



OSAGE PASSAGE

2020 RIDER GUIDE



Ride Fast. Camp Slow.

Not Normal, But Closer

Riding alone is fine, but we all miss the energy, excitement, and camaraderie an organized event offers. Trying to figure out how to appropriately resume these activities in the COVID-19 era is a challenge. We had big plans for Tulsa Tough-style festivities at Osage Passage this year. But encouraging mass gathering in close quarters is the last thing we should be doing right now.

With your cooperation, however, we're prepared to move forward with the Osage Passage gravel and cyclocross races in a modified format. We've reviewed USAC Cycling's guidelines, the CDC guidelines, and our local health department guidelines. We also sought input from local medical professionals.

Check out the Rider's Guide for complete details of our plan and FAQs.

<https://www.osagepassage.com/covid-19>



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.

When you arrive, a volunteer will check your temperature with a touchless thermometer. If it's elevated, we ask that you not get out of your vehicle. If you would like to wait a while and get retested, we'll do it. If you still test high, we ask that you depart the venue.

Everyone will receive a neck buff and jersey pocket-sized hand sanitizer at check-in. Face coverings must be worn during staging and may be removed once you begin cycling. We ask that you wear them at rest stops and use hand-sanitizer, which will be available at rest stops.

We ask that you wear a face-covering at all times on the venue unless you are riding, eating, drinking, or at your own camping area. 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.

We realize this isn't normal and feels weird. But it moves us closer to normal. For the time being, let's make the best of this and enjoy riding our bikes. That always feels good!

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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

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

Will I need to bring a mask? YES! Masks will be required at all time except when actively racing or if in your tent/RV. Please wear a mask and maintain a 6 ft distance. This includes Start lines, Aid Stations and C-Stores on the Gravel Course and during any awards ceremonies as well as while around common areas such as restrooms, cyclocross course spectator areas, registration and the pavilion. Masks will be required while lining up to start races, once you are able to create space from other riders it can be removed.

Will you have Temperature Checks at the event? Participants and spectators can expect to have temperatures checked upon arriving at the venue. If your temperature is higher than 100.4, you will be asked to stay in their vehicle to cool off for 15 to 30 minutes and one re-test will be allowed. After a second failed test, you will be asked to leave the event and you can expect a refund for your registration - two weeks after the event concludes.

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 and maintain social distancing and frequent handwashing.

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

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. Pay attention to any physical guides, such as tape markings on floors or signs on walls, directing attendees to remain at least 6 feet apart from each other in lines or at other times. Allow other people 6 feet of space when you pass by them in both indoor and outdoor settings.

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



OSAGE PASSAGE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

- 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/>
- 5:00 to 7:00 Registration and packet pick up in pavilion

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

- 7:00 to 8:30 - Packet Pickup in pavilion
- 9:00 - Gravel begins – four distances (18, 44, 65, 103) with first twelve (12) miles through Zink Ranch private roads
- 10:00 – 5:00 Pre-riding of the CX course

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020

- 7:30-2:30 CX Registration
- 9:30 – 4:30 CX races (Includes a Ladies-Only, Beginners race)

REGISTER FOR CX, GRAVEL AND TENT OR RV CAMPING

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

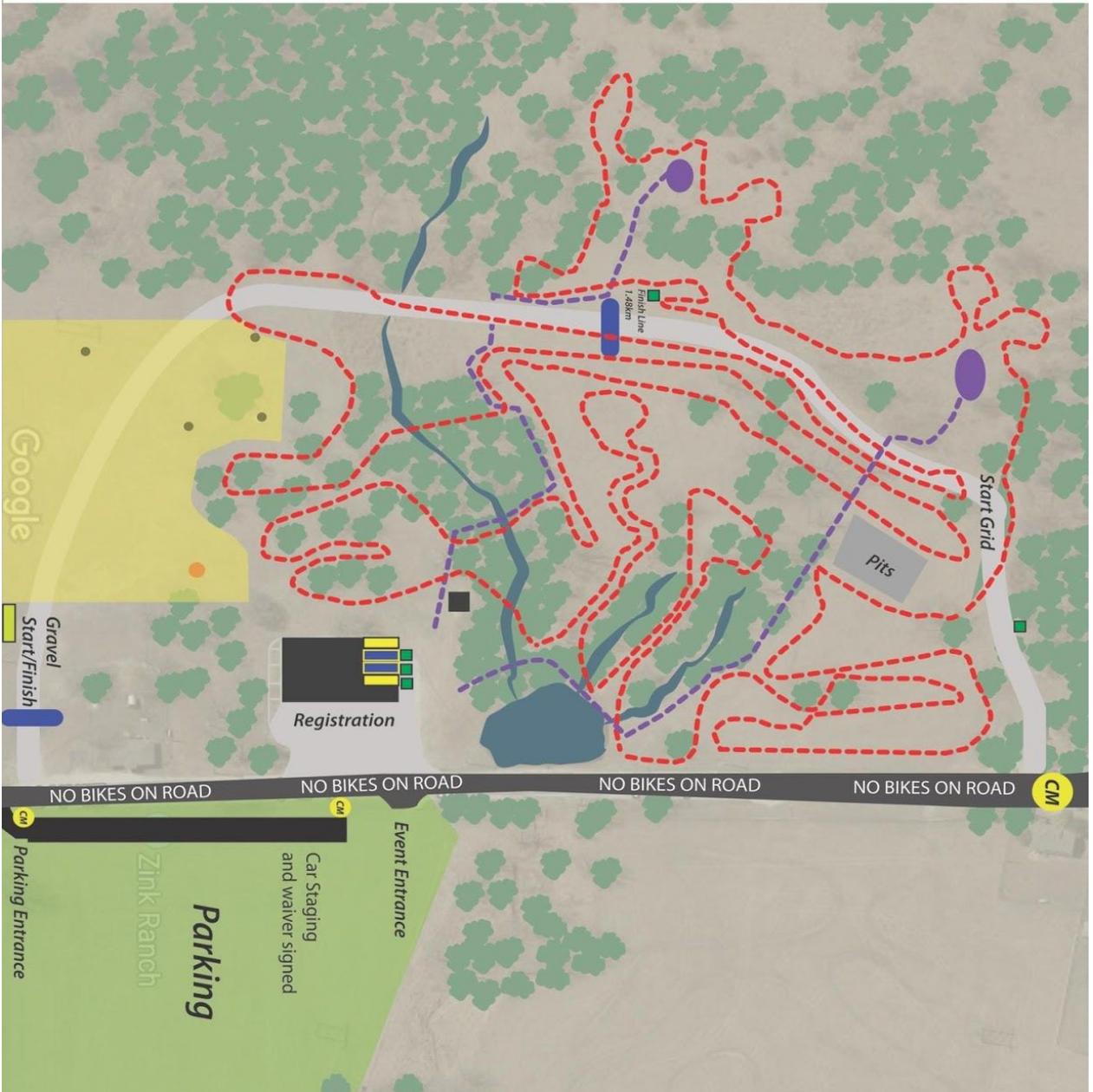
SIGN UP FOR CONCIERGE CAMPING SERVICE

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

Cross Venue Map



KEY	
Cross Course	
Cross Walk Paths	
Event Parking Area	
Camping Area	
Marshall	
Porta John	
Dumpster	
Inside Restroom	
Shower Facilities	



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.

Covid-19 Waiver Required

At the entrance, you will be asked to sign a waiver regarding recent Covid symptoms and testing. Your temperature will be checked as well.

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 www.tulsatough.com/osage-passage the week of the event. We will have printed cue sheets available at registration.

18 MILE ROUTE

44 MILE ROUTE

65 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 average miles per hour
- 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 18mi course, you can navigate without a computer or app but maybe this is your time to practice using it?
- Aid Stations/Rest Stops:
 - Please remove cycling gloves while in the aid station.
 - Riders are required to sanitize hands prior to picking anything up and before they depart the aid station.
 - Please mask up at Aid Stations!
- 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
18	NA
44	10 mph
65	10 mph
103	12.5 mph

- Online registration closes at 5:00 pm, Wednesday, September 30, 2020
- Non-championship distances will start in waves following departure of the last Championship wave
- The overall course is not marked, follow your cue sheet or download GPS files here <https://www.tulsatough.com/osage-passage>





OSAGE PASSAGE

Ride with class. Ride with panache. Ride!



CYCLOCROSS

The cyclocross course was designed by Carlos Romero. Someone made the statement, “There is no crying in cyclocross”, to which Carlos replied, “Wanna bet?”

The course is approximately 2.7 km in length. It features smooth winding grassy terrain, several creek crossings (sometimes dry, sometimes not), and a challenging technical hillside section.

The course will be open for pre-riding Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



- USAC Rules apply. You should already know them. Here they are <https://www.usacycling.org/resources/rulebook>
- Registration and packet pick up will be available Friday from Noon – 6:30 p.m. at the pavilion on event day
- Event-day registration will be at the pavilion starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Registration is available up to 30-minutes prior to the start of each event. Don't wait until the last minute because it delays getting a start sheet to the Officials and it makes all of us cranky.
- Don't ask for a refund because you won't get one
- Wear your number on the right side
- Payouts will be available at the pavilion once results are final
- Podiums will be at the pavilion immediately following each race. If you are in the top three, please go straight to the podium

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 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. **Chimera Coffee Co.** with coffee and breakfast items for purchase.

11:00 - 2:30 p.m. **McNellie's Catering** boxed lunch will be available for participants in the gravel races free of charge

Evening Bring your own for campers

Sunday

7:00 to 9:00 a.m. **Chimera Coffee Co.** with coffee and breakfast items for purchase.

11:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. **The Whit** food truck items for purchase

<https://www.facebook.com/TheWhitCatering/>

BEVERAGES

Friday – Sunday

Bottled water will be available free of charge

Saturday – Sunday

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