



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

La Strada La Plata Gravel Ride  
Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 9 a.m.  
Buckley Park, 12<sup>th</sup> St and Main Ave, Durango, Colorado

### PRE-RIDE PREPARATION

- If you registered before March 4th, 2019, your bib number will be mailed to you the third week of April. If you are a local rider (zip codes 81301, 81302, 81303, 81122, 81137, or 81326), international rider, or registered after March 4th, 2019, you will pick up your bib number Friday, May 24, 3 - 7 p.m. at Buckley Park, 12<sup>th</sup> St and Main Ave, in Durango.
- This is not a race!
- Prepare for the day by putting the bib number on your jersey (attached to the left side of your torso, slightly back so it can be read as you cross the line) and the bike number on your bike (centered on the handlebars, facing forward). Numbers must be visible on course at all times.
- In the case of severe inclement weather, we may alter or cancel the event. That info will be posted before 7 a.m. on our website, social media, and at the Buckley Park location. If the weather deteriorates during event, riders will be removed from the course for their safety and the future of the trails and roads.
- The start and finish will be located at Buckley Park, 12<sup>th</sup> St and Main Ave, Durango (same place as packet pickup). Please see the map on the website for details.
- The long course is approximately 58 miles with 4,700 feet of climbing and over 34 miles of gravel. The short course is approximately 40 miles with 3,000 feet of climbing and 27 miles of gravel.

### DURING THE RIDE

- Parking is available throughout downtown, and in neighborhoods surrounding the event.
- Once you are on road, stay to the right and obey the yellow line rule. Also keep an eye out for hazards on the road such as potholes and debris. You must obey all traffic laws

while on the course. It is not a closed course, so there will be vehicles etc. on the route. Please be safe and follow all normal traffic rules. You are responsible for your own safety.

- There will be one aid station on the short course and two on the long course (see map on webpage after May 1 for exact locations.) There will be hydration and nutrition options at the aid station, but if you are specific in your needs, haul your own supplies to be safe.
- No headphones of any kind – they are a safety issue. If we identify riders using headphones, we will remove them from course.
- Due to the remote nature of this course, it is recommended that you carry a fully charged cell phone. There will be a moto on the front, a roaming moto and a sweeper for this event.
- There will be a few course marshals on the course, but not many. If you witness an accident or see an injured rider, please call 911, or report to a course marshal, aid station personnel, moto on the front, the back sweeper.
- If there is an issue with the course (especially safety), please alert any of the above personnel and call Ian at 970-799-4703.
- If you have to drop out of the ride, please alert the officials at the start and finish line, as well as any family members who may report you missing. We do not want to have a search party out looking for you if there is not a need.

## POST-RIDE FESTIVITIES & LOGISTICS

- Riders will finish on Main Street at the start line. Please be cautious as you enter the downtown area, as you will be joining in on the MTB course and sharing the pavement.
- There are other cycling events taking place on Sunday, May 26, in Downtown Durango with beer gardens, live music, and other entertainment. Come join us after you finish.

Thank you for joining the tradition! We encourage all participants to take part in what our area has to offer. Please keep in mind an event that has lasted this long has done so because of the outpouring of support from our participants, volunteers, sponsors, law enforcement, and community. We are happy to have you here. We hope you enjoy your experience!!!

The IHBC contributes a portion of all entry fees to supporting the Mercy Health Foundation, Durango Derailers and other programs in our region.