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# GREEN ACRES CX

A GRAVEL-CRUSHING, CROSS-RACING, HAND-UP HECKLING GOOD TIME

## GREEN ACRES GRAV FUNDO HALF HUNDO INFORMATION

The Grav Fundo Half Hundo is an organized ride on gravel and tarmac with an emphasis on fun. It is not a race. While a time of completion will be recorded for each rider, order of completion will not serve as the basis for awards.

**DIRECTIONS & PARKING:** [Green Acres Recreation Area](#) is one mile east of the I694/HWY36 interchange. Take HWY36 east, turn right on DeMontreville Trail and then left on 55<sup>th</sup> Street. Parking is available in the lot. Space is limited, so please follow our parking attendants. Overflow space is available wherever our parking attendants find some.

**REGISTRATION:** Green Acres Grav Fundo Half Hundo (GFHH) is held under USA Cycling permit [2018-2863](#). Pre-registration is available at [BikeReg.com](#) until October 12<sup>th</sup>. Day of registration is available, and closes 15 minutes prior to each race, however there is a 100-person rider limit. A valid USA Cycling license is not required for the Grav Fundo event.

**ROUTE:** With start and end at the GACX venue in Lake Elmo, the ride is a 51.6-mile lollipop route neighboring the communities of Grant, Withrow, and Big Marine Lake in northern Washington County. Approximately 25 miles worth of gravel sections are interspersed among smooth rolling tarmac. The gravel is generally well-traveled and compacted such that a road bike with plump tires (25 mm or greater) can safely navigate the route. Total elevation gain on the route is 1500' spread among rolling hills along the course. A pdf map with cue sheet, as well as GPS files (Garmin, TCX and GPX) are available to download at [GreenAcresCX.com](#). We strongly encourage all participants to carry the map and cue sheet either as primary navigation or as backup to a GPS bike computer or smartphone.

**RIDER ETIQUETTE:** This is an open course. Riders shall obey all relevant traffic laws and rules of the road. These include riding on the right side of the road and stopping for all stop signs and traffic lights. Participants must demonstrate good sportsmanship and behave in a way that respects other riders and the environment. Horses may be encountered on the gravel roads or on the horse path adjacent to the Gateway State Trail (which we utilize for approximately two miles on the backside of our lollipop route). If you approach a horse from behind, please announce yourself audibly to the horse rider to give warning well in advance. Riders will be given a bib number and it should be worn in a visible location either on the handlebars or pinned to your jersey. There WILL be time limit on the course. We ask that

all riders finish within in 6 hours of the start time at 9:00 AM. This would be an average of 8.6 miles per hour.

**EQUIPMENT:** There are no specific limitations on equipment. The gravel sections are sufficiently well-behaved that a road bike with plumper tires (25 or 28 mm) is sufficient. Otherwise, gravel bikes, CX bikes, mountain bikes, fat bikes, etc. are all welcome. Do carry appropriate tire road repair tools and supplies

**AID STATION:** We have one stop on the course at approximately the halfway point, located near the Big Marine Lake Store,

**NEED MORE HELP?** Riders are expected to be prepared with clothing appropriate to the season and bike pump/CO2 and tubes for typical on road repair. Ride hosts Synergy Cycling team members (wearing Synergy kit) will be on course and more than willing to stop and assist you with any issues. The aid station near the Big Marine Store will be staffed and have basic repair tools and amenities. We will also have a sag wagon available should anyone be unable to complete the ride. Should you require sag support, please call the Now Bikes Saint Paul location at (651) 644-2354. Identify yourself as a Grav Fundo rider, and explain your need. The staff will be in direct contact with the sag wagon for dispatch. If you are unable to complete the ride within the 6 hr. ride window, please also call the Now Bikes Saint Paul shop and so indicate.

**TIMED SEGMENTS COMPETITION (OPTIONAL):** For those wishing to add a casual competitive element to their ride, we've defined four Strava segments on the course (relatively short, each is about 0.6 miles in length spaced evenly about the course) and on the basis of cumulative segment time, we'll award ribbons to the top three male and female finishers.

Timed Strava segments (you can find them in Strava Segment Explorer):

HH5 Rock Steady

HH6 Say a Little Prayer

HH7 Think

HH8 Freeway of Love

These segments will be indicated on the course cue sheet and with physical signs at the start and end points of each segment.

Riders wishing to participate in the timed segment competition will need to do the following:

- 1) Be registered for the event and complete the ride.
- 2) Record their ride activity on a GPS bike computer or smart phone app.
- 3) Upload that recorded activity to Strava by midnight on event day, 10/13/18.
- 4) Join the Strava Club "GACX 2018 Grav Fundo," also by midnight on event day. This is just a temporary club created to group our event results for 2018 ride.

Of course, only riders that are registered for the GFHH event will be entered in our timed segment competition, and their segment time will need to have been completed within the event time window (9:00 AM -3:00 PM). Only the first attempt at each segment will be considered in the competition. We have no rules as to whether you ride these segments alone or in a group. (Of course, winning the competition on your own might be a bit more satisfying). Just have fun while being safe.

By noon on the following day (Sunday), we'll post and announce our GFHH Timed Segment Competition winners. The top 3 women and men will win ribbons signifying their achievement and hopefully, symbolizing their sense of reward drawn from the satisfaction of fast gravel segments ridden. Given that this timed segment competition is less than rigorously formulated and is based on an imprecise GPS system, it may be imperfect. Contact us if you have any questions!

**PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded to race participants based on a random draw of bib numbers. We really just want you to have fun and enjoy the breeze through your hair! Riders are also entitled to all of the standard GACX pomp and circumstance, including the pig roast and beverage, and our famous GACX end-of-the-day raffle!

**FOOD & BEVERAGES:** With your entry, you will receive a ticket good for a sandwich and beverage from our pig roast on Saturday.

**RAFFLE:** The infamous GACX raffle will be held at the end of each day, following the last round of podium presentations. If your entry is called, and you are not present, it gets burned, simple as that. If for some reason you are not in need of your prize, be a good person and pass it on to a new racer who will appreciate it, rather than selling it on social media.

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