



Selkirk Gravel Classic 2025

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Welcome

Thank you for your entry to the Selkirk Gravel Classic 2025

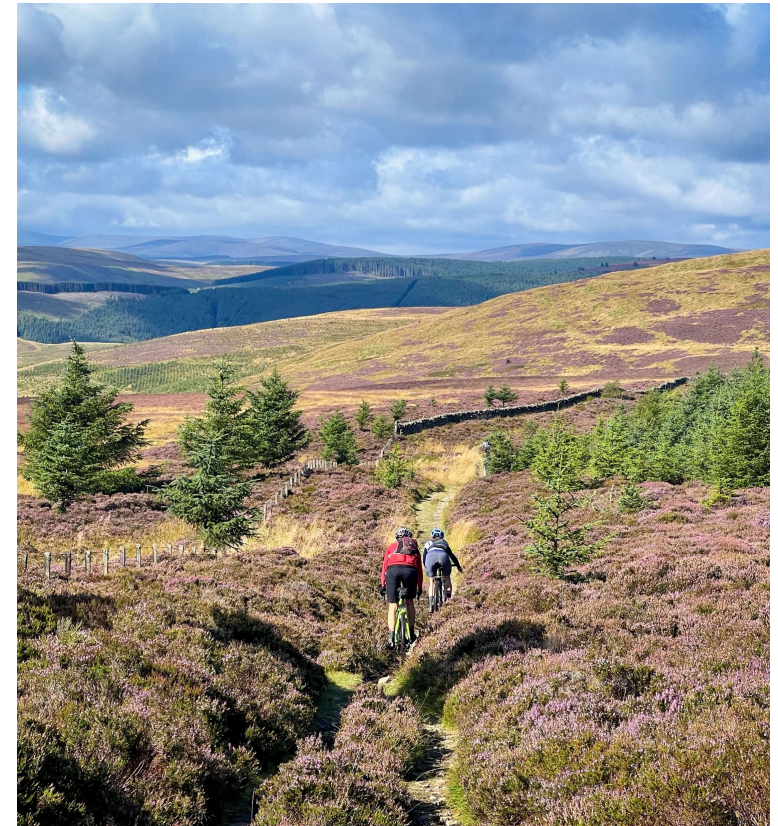
It's almost time to ride and we want to make sure you have all of the information you need so that you're ready to go when you arrive on the day.

This document includes information on the following:

- Ride Timings
- Venues
- Transport and Accommodation
- Ride Rules, Numbers, etc
- Course Descriptions

We look forward to welcoming you to the race.

See you in Selkirk!



Venue

Location

Selkirk Rugby Club, Ettrickhaugh Road, Selkirk, TD7 5AX

The Rugby Club will be the Race HQ and will host Sign On, Camping, Entertainment & the Finish Line

Parking

Car parking space may be tight. Please share cars where possible. Please do NOT drive vehicles onto any of the pitch areas, we will lose the use of the venue for future events if you do this.

Please sensibly use the local streets and industrial estate for overflow parking.

Public transport might be an option, the Borders railway has stations at Galashiels and Tweedbank – both approx. 6-7 miles from the Race HQ.

How to get there

Selkirk is in the Scottish Borders. From the town centre follow signs to Peebles (A72) and Moffat (A708), you will cross the Ettrick Water, take the first left once over the bridge, head along Ettrickhaugh Road and take the first right into the Rugby Club.

There are smaller overflow car parks on your right after the bridge or on the road to Bowhill just beyond the rugby club.

WEEKEND Schedule

Day	Time	detail
Friday 30th May	4:30pm	Car Park & Campsite Open
Friday 30 th	5:00PM-7:00pm	Registration Open
Friday 30 th	6:00PM-LATE	Goodtimes Tacos Truck Open
Friday 30 th	7:00pm-LATE	Bar Open with live music from Durango Blue
Saturday 31 st	7:00AM-2:00PM	Three Hills Coffee Open for Coffee & Snacks
Saturday 31 st	7:30am-9:30AM	Registration Open
Saturday 31 st	7:30am-9:30AM	Breakfast Rolls Available from the Rugby Club
Saturday 31 st	10:00am	RIDE START
Saturday 31 st	12:00pm-8:00pm	Goodtimes Tacos Truck Open
Saturday 31 st	Afternoon - LATE	Bar Open with live music from Pat & Andy
Sunday 1 st	11:00AM	Campsite Closed & Site Cleared

Registration & Timing

You'll receive your timing chip (Sport Ident 'dibber' type) and bike number at registration. Your number should be on cable tied to the front of your bike, the timing chip is worn on your wrist.

You will need to 'dib' your timing chip at the following locations. We will demonstrate this at the Race Briefing.

- Check points at Feed Stations 1 and 2
- Finish Line

Please make sure you return your dibber after the finish line so we can DOWNLOAD your time. The return of your dibber for download will happen at the finish line. if you do not return, or lose your dibber, the replacement cost is £35.00.

Report to the Finish, whatever happens to you. Otherwise we're coming looking for you ☹️

Trek Bikes

Trek bikes will be on hand during registration times to help you with any last minute bike adjustments or spares.



Start Procedure & Cut Offs

Start Procedure

All Riders will start at 10am with a rolling neutralized zone from the Rugby Club to the entrance to Sunderland Hall Estate (approx. 2.5 miles). Please do not overtake the lead vehicle, and please stay on the left hand side of the road at all times.

Roads are not closed for the event. You must always ride according to the Highway Code when on public roads. On farm tracks and forest roads, it's possible you'll encounter traffic – beware. You are also likely to see walkers and other cyclists at various times – they have the same rights to enjoy themselves as we do.



Cut Offs

We will impose a couple of strict cut-offs – these are for your safety, and that of our marshals and supporters – we need to get the event finished at a reasonable time!.

PLEASE: Be realistic about your abilities and be prepared to bail out if necessary. We ALWAYS get a handful of folks who are too ambitious – this is not fair on our marshals or safety teams.

Cut Off	Location	Distance In	Cut Off	Cut Off Implication
	Start @1000			
1	Forest Road Split in Yair Forest	15km	1130	Divert to Short Course after this time
2	Yarrowford Hall	30km	1300	Divert to Newark Castle after this time
3	Duchess Drive	40km	1400	Divert down Duchess Drive after this time
4	Ettrickbridge	50km	1500	Divert down B7009 after this time
5	Finish Line	60km	1630	

Courses & Format

Course Maps

We don't physically issue maps, but you can download one from our website. This is a deliberate decision – we don't want to irritate the landowners, especially during lambing in the Spring – we obviously rely heavily on their goodwill. Technically you're allowed to ride the course whenever you like, but we feel it's part of our duty of 'responsible access' to not make this a free-for-all outside the race weekend mainly because lambing still takes place in the weeks before race date – sorry.

Course Description

The courses are hilly and have occasional technical sections: descents, rough surfaces, water bars, water splashes and other hazards. There are some singletrack sections and even a short (100m) 'hike-a-bike' (which is there because it allows us to link cool stuff together). Surfaces include gravel of all types, grass, mud and forest. It's intended to be a challenge rather than just 100% perfect gravel 😊. We're MTBers at heart, and so coming at this from that end of the spectrum.

You **MUST** take great care and ride to your abilities – you are responsible for deciding what you ride, and what you don't. You starting the rides is confirming your understanding, and your agreement to this.

Make sure you follow the signs for the correct course – there are several split/join points for each of the short/medium/long courses.



Kit & Aid Stations

You'll need a roadworthy Gravel, Mountain or potentially a 'hybrid' or a CX bike with chunky tyres and two working brakes. A bike helmet and tools/spares/puncture repair stuff as a minimum – we are not operating a sweep wagon – you'll need to get yourself off the course.

The weather plays a huge role as well – on several occasion you will be on the hilltops of the Southern Uplands where the conditions can get lively, even in May, so it is very likely that you **will also need to carry** waterproofs, additional warm clothing, extra food and water. Please come prepared with this stuff, and a means of carrying them during the race.

The most important thing you'll need to bring is a smile, and a positive attitude to mud, cold Type 2 fun :)

Aid Stations – Stocked with water, bananas, cakes etc

Yarrowford – Short/Medium/Long
Cross Keys Pub, Ettrickbridge - Long

Golden Rules

No Litter. Anywhere. Full Stop. This includes the car parks. It specifically includes gel wrappers, banana skins, plastic cups etc. If you've got any of these, bring back to the finish with you. We rely on the goodwill of landowners for the race to happen at all, and they do check the course after we're finished for this kind of thing. Please comply – we don't want to do it, but it's an instant DQ for littering. You've been warned!



Long Course Aid Station

For those of you on the Long Course option we have a special aid station waiting for you at the Cross Keys in Ettrickbridge, Durty Brewing will be providing you all with a cool crisp beer and the Cross Keys will have the pizza oven fired up and ready for you.

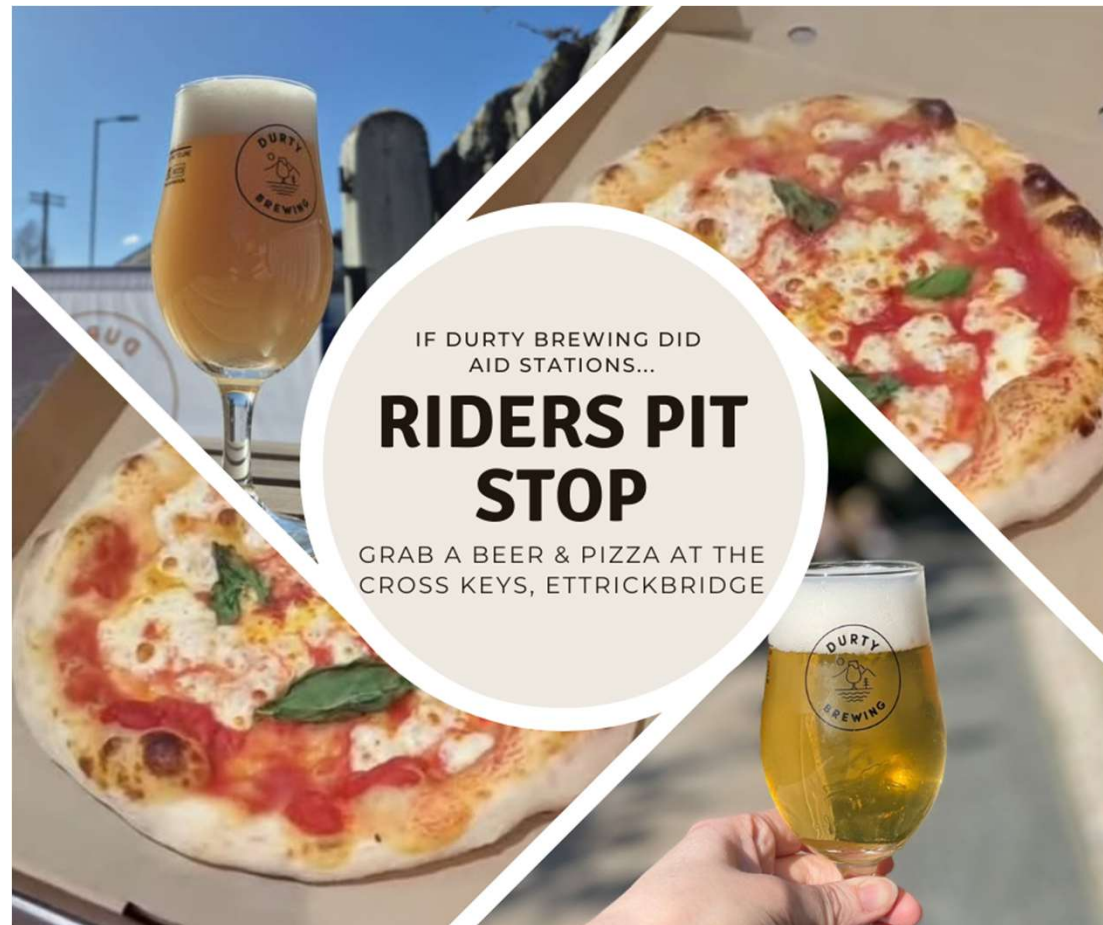
How this will work

Arrive at Ettrickbridge and head for the village hall where our cheery marshals will help you find somewhere to stash your bike and provide you with a beer token.

There will be a normal aid station at the hall but if you are ready for something more than a banana or jelly baby head over to the Cross Keys.

Your first beer is on Durty Brewing, simply hand over your token and they will hand you back a beer. If you prefer a different drink then the bar will be open and you can purchase whatever you fancy.

The pizzas will be available for the duration of the event, these are also on a pay as you go basis, so don't forget your wallet.



FINISH & Entertainment

After you finish make sure you head back to the Registration and hand in your timing chip so we can process the results. No chip hand in & download = no result.

Get showered and warmed up, have a coffee and refuel ready for the party. The bar will be open and we will have great live music on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Individual event times will be available at www.durtyevents.com/results as soon as we can get them uploaded after the event. Race Photographs will be published on our social media channels and on our website at www.durtyevents.com/galleries as soon as possible after the event. Give us a chance to get home and unpack before hassling us on this, eh?

Report to the Finish, whatever happens to you. Otherwise we're coming looking for you and we won't be happy



Camping 1

Friday and Saturday night camping at the Rugby Club is included in your entry fee, so come along and make a weekend of it.

Please stick to the authorised camping areas – see site plan. We need to keep the Rugby Club happy (they're bigger and fitter than us!) and so there's a handful of things we ask you not to do please;

- a) Please, no vehicles on the pitch surfaces – any of them
- b) Campervans are fine by us – either on the hard standing areas next to the Rugby Club main pitch, or on the grassy areas adjacent to the rear pitches behind the club stand (but no vehicles on the pitch itself please).
No awnings please – we don't have enough space.
- c) Please make sure you take everything away with you after you pack your tent. None of us fancy the idea of Rugby players going into a tackle and finding there are tent pegs embedded in the turf. Ouch.
- d) Tents should not exceed 12'x12' unless accommodating more than four people. **Gazebos and tents for common areas are not permitted.**
- e) Litter: please take all camping litter away with you. Please don't dump stuff in the Rugby Club bins – they need the capacity themselves.
- f) Cooking: open fires, barbeques (of any kind) or large 'Calor Gas' bottle style cooking units/heating units are not allowed in the camp site. Small personal gas cooking appliances are fine. There will be catering options on site and in the nearby town (10mins walk).

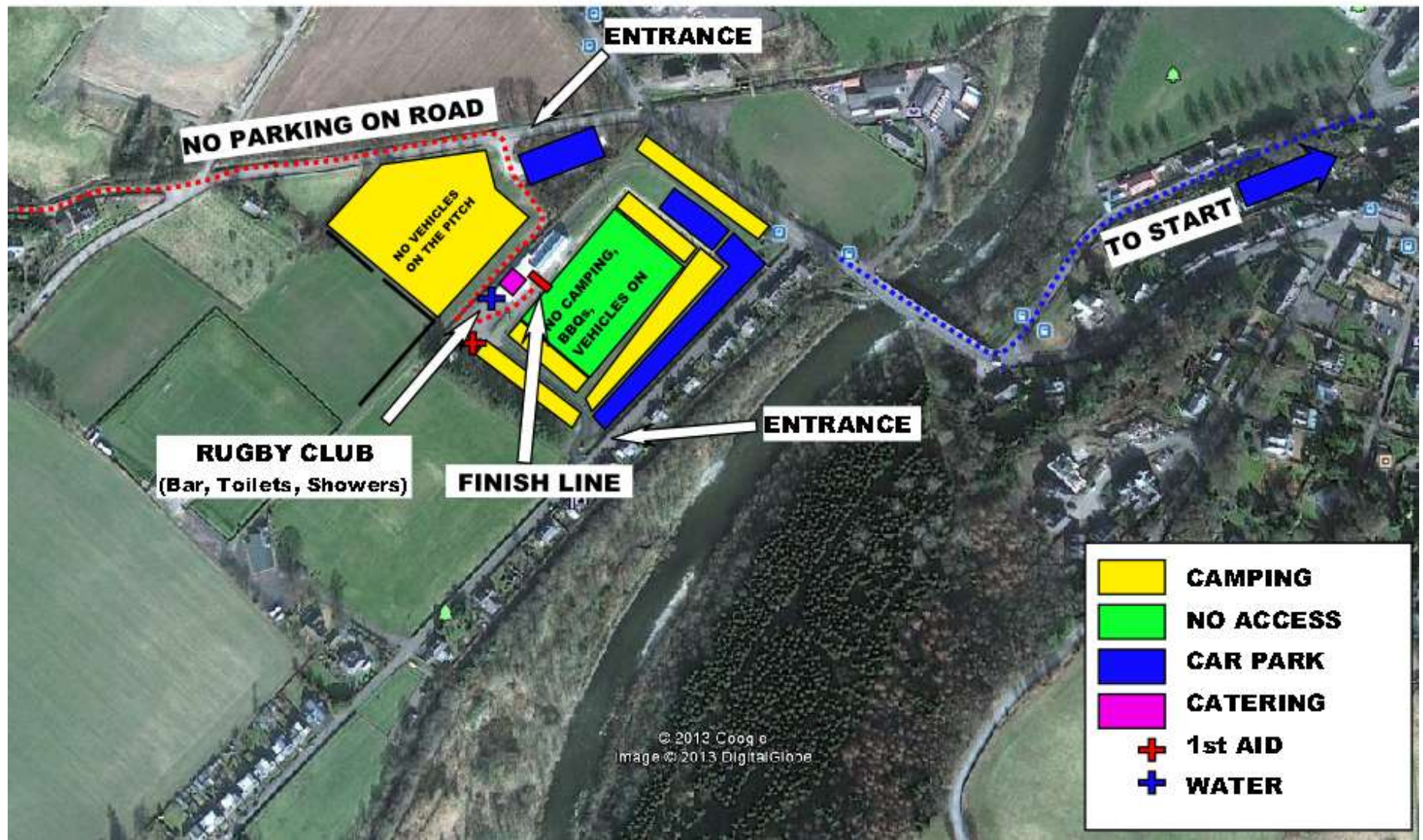
Camping 2

- g) Glass: glass bottles or glass drinking vessels of any kind are also not permitted in the camp site, thank you.
- h) Noise: There is not a designated quiet area at this event. However, we insist that all revellers retire quietly to the camping area. Noisy neighbours (however musical or funny they think they are) are not nice 😊. We'll turf you off the campsite if you're being a PITA and annoying others.
- i) Please, no generators. Ta.

There are toilets within the Rugby Club that will be open all weekend. Toilets will be opened while the camping areas are live. Please note there are only limited shower facilities at the events (within the Rugby Club).

Camping area

RACE HQ SITE PLAN



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