

2021 RIDER GUIDE



OSAGE PASSAGE

Ride Fast. Camp Slow

New for 2021 Osage Passage

Live Music Friday & Saturday

Bicycling Magazine called the Saint Francis Tulsa Tough a 72-hour block party which happened to have a bike race running through it. It's time to bring a little of that atmosphere to Osage Passage. There will be a sound stage and live music from 6 – 9 p.m. on Friday and again on Saturday for the after-party Saturday. Party, ride, and party some more!

Post-Ride Meal and Beverages by This Land BBQ

Anthony and Alexis Croff with [This Land BBQ](https://www.facebook.com/thislandbbq/) will be on hand to replace all those calories you burned. Their food is so yummy! Follow them on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/thislandbbq/>

For drinks you can BYO or enjoy New Belgium Brewing's Fat Tire Ale. We'll also have plenty of White Claw on hand. As always, drink responsibly. And do not drink and drive. Camping continues Saturday night, so why not stay?!

Red Bull Rio Grande Free Entry and Travel to Overall Winners of 104

Our friends at Red Bull, along with Red Bull athletes Colin Strickland and Payson McElveen, have created a diabolically wicked gravel race in the Chinati Mountains near Marfa, Texas, November 13th, called Red Bull Rio Grande Gravel. It's 100 miles with 10,000 feet of climbing over pavement, dirt, chunky gravel, double-track, and single-track.

The overall male and female winners of Osage Passage 104 will receive a free entry into the event with paid travel expenses.

Here's more info <https://www.redbull.com/us-en/events/rio-grande-gravel>

Osage Turkey Awards

Local mountain bike hero and fire fighter, Ray Hall, has been organizing the Turkey Mountain Bike Festival for eight years. Ray puts his heart and soul into this effort and the proceeds benefit the Oklahoma Firefighters Burn Camp. It's Sunday, October 3rd, the day after Osage Passage.

If you complete any of the distances at Osage Passage on Saturday and complete any of the distances at the Turkey Mtb Festival on Sunday, you will receive a special custom Osage Turkey award. Here's the cool thing. There's no extra fee and no special sign up. Just finish Osage Passage and finish Turkey Mountain and at the end of the day Sunday you'll get your cool award. We know who you are!

Bike Swap for 44 & 65 Routes

We get it. The first 12 miles inside the Zink Ranch are hard. A mountain bike would be nice inside the ranch but a gravel bike is better outside the ranch. For those in the 44 or 65 mile events only we will offer a bike swap service. Here's how it works.

- Only 30 spots are available
- First come, first served
- \$20 per spot
- Sign up on BikeReg (including the liability waiver)
- Bring your gravel bike to the Bike Club trailer near the start line Saturday morning (we will help you load it)
- Ride your mountain bike on the first 12 miles inside the Zink Ranch
- When you exit the ranch at Gate 11 we will be there with the trailer and your gravel bike
- Swap bikes and ride your gravel bike the rest of the way
- We will transport your mountain bike to the finish

New Route Inside Zink Ranch

Let's not mince words. Around five miles inside Zink Ranch will test your skills and test you physically. The first mile is on pavement, but it's ALL uphill. After that you will be met with a combination of steep, rocky, sometimes loose, sometimes rutted ranch roads, double-track, single-track, and raw land.

We even found a new climb! This year's route features the soon-to-be-famous Beringer Hill, a half-mile climb which ranges from 5 to 9%. Love it or hate it, Beringer Hill will be remembered.

This is the beauty and challenge of Osage Passage! Even the hardest of souls may find themselves walking at times.

Also note the route outside the ranch has been flipped this year! It may look familiar on the map, but it won't feel the same riding on the course.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Once inside the ranch YOU MUST STAY ON THE OFFICIAL ROUTE. We are guests at this private ranch and we ask that you respect the rules and not deviate from the designated route. If you must exit from the ranch route and want to rejoin, please exit south from Zink Ranch and head west on Rock School road to rejoin the cycling.

Our Staff and Lead Volunteers for 2021

2020 was a crazy year and people being cooped up led to one of the best turnouts Osage Passage (OP) has had so far. Folks were ready for community and cycling on the ranch and into the countryside. Heading into their year's 2021 OP has been a little bumpy. Malcolm, Brad, Carlos, Janelle and Charley had been planning for 2021 Osage Passage since the close out of 2020 Osage Passage. Each member plays a part taking various planning, communication and leadership roles throughout the process. Counting down the months we continue to prep, refine and identify the people we want to work with and the experience we want to give our riders. On Sept. 22, our fearless



Executive Director was hit by a vehicle finishing a Tulsa ride staple, Wednesday Night Ride. Each member still did their part the week leading up to Osage Passage weekend and everyone pitched in just a little more to cover the hole Malcolm left while he focused on recovery. If you have feedback for this event, please don't hesitate to send me an email gravel@tulsatough.com so we can improve things for next year. Please thank every volunteer on the course for being there and the entertainment and your friends that show up to make this event truly spectacular. We are super excited to have you this weekend!

Charley Lingerfelt
Gravel Event Director

Our core team for Osage Passage.



Malcolm, Carlos, Brad, Charley and Janelle

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and our many volunteers, this would be impossible without you!

WHY WE'RE DOING THIS

Our mission is to elevate the profile of Tulsa and promote active lifestyles.

Tulsa Tough, Inc. produces the Saint Francis Tulsa Tough cycling event which has become a staple on the calendar as a highly visible, fun weekend which shines a spotlight on Tulsa in a positive way locally, nationally, and internationally.

Osage Passage complements Saint Francis Tulsa Tough and encourages people to adopt cycling as a part of an active lifestyle in a relaxed, family friendly, rural setting. And besides, gravel and cross are a blast!

Power down your devices. Connect with fellow riders while socially distanced, masked and face-to-face. Watch for the monarch migration. Breathe deep. Ride fast. Camp slow.



Covid-19 Frequently Asked Questions

Check out the full content regarding Covid 19 at this link: <https://www.osagepassage.com/covid-19>

If you are eligible to be vaccinated (ages 12 and up) and don't have a pre-existing condition preventing you from receiving a vaccination, please come fully vaccinated! [Check here to look for where to get vaccinated.](#)

If you are COVID positive, suspect you might be, or even have any symptoms, please stay home. It's not that we don't love you. We do. But we're all depending on each other to minimize the risk of transmission.

We ask that you wear a face-covering during registration and when social distancing is not possible at the venue. We cannot emphasize this enough. The USAC medical director has stated that the greatest risk of transmission occurs off the bike. The simple act of covering your nose and mouth can significantly improve your odds of remaining COVID free.

Will I need to bring a mask? YES! Masks will be required during registration and when you are unable to socially distance. Please wear a mask and maintain a 6 ft distance. This includes common areas such as restrooms, registration and the pavilion.

What happens if I start to feel sick? If you start to feel sick at any time during the event, please let an event staffer / volunteer know and make plans to leave the venue immediately.

During the lead-up to the event I test positive for Covid-19 or start having symptoms - what do I do? Please email us or contact us using BikeReg. Anyone that becomes symptomatic or tests positive during the 21 days in advance of the event will not be allowed on site. Riders will get a full refund.

Will there be precautions taken at the event? There will be extra precautions at the event. Please heed the signage and make this a safe and enjoyable event for everyone! Bring your mask, extra hand sanitizer and flexibility for this weekend.

Participation in Osage Passage includes possible exposure to COVID-19. Osage Passage is requiring masks when not actively cycling and instructing each rider/spectator to wear a mask when it is not possible to practice social distancing

Each participant and spectator, will sign a waiver that he/she does not have COVID-19; he/she is not awaiting pending COVID-19 test results; has not had exposure to COVID-19 within the last fourteen (14) days: and does not have any symptoms of COVID-19 including:

- Fever or chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting or diarrhea
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Headache
- Fatigue

How do I keep myself safe? Keep 6 feet of space between yourself and others at all times, and wear a mask. Masks are especially important in times when physical distancing is difficult.

Anything else? Please remember that Covid safety protocols are in place to protect everyone. Anyone jeopardizing others' health and safety will not be tolerated.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021

- Noon – Venue opens for tent and RV camping
Tent camping may include self-supplied equipment, or concierge service from Homma Camp Co. <https://www.hommacampcompany.com/>
- 4:00 to 6:00 pm Registration and packet pick up in pavilion
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm Live Music

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

- 7:00 to 9:00 am – Free DoubleShot Coffee
- 9:00 - Gravel races begin distances (17, 44, 65, 104)
- 1:00 – 6:00 pm – Post-Ride Meals begin
- 6:00 pm – Live Music by Keyland Music Company

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

- ~7:00 am - 9:00am campers cooking breakfast and having copious coffee.
- 9am - 11:30am unofficial recovery ride if anyone wants to ride outside of the ranch
- 2:00 pm Campground closes

IMPORTANT LINKS

REGISTER FOR GRAVEL, TENT/RV CAMPING, and BIKE EXCHANGE

- <https://www.bikereg.com/osage-passage>

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT OSAGE PASSAGE

- <https://tulsatoughinc.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=55762>

SIGN UP FOR CONCIERGE CAMPING SERVICE

- <https://www.hommacampcompany.com/>

REGISTER FOR TURKEY MOUNTAIN BIKE FESTIVAL

- <https://www.bikereg.com/turkey-mtb-festival>

REGISTER FOR RED BULL RIO GRANDE

- <https://participate.redbull.com/en/events/red-bull-rio-grande-gravel/2021>

Gravel Venue Map



PARKING

The entrance to the ranch is at the intersection of Highway 97 & Rock School Road. Proceed North through the gate approximately 400 meters to the parking area which is in a large open field adjacent to the road.

If you are camping and would like to drive to the camp area to drop your gear, you may do so and return to the designated parking area to park.

Zink Ranch Waiver Required

At the entrance, you will be asked to sign a waiver of liability to the Zink Ranch. These waivers are required by the Zink Foundation. You will be handed a Tyvek bracelet that must be worn at all times while on the ranch.

GRAVEL

Saturday's gravel riders will be treated to 12 miles inside the Zink Ranch before exiting the ranch. From that point, you will be on public roads. This probably goes without saying, but we'll say it anyway . . . bring your smartphone because you will want to take some snapshots of the Osage County vistas. And if we're lucky again, we will get to see the monarch butterfly migration.

There will not be any SAG support. The Osage County gravel roads are a crushed white chat that is highly rideable even in the rain. These roads are not like the Flint Hills and we have not generally experienced a high number of flat tires in previous rides in this area. That said, this is gravel, so be prepared because anything can happen out there!

Downloadable GPS files will be posted at <https://www.osagepassage.com/general-3> the week of the event. We will have printed cue sheets available at registration.

17 MILE ROUTE

45 MILE ROUTE

66 MILE ROUTE

103 MILE ROUTE - CHAMPIONSHIP RACE RULES

- Participants in the 103 Mile Championship Route will be eligible for a County Championship Award Jersey
- County Championship Award categories: (male and female) Overall Winner, Under 18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+, Single Speed, Tandem
- All age group winners receive a custom County Championship jersey from Eliel Cycling.
- To be eligible to win a County Championship jersey you must be registered for the 103 route

- Start-Finish is at the Zink Ranch, 7716 Zink Ranch Rd, Skiatook, OK 74070
- Race will be scored by chip time, not gun time
- Riders will start in waves, self-seeding according to expected speed inside the ranch! We are NOT utilizing distance with speed this year, only initial speed to minimize hard passing conditions inside the ranch.
- First wave will leave at 9:00 a.m. with subsequent waves leaving at 30 second intervals
- First mile is neutral, timing mat is at the end of the first mile
- The race is self-supported; however, aid may be accepted from other riders.
- No Support Vehicles are allowed on the course unless you are “pulling the plug.” If a support crew is found to be on course, that rider will be immediately disqualified from the event.
- There will be no gear drops and only a few aid stations on the course (see route sheet on RideWithGPS.) Bring a few dollars to use at C-Stores on route to replenish if needed.
- The course will be marked inside of Zink Ranch but will not be marked outside the ranch so print a map, use a computer or bring your smartphone and add the RideWithGPS App. If you are riding the 17mi course, you can navigate without a computer or app but maybe this is your time to practice using it?
- Online and on-site registration available
- What Race Distance should I choose? In order to have everyone safely off the gravel course by 5pm, we recommend the following Average Speed Minimums for your safety navigating during the daylight.



Distance	Recommended Minimum Avg Speed
17	NA
44	10 mph
65	10 mph
104	12.5 mph

- Online registration closes at 5:00 pm, Wednesday, September 29, 2021
- The overall course is not marked, follow your cue sheet or download GPS files here <https://www.osagepassage.com/general-3>



OSAGE PASSAGE

Ride with class. Ride with panache. Ride!



About Osage County

Osage County is the largest county in Oklahoma and was created in 1907 when Oklahoma was admitted as a state. It is characterized by open and rolling prairie. Eastern Osage County has the Osage Hills, an extension of the Flint Hills of Kansas, and everyone in the gravel cycling world knows what happens there in the Flint Hills each year in May. ¹

Prior to statehood, the Osage Nation purchased 1.57 million acres of land in what was then Indian Territory. This ownership included mineral rights. By 1920 the Osage were receiving lucrative revenues from these mineral interests and were among the richest people in the country.

Many books have been written about the ensuing horrors and unscrupulous dealings and corruption as Osage tribal members were murdered or tricked out of their legal claims to property including, *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, David Grann; *The Deaths of Sybil Bolton: An American History*, Dennis McAuliffe, Jr.; and *Bloodland: A Family Story of Oil, Greed and Murder on the Osage Reservation*, Dennis McAuliff, Jr.

In 2013, Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts, Ewan McGregor and others starred in *August: Osage County*, a movie produced by George Clooney. The movie was filmed on location in a 100-year old farmhouse in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. The house was originally a Sears, Roebuck & Co. kit home.



Osage County has miles and miles of gravel roads offering vistas of rolling terrain and abundant wildlife. Ranching is prevalent and cattle continue to graze on open range. Osage County is still home to numerous active oil and gas wells, which will be seen in operation as you ride throughout the countryside. Enjoy this beautiful part of Oklahoma!

¹ About 150 miles to the North, as the crow flies, is Emporia, Kansas, home of perhaps the best known gravel event in the U.S., Dirty Kanza.

About John Zink Ranch

John Steele Zink founded the John Zink Company in 1929. He purchased 1,800 acres in Osage County 1945 and began operating a cattle ranch on the land.

He passed away in 1973 and his son, John S. (Jack) Zink took over operations of both the company and the ranch. The John Zink Co. was bought by Sunbeam Corporation in 1979 and Jack Zink purchased another company which later became Zeeco, headquartered in Broken Arrow, OK.

Before his passing in 2005, Jack turned control of Zeeco over to his son, Darton. Zeeco currently has the largest combustion research and test facility in the world.

In the late 1980s, the Zink Ranch grew substantially as Jack Zink acquired an additional 18,000 acres from creditors of Texas Millionaire Bunker Hunt when Hunt went bankrupt.

Jack was well known for his philanthropy and community volunteerism. In the 1960s, the John Zink Foundation was founded and took over ownership and operation of the ranch.

Camping facilities were created for the Boy Scouts of America and today it is one of the largest and most active Scout camps in the nation. The Girl Scouts also have a facility at the Zink Ranch. Both areas are actively used by boy and girls and their families.

The Red Castle Gun Club was organized on the land in 1963 and is one of the few gun clubs to offer a 1,000-yard range. Gun Club members still use the facility.

In 1994, the Tulsa Trail Riders off-road motorcycle club hosted an International Six-Day Enduro event, which had rarely been held outside of Europe. Enduro events are still held at the ranch with the Zink Ranch National Enduro to be held Sunday, October 20, 2019. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvKcw_9RSkg

Darton Zink, has continued the family tradition of philanthropy and community volunteerism.

We are grateful to Darton Zink and the John Zink Foundation for the privilege of being able to use the Zink Ranch for the Osage Passage.

OSAGE PASSAGE FOOD & BEVERAGES

Throughout the weekend, you are welcome to bring your own prepared foods or cook them on the spot.

If you have a propane camp stove you are free to use it at the campground.

Electricity and running water is available at the campground.

FOOD

Friday

Evening Bring your own for campers

Saturday

7:00 to 9:00 a.m. **DoubleShot Coffee Co.**

1pm - 6:00 p.m. **This Land BBQ** goodness is included for participants in this year's gravel races.

Evening Bring your own for campers

Sunday

7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Campers should crank up the coffee and break out their cast-iron and make their favorite camp breakfast. You did the miles, you earned a nice breakfast with friends.

BEVERAGES

Friday – Saturday

Bottled water will be available free of charge

Saturday

White Claw will be available free of charge for those over 21

Fat Tire Ale will be available free of charge for those over 21