

Welcome to the Homer Gravel Grinder!

Thank you for registering to take part in the inaugural Homer Gravel Grinder. The Homer Gravel Ginder is an amazing course that is a Homer-worthy introduction to gravel cycling with its mix of paved and gravel roads, several climbs to challenge you, and great view of the countryside and surrounding farmland.

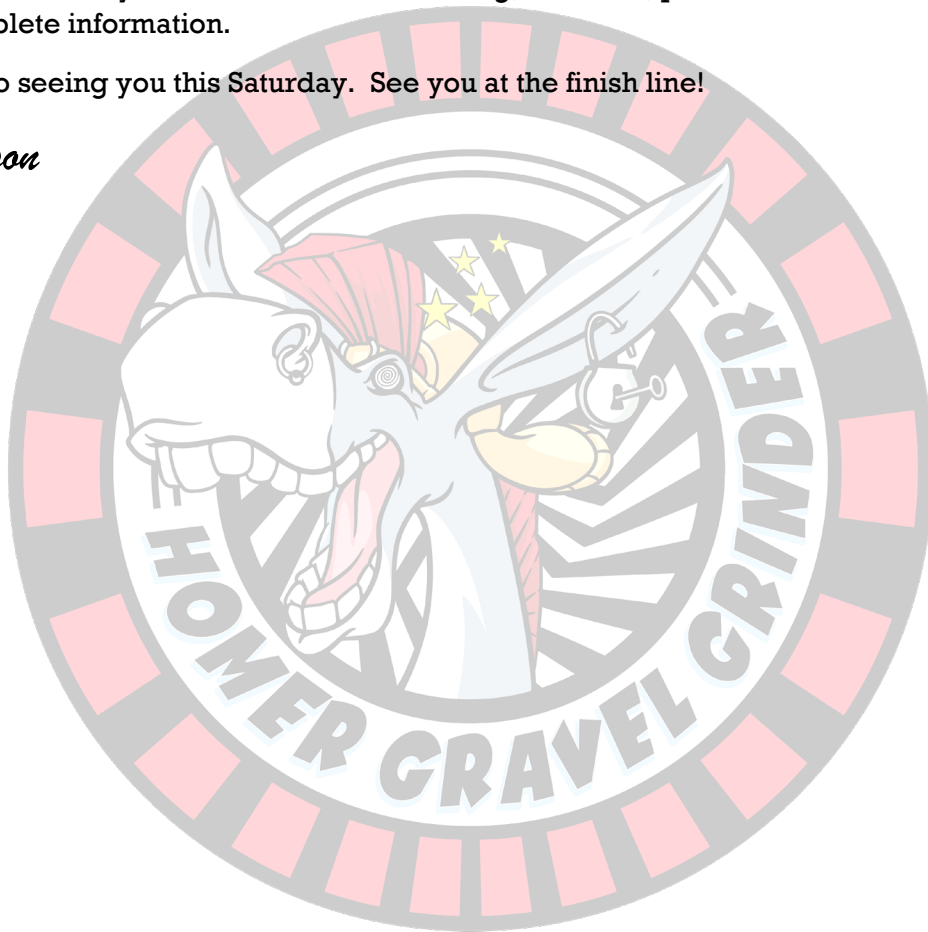
Our goal with the Homer Gravel Grinder is to create an amazing cycling experience and bring all that we love about gravel cycling together for this special inaugural event. The amazing route, beautiful view and time spent outside with your friends, family and fellow cyclists doesn't get better than that.

We have included some key information in the following, however, please visit the [Homer Gravel Grinder](#) event site for complete information.

We look forward to seeing you this Saturday. See you at the finish line!

Craig Thompson

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Event Organizer



KEY EVENT INFORMATION

Event Start Time: 8:00 am RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

Start/Finish Location: Northridge-Homer Ball Fields 1427 Homer Road NW, Homer, OH 43027

Main Parking: 1227 Homer Rd NE, Homer, OH 43027 **

Overflow Parking: Homer Ball Fields – off Simmons RD behind Fire Station **

** Note: There is no parking in Ballfield parking lots.

The entrance to the Main Parking will be off Homer Rd NE. The exit will be to South Street. If you finish early, remember that Homer Rd is an active part of the bike course. Please use the South Street exit to OH-661.

Packet Pick-up: Event Site - SATURDAY, August 26 (event day only) 6:30 am – 7:45 am

Packets will include your race number bib, cue sheets (See Cue Sheet information attached), and twist ties for bib. All race bibs are placed flat on the front of handlebar. The race bib contains a foam timing device. Please do not remove it from the back of your bib. Also, please check to make certain a foam device is attached before starting your distance.

Restrooms: There will be several portable restrooms at the event site available for use.

Post-Event Celebration: **One Love Café and Bike Shop** will be providing post-event goodies. Each participant will receive a ticket after they finish which can be redeemed for your choice of a:

- Protein Cake
- Baklava
- Smoothies (strawberry banana, wild berry, peach)
- Coffee items (Iced coffee, espresso, Iced Latte, Americano)

There will also be Gatorade, bottled water, Athletic Brewing non-alcoholic beer, fruit, and light snacks available.

ON-COURSE INFORMATION

CUE Sheets – please print out your distance map and cue sheet included **herein** and bring to the race. We will have a few extras if you forget but supply is limited. The cue sheets can be used as reference throughout your ride.

Course Support: There will be sheriff deputies at key intersections to manage vehicular traffic. The Deputy Sheriffs DO NOT WHICH COURSE YOU ARE DOING so DO NOT ASK THEM FOR DIRECTIONS. Always follow the rules of the road before entering an intersection. Do NOT ASSUME the sheriff deputy will stop traffic. Additionally, at certain low-traffic intersections there may not be a deputy or volunteer stationed. Please enter all intersections and execute all turns aware of oncoming traffic.

Aid Stations – There are no aid stations on the course. Please carry your own hydration and other fuel with you on the bike. Please fill all water bottles before leaving your residence. There are no filling stations at the race site.

Technical Support/Sweep – There will be SAG support throughout the event. If you require technical support and are unable to continue, please text 614.425.1156 with name, bib number, and your location on the course. We will communicate to SAG support. Keep in mind that it may take up to 30 minutes before SAG arrives.

RaceReady Endurance mobile bike shop will be onsite to assist with any minor maintenance and repairs before the event. Please feel free to tip them for their service. Any full service maintenance or tune-up please visit your local bike shop prior to event day.

Course Markings

All turns will be marked with directional signage. If there is no signage directing you to turn, continue straight on your current road.

30 Mile Marking (YELLOW COURSE)

Stake Direction Arrow (Primary)



Additional Directional Sign on Road Surfaces

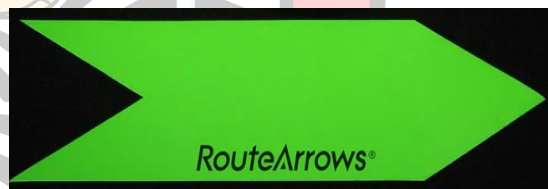


20 Mile Marking (GREEN COURSE)

Stake Direction Arrow (Primary)



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Main Parking Map - 1227 Homer Rd NE, Homer, OH 43027



Parking and Site Map - Northridge-Homer Ball Fields 1427 Homer Road NW, Homer, OH 43027



Rules of the Ride & Race

- Participants must wear a helmet while riding their bicycle.
- Participants must obey all city, county and state laws, and “Rules of the Road”. **Do not assume there will** be anyone stopping traffic at intersections and road crossings. There will be sheriff deputies managing vehicular traffic at certain intersections but do not assume that traffic will yield to you. All riders must watch for and yield to traffic.
- Riders are responsible for staying on the correct side of the road and being especially careful at blind corners and cresting hills. Be safe out there! **You are responsible for your safety.**
- Racers are to mount number plates to their handlebars. **DO NOT trim, bend or fold number plates.** These contain foam timing devices.
- Racers who exit the course must return to where they left the route and continue from there.
- Private vehicles are not allowed to support racers.
- Racers may only receive a hand-up from other racers or designated event support team.
- In case of an emergency, call 911

Gravel Etiquette and Recommendations

- **Do not litter.** The Homer Gravel Grinder is a leave no trace event. Pack out your wrappers, water bottles, etc. We are guests to the area.
- Allow automobiles to pass on long hill climbs. **Please be courteous to the locals.**
- If you encounter horse and buggy or horseback riders on the route, please slow down, announce yourself by saying “Hi! What a beautiful day!” and pass with care. Horses can be easily frightened.
- When passing other cyclists or pedestrians, announce yourself by calling out “Hello. Passing” and pass with care. People can be easily frightened.
- There’s nothing wrong with walking a hill, but **please stay to the right** and allow riders to pass. Also, there is often a best “line” when riding gravel, make sure to let **riders** take it.
- When riding in a group and you can safely point out an obstacle or hazard, please call it out.
- We highly recommend riding with a cell phone, navigation device and/or printed map, spare tube, pumps, etc. **Be prepared to support yourself during the ride.**