Feed zone for the medium course will be after the first descent in front of the Ski Hill Pavilion.

Short: 11 miles with one substantial climb and descent;
2,200 vertical feet

Short course racers will begin on Saturday, June 20, at 3:15pm and first finishers are expected in approximately an hour and fifteen minutes.



GRAVEL RACE – June 21, 2026

Race Description: The Leavenworth Bike Fest Schotterfest Gravel Race contains substantial vertical with sustained gravel climbs and descents for each of the categories, and paved relatively flat connecting roads between the climbs.

All racers must abide by the rules of the road.

Courses will be marked with signage, tape, and course marshals at intersections, however it is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that all racers download course maps on GPS devices from <https://www.leavenworthbikefest.com/> in the event that signage is disrupted or other unforeseen circumstances arise. Cellular coverage is largely available on the courses, but spotty in certain locations.

Start line, call ups, and the finish area will be immediately in front of the Ski Hill Pavilion.

LONG COURSE SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

The long course riders will face three substantial climbs: Eagle Creek for 16.0 miles and approximately 2,850 feet on paved road transitioning to forest service small gravel and dirt; Camas Road for 3.0 miles and approximately 1,800 feet on steep and occasionally loose or hard-packed dirt; and Mountain Home Road for 3.8 miles and approximately 1,500 feet on small to chunky forest service gravel. Total mileage is 58 miles and 7,400 vertical feet of climbing.

Riders will encounter an even mix of high speed gravel and pavement descending, as well as approximately two miles of hard-pack single track.

Gearing choices should consider the steep sustained climbing on Camas Road, approximately 3/4 of the way into the race, balanced against the flatter 7-mile paved section leading to the finish.

For tires, riders should be able to successfully navigate all aspects of the course with 35mm as a minimum recommended tire size. Aerodynamics are relevant for wheel choice with long high-speed descents and sustained flat road sections between the first descent and second climb, and after the final climb.

Growlers will have one feed zone shortly before the second climb of the day, Camas Road at approximately 30 miles. Neutral water will be available at the feed zone.

Regardless of position during the race, EXTRA CAUTION should be exercised by all growler racers in the following areas:

- All roads and gravel roads are open to the public during the event. THIS IS NOT A CLOSED COURSE. Recreational motorcycles, side-by-sides, 4x4s, and vehicles may be encountered on backcountry forest service and county gravel routes. The lead moto and signage will be placed warning other road users of oncoming race traffic, but racers must be prepared for traffic in their lane at all times.
- The right turn at a stop sign from the bottom of Nahahum canyon road onto US Hwy 2 (approximately 27.5 mile mark), where racers will ride the wide shoulder of the highway for approximately 1 mile.
- The left turn at a stop sign from the bottom of Mountain Home Road where it turns on to East Leavenworth Road (approximately 51 mile mark)
- The right turn at a stop sign from East Leavenworth Road onto Icicle Road (approximately 54.25 mile mark)

- The roundabout crossing from Icicle Road over US HWY 2 (approximately 56.15 mile mark) will be staffed by a flagger but riders should exercise caution regarding cross-traffic through the roundabout, where riders will ride within the designated opposite sidewalk for ¼ mile before diverting onto Mill street.

The leading group of elite/open category finishers is expected, but not guaranteed, to have traffic control at the **bottom of Mountain Home Road where it turns on to East Leavenworth Road until the finish line**. The race organizer will make additional announcements clarifying this issue at the start line.

Please do not attack people at the highways. There are plenty of other locations to make a difference in the race.

Lengths/Vert:

Long: 58 miles with three climbs and descents of varying length and gradient;

7,400 vertical feet

Long course riders will begin at 9am and first finishers are expected in approximately three and one half hours. Feedzone for long course riders will be just before the Camas Road climb.

Short: 28.7 miles with one substantial climb and descent;

3,197 vertical feet

Short course riders will begin at 8:30am and first finishers are expected in approximately an hour and forty five minutes. Feedzone for short course riders will be at the beginning of the gravel portion of the Eagle Creek climb.

RACE RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL RACES

1. AWARDS CEREMONY REQUIRED

All prize purse eligible athletes must attend the awards ceremonies.

2. ENTRY FEES & PRIZE MONEY

Athletes are eligible for overall prizes and awards at each individual event.

All athletes receiving payouts will be required to fill out proper tax paperwork.

Scaled Purse Policy: 0-2 starters = no prize purse; 3-5 starters = \$500 to first place; 6-10 starters = \$1,000 to first place; 11+ starters = full payouts

3. DOPING CONTROL

No participant in the Leavenworth Bike Fest Open categories can be under a current doping ban.

All Open Category athletes are subject to drug testing.

If drug testing is taking place at an event, selected athlete will be notified by a USADA chaperone at the finish line.

4. OTHER IMPORTANT RULES

Your race plate must be affixed to the front of your bike, as flat as possible, readable from the front. Race plates cannot be wrapped around the frame of your bike, nor attached to the side of your frame.

No aerobars, bar extensions, or clip on attachments of any kinds will be permitted.

RESULTS

Gun start and chip finish will be used for all races. Preliminary results will be posted online at <https://>_____ as well as on the Leavenworth Bike Fest website.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Leavenworth Bike Fest dedicated media team includes photographer Jacob Hopkins and cinematographer and drone operator Mitchell Bryan of Launchkey Media.

Official photos will be shared online following the event. Registrants may access gallery photos for their own use and promotion. Athletes should tag @leavenworthbikefest.

Other third party usage will need approval.

MEDIA COVERAGE

In order to capture the best coverage of the race for social and post-production, there will be media on course. Vehicles may include vehicles adjacent to the course, Side-by-sides, eBikes and motos. Registering for and competing in Leavenworth Bike Fest you are granting irrevocable rights to Bloom Productions and Leavenworth Bike Fest to use your name, image and voice in all media formats in perpetuity.

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