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You are receiving this eNews because you are registered to ride in the 2021 OZ Trails Off-Road



Giddy Up, OZ Trails Off-Road'er!

Get ready for world-class trails, positive vibes, free live music headlined by the Kyle Tuttle Band, and a weekend chock-full of mountain bike culture. You're receiving this email because you are registered for the 3rd Annual OZ Trails Off-Road mountain bike event scheduled to begin Friday, October 15th.

Following, you will find information and reminders to assist in your weekend event planning. If you have further questions after you've read this e-mail, direct them to info@epicrides.com. We will do our best to accommodate you in a timely manner.

Event details and logistics aside, the OZ Trails OffRoad has been created to provide all involved with a fun-filled weekend of outdoor activities. Bring your friends and family to this festival of wheels, good times & music and let the good times flow.

See you in Bentonville!

The Crew at Epic Rides

Packet Pickup & Start Times

All participants are required to complete an accident waiver & release of liability form. All participants under 18 are required to have a legal guardian to co-sign their waiver; this [Junior Waiver](#) must be on paper (scans or photos are not acceptable) and can be turned in at packet pickup.

Rider ID, and proof of Covid vaccination or negative Covid test results are required at packet pick-up. A friend/family member is allowed to pick up another rider's packet when a copy of the rider's ID and proof of Covid vaccination/negative Covid test results are provided, and a waiver has been completed.

[Bike Rack Brewing Co.](#) is rewarding each finisher with a free brew. At packet pickup show your I.D., get a wristband, finish the ride and enjoy a cold Bike Rack Beverage in the Bike & Gear Expo.

Friday, October 15th

- 12p - 8p Amateur & Pro Packet Pickup in the [Bike & Gear Expo](#)
- 1p - 2p Mandatory Pro Racers' Meeting & Media Panel: Main Stage
- 2p Ozark 15 Fun Ride Start on [NE B St.](#)
- 5:30p Pro Women El Yucateco Pro Fat Tire Crit: [NE B St.](#) (20 min. + 3 laps)
- 6:15p Pro Men El Yucateco Pro Fat Tire Crit: [NE B St.](#) (20 min. + 3 laps)
- 7:15p El Yucateco Pro Fat Tire Crit Awards & Mandatory Amateur Riders' Meeting: Main Stage

Saturday, October 16th

- 7:15a Pro Men Backcountry Race: [NE B St.](#)
- 7:20a Pro Women Backcountry Race: [NE B St.](#)
- 8a Start Ozark 50 Wave 1: [NE B St.](#)
- 8:15a Start Ozark 50 Wave 2: [NE B St.](#)
- 9:15a Start Ozark 30 Wave 1: [NE B St.](#)
- 9:30a Start Ozark 30 Wave 2: [NE B St.](#)
- 2p Pro & Amateur Awards Party: Main Stage

OZ Pass

The front corral for each distance on Saturday is reserved for OZ Pass holders. A complete list of pass holders is available [here](#) while an explanation on how to receive a pass is available [here](#).

Pro Call-up

The top 5 male and female finishers of Friday's Criterium will receive a "call up" at Saturday's start line.

Schedule of Events

Mandatory Riders' Meeting p/b Stan's NoTubes



Ozark 30 & 50 Amateur Riders

The mandatory pre-ride meeting will be held Friday at 7:15p on the Main Stage immediately following the Pro Fat Tire Crit awards.

Pro Racers

All racers are required to attend the Pro pre-race meeting scheduled for Friday at 1p on the Main Stage.

Bars on Bikes!

There is no better way to spend an evening bar hopping in Downtown Bentonville than by bike.

With openair patios abound, Epic Rides is stoked to encourage everyone that's toeing start lines by day to enjoy cold refreshing beverages amongst the finest company a cyclist can ask for by night!

Starting at 5:30p on Saturday evening, the Meteor Cafe, Bike Rack Brewing and the Hub Bike Lounge will be offering specials for event participants plus live music and other assorted entertainment (pending the location).

Grab your bike, a helmet, a head/tail light combo and a lock ... and take to the town!

Meteor Cafe

Bike Rack Brewing

Hub Bike Lounge

El Yucateco Fat Tire Criteriums



Ringing cowbells, endless cheering, and bottomless imbibing will be had in downtown Bentonville the evening of Friday, October 15th.

The fast-paced action of the El Yucateco Pro Fat Tire Criteriums starts with the women at 5:30p...The men follow at 6:15p... Both can be viewed throughout downtown. This pro-level event, now offering up \$2,000 in cash primes courtesy of **El Yucateco Hot Sauce**, will feature top competitors from across the country, get the crowd roaring, and will determine the starting lineup for Saturday's Pro Backcountry event.

Each Pro Crit race will be 20 minutes plus 3 laps. The race start/finish line is on **NE B St**.

El Yucateco Crit Details

Free Guided Rides!

On Sunday, October 17th, with support from several local organizations, Epic Rides is pleased to provide all participants, and their families and friends, the opportunity to Ride (more of) OZ!

From popular demand, this new opportunity to ride on Sunday with guides

provides a chance for out of town guests to get in an additional day of riding on trails not included in the OZ Trails Off-Road routes.

Ride at a more casual pace, see the many art installations throughout the trail network, meet locals, and ride more of the trails that are putting Northwest Arkansas on the map as the Mountain Bike Capital of the World!

[See the Ride List & Sign Up!](#)

Trail & Passing Etiquette



All event participants are asked to help keep the singletrack single by staying within the singletrack tread, passing in areas that are safe and responsible and by not cutting corners.

Participants that need to dismount from their bicycles should move their bike and themselves off the trail only if they can do so in a manner that doesn't impact the soil or vegetation.

When passing or being passed, please communicate clearly ("on your left" or "may I pass when you're ready?") so as to assure a safe and successful environment for both parties.

Rules & Expectations

Read them. Know them. Vibe them.

[Amateur Rules](#)

[Pro Rules](#)

Course Details



Ozark 15 Cut-Off Time (Friday)

Riders have roughly 3.5 hours to complete the course. Course support will be closed at 5:30p on Friday. If the director anticipates you may not make this time limit, you may be asked to reroute in the most direct manner to the finish.

Ozark 30, 50 & Pro 50 Cut-Off Times (Saturday)

In order to ensure riders return to the finish before course support (Medical, Traffic, Police, Comm, Volunteers) ends at 4:00p, the following cutoffs have been established:

- Ozark 50 riders arriving after 11:00a at the Pinyon/Ledges Aid Station (14.8 miles in) will be asked to continue on the Ozark 30 route and will be considered a DNF.
- Ozark 50 riders arriving after 1:45p at the Veterans Memorial Aid Station (38.8 miles in) will be asked to remain on the Razorback Greenway to Crystal Bridges to regain the course and will be considered a DNF.
- Ozark 30 riders arriving after 1:45p at the Veterans Memorial Aid Station (23.6 miles in) will be asked to remain on the Razorback Greenway to Crystal Bridges to regain the course and will be considered a DNF.

Start Line Redemption Opportunity - Participants cut off by the race director will be considered a DNF (Did Not Finish), along with DNFs due to medical issues and mechanical failures. DNF riders may receive 50% Off of the following year's OZ Trails Off-Road registration as a start line redemption opportunity.

All DNF riders are expected to report to the Epic Rides tent to notify an Epic Rides crew member that they are no longer on the course.

[See Course Details](#)

Hammer Nutrition Aid Stations



There will be up to 3 Hammer Nutrition Aid Stations on the courses and one Hammer Nutrition Aid Station at the finish line throughout the weekend:

- Ozark 15 Fun Ride: Slaughter Pen Aid Station
- Ozark 30 backcountry course: Pinyon Creek Aid Station, Veterans Memorial Aid Station
- Ozark 50 backcountry course: Pinyon Creek Aid Station, Lake Ann Aid Station, Veterans Memorial Aid Station



Each Aid station on the course is equipped with Hammer Nutrition products (incl. Hammer gel & Heed) plus cookies, pretzels, oranges, and yes, pickles.

BONUS: Get a free hammer flask and top it off with 5 servings of Hammer Gel in the bike & gear expo before your ride!.

If a rider prefers a different hydration mix or energy drink, we encourage them to bring their own and mix with the water provided on the route.

Aid stations are roughly 10 miles apart; plan to start the event with a full hydration pack and plenty of food to get to Aid 1.

Aid Station Info

Event Photos for Purchase by Sportograf



Sportograf will be on-site capturing moments by clicking shutters all weekend. Be sure to visit the #tourofthewhitemountains site at Sportograf.com following the event.

Or, sign up below to have your photos sent to your inbox for review and purchase following the event.

Event Photos

Bike Rack Brewing Beer Garden



The **Bike Rack Brewing Co.** Beer Garden, benefiting **Pedal it Forward**, is a happening place to be.

Bike Rack Brewing Co. Beer Pouring Hours:

- Friday, 12p - 7p @Bike & Gear Expo
- Saturday, 10a - 4p @Bike & Gear Expo

Awards

Get ready to celebrate! The Awards Parties are located on the Main Stage Friday at 7:15p, and Saturday at 2p.

For those lucky enough to piece together a day where their bike & body perform at their best, Epic Rides is pumped to reward the Top 5 Finisher Awards in each category.



These artisan cutting boards pay homage to the NWA's budding foodie scene and are the perfect keepsake to remember a day in the saddle where all things were hitting on all cylinders.

All participants who succeed in completing the distance they set out to ride will receive a custom Mason Jar and a cold can of Bike Rack Brewing Co. beer upon crossing the finish line.

OZ Trails Off-Road Awards

OZ Trails Concert Sessions



Epic Rides is excited to have the Kyle Tuttle Band, and more rockin it all day Saturday on the Main Stage located in the Bike & Gear Expo.

Live music kicks off Saturday at 9:30a. The Kyle Tuttle Band will take the stage Saturday at 12:30p just before the amateur and pro awards.

View Music Lineup

The PS. Know someone who'd be stoked to ride the OZ Trails Off-Road? Forward this email to them to put'm in the know...



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