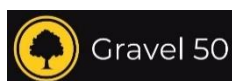


OFFICIAL RULES OF THE 'GRAVEL 50 - Mavic' RIDE
Sunday 27 June 2021 – Angers



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These rules are available to download on the site www.natureisbike.com. They will also be available on 27 June 2021 at the departure of the 'Gravel 50' ride in Angers at the site of 'The Gravel Festival'.

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1. PRESENTATION OF THE RIDE 'GRAVEL 50 – Mavic'

1.1 Organisation

For the 2021 edition of Nature is Bike, Destination Angers is the organiser of 'The Gravel 50 - Mavic' on June 27, 2021. The organisation of 'The Gravel 50' is placed under the aegis of the FFC – FEDERATION FRANCAISE DE CYCLISME with the help of the ANGERS METROPOLE CYCLISME 49 Club.

The Gravel 50 is not a race. It's a ride for gravel cyclists which is exceptionally open to MTB riders for the 2021 edition. It is open to all adults, men or women and will take place on Sunday 27 June.

This ride consists of a 50 Km circuit on roads, paths and dirt or paved roads in the Angevine region following a GPX track.

The 'Gravel 50' ride takes place on tracks & paths open to the general public in strict compliance with the Highway Code & regulations issued by the Police Authority without priority of passage or people flagging the way, without classification or measurement of performance.

The GPX track is given to each participant upon registering. Signposts indicating major changes in route may be put in place. However competitors must rely on the directions transmitted to their GPS from the GPX track of the Gravel 50.

The official departure is fixed at 08.45 on Sunday 27 June from the gravel festival site in Angers.

1.2 Acceptation of the rules & ethics of 'The Gravel 50'

Participation in 'The Gravel 50' implies the express & unreserved acceptance by each competitor of the regulations and ethics of the 'Nature is Bike' event as well as all the instructions that the Organiser gives to the participants

The Organiser reserves the right to revise & update the rules of the event & the general conditions of the sale of registrations at any time. In the event of a modification the Organiser will endeavour to notify all registered participants by electronic mail via the address they provided on the online registration form. Any changes may apply immediately after notification by any means including the publication of the revised version on the event website www.natureisbike.com. Destination Angers advises checking the website regularly

2. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

'The Gravel 50' is an event open to anyone, man or woman, whatever nationality, provided they are 18 years old on the day of the event with a licence issued by the FFC (French Cycling Federation) under the conditions detailed below

Participants compete on an individual basis.

The number of participants is limited to 400 riders.

2.1 Commitment of participants

In order to participate in the Trial, all participants agree to:

- Read the rules & accept the clauses in their entirety
- Be aware of the risks associated with cycling such as individual or collective falls & the risks and consequences of an accident
- Have acquired a confirmed cycling level
- Be fully aware of the difficulty of the event
- Follow 'The Gravel of Legend' GPX trace
- Manage their food & drink supplies
- Respect the time 'windows' given
- Be capable of handling complex cycling conditions including uneven surfaces & adverse climatic conditions such as rain and cold
- Show respect for private property that the course could pass through
- Provide assistance to any participant in difficulty during the event

For the final validation of their participation, preferably when registering online, each participant must provide the documents listed below depending on whether or not they are licenced to one of the federations mentioned.

- A competitor with a licence issued by the FFC - French Cycling Federation (Federation authorising the practice of competitive cycling) must provide a copy of his 2020-2021 licence when registering online
- A competitor who is not an FFC licensee & doesn't hold a UFOLEP licence (Union Francaise des Oeuvres Laiques d'Education Physique, FFTRI (Federation Francaise de Cyclotourisme), FCC-Encadrement and Referee must subscribe to the FFC Day Card when registering online & attach a medical certificate with no contraindications for the practice of cycling in competitions & dated less than a year before the day of the event
- A competitor with a licence from the FFH (Federation Francaise Handisport) must have an FFC 2021 licence authorising access to the competition. This licence must be included with any online registration
- A non-licensed disabled sports competitor must provide a medical certificate with no contraindications for the practice of competitive cycling & dated less than a year before the day of the event & must subscribe to the FFC day card when registering online
- A French competitor or foreign national licensed by a federation affiliated to the UCI (Union Cycliste International) must have a certificate from his federation authorising him to participate in 'The Gravel 50' ride in France
- A foreign national, not licensed by the FFC must subscribe to the FFC Day Card when registering online and attach a medical certificate with no contraindications for the practice of cycling in competitions & dated less than a year before the day of the event.

CAUTION: all foreign medical certificates must be translated into French. Any foreign medical certificate not translated into French will be refused.



2.2 Respect for the environment

Nature is Bike 2021 is an eco-responsible event. By registering for 'The Gravel 50', all participants agree to respect the environment and natural spaces that the circuit passes through.

It is strictly forbidden to discard waste of any kind on the course (container, food, document or paper). Each participant must keep their waste and packaging with them until they are able to discard them, preferably designated & recycling available at the refreshment sites and the arrival site and the arrival site of the 'Nature is Bike' gravel festival in Angers.

During registration each participant must affix their number plate reference to any cereal bar or food packaging they plan to take to the event. The Organiser will carry out random checks before departure.

2.3 Materials & equipment for participants of 'The Gravel 50'

Competitors are solely responsible for ensuring that their equipment & materials comply with current standards & are properly maintained.

Each participant must arrive at the start point with the compulsory cycling & sports equipment listed, they must be wearing a helmet with the chin strap attached & must wear it for the duration of the event. In the absence of the compulsory equipment the participant will not be allowed to start the race & will be excluded. In the event of a participant not wearing the compulsory equipment the Organiser cannot be held responsible for any incidences or their consequences.

Characteristics of bicycles allowed:

- Bicycles specifically equipped for Gravel with round road handle bar
- Cyclo-cross type bikes fitted with round road handle bar
- MTB

At the start participants agree that their bicycle has been checked & is on perfect order for Gravel riding

Bicycles not allowed:

All bicycles that are not suitable for Gravel practice:

- Unicycle
- Recumbent bike
- Time trial bike
- Fixed gear bike
- Folding bike
- Hand bike
- Electric bike
- Bicycles fitted with spoke wheels or lenticular wheels

Mandatory Cycling/ Sports materials and equipment

Wearing/ carrying the equipment listed below is mandatory throughout the duration of the event:

- A rigid shell helmet (Approved CE standards with chin strap attached, no more than 5 years old)
- Bicycle pump - minimum 2 spare air chambers - completed by any other repair tool
- A fully charged mobile phone and switched on
- A fully charged GPS, independent & separate from a GPS application on a mobile phone
- Numbered plate attached to front of bike
- A water bottle (at least 50 cl at the start of the trial)

Other sports materials recommended by the Organiser

- Clothing suitable for cycling with reflective bands
- A pair of gloves
- Multifunctional tool for bicycle of the multi-use type specific for bicycles
- A waste pocket to transport waste between check points

3. HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE GRAVEL 50

3.1 Registration conditions

The opening of registrations is February 11, 2021. Registration will close 14 June 2021

Registrations are made exclusively online via the website www.natureisbike.com up to a limit of 400 participants for the 'Gravel 50'

To validate their registration, a participant must accurately complete the mandatory fields of the online registration document, agree to provide a live, authentic email address of which they are the exclusive owner.

The Organiser will not accept any registrations by telephone, mail or email

The Organiser is the sole decision maker in selecting participants & no dispute may be admissible

All entries are nominative and transfer from one participant to another is not admissible for any reasons. Anyone who transfers their registration to a third party is fully responsible in the event of an incident (suffered and/or provoked) & the Organiser reserves the right to exclude them definitively from all 'Nature is Bike' events

When registering, in absence of payment, FCC licence or medical certificate with no contraindications for the practice of competitive cycling and references to sporting experience/qualifications, the Organiser reserves the right to not validate the registration. As a result, access to the event will be denied & no materials related to the 'Gravel 50' will be given at check-in.



3.2 Registration fees

Registration fees & prices

The registration fees quoted are in euros & include all taxes at the rate on the day of registration

The Organiser has set a preferential rate for registrations between February 11 & April 14, 2021:

- FFC licensed: **10 euros** (incl. tax)
- Non FFC licensed participants, UFOLEP or FSTG licenced participants: **19 euros** (incl. Tax). Price includes FFC Day Card & individual accident insurance for the entire duration of the event www.ffc.fr/carte-a-la-journee

From April 15, 2021

- FFC licensed: **15 euros** (incl. tax)
- Non FFC licensed participants or other licenced participants: **24 Euros** (incl. Tax).

What is included in the registration fee of the Gravel 50?

Included in the registration is:

- A safety emergency device
 - o Registration (verification of licences/ medical certificates, etc)
 - o For non-licensees: Compulsory Day Card including individual accident insurance
 - o Check of equipment at check in
 - o Mandatory briefing prior to the trail
 - o Security PC accessible throughout the event
 - o Presence of organisational team on route
 - o Fixed emergency points
- For the participants :
 - o A numbered plate *
 - o The GPX trace
- Refreshments during the ride
- Personalised welcome for each participant
- For those who want it: dedicated secure supervised locker for Gravel bikes available up to registration and until 25 June at 9.30. Service must be reserved upon registration

*Reminder: The registration and the number plate are personal. No transfer from one participant to another is permitted for any reason. Any person transferring his registration, plate or tag is fully responsible in the event of an incident (suffered and/or provoked) and the Organiser reserves the right to exclude them definitively from all future Gravel 50 editions and other 'Nature is Bike' events.

4. DURING THE 'GRAVEL 50'

4.1 Dates and times

Saturday 26 June, 2021

- 14.00 to 19.00: Registration, control of Gravel bikes & cycling equipment and mandatory briefing at the Nature is Bike site
- 19.00 : Closing of registrations

Sunday 27 June, 2021

- 7.30: Arrival of the competitors at the Nature is Bike site. Final check of participants' equipment.
- 8.15: Meet at the starting line
Briefing
- 8.45: Departure of the 'Gravel 50 - Mavic'
- Between 11.00 and 13.00: arrival of the participants at the heart of the gravel festival.

Departure is subject to confirmation upon final closing of registrations on 14 June 2021. Times may be modified according to final number of registrations on day of the event. From 15 June the Organiser will communicate the final schedules on the website www.natureisbike.com & by email to the email address given by the participants at time of registration. In the case of special circumstances, in particular, climatic conditions, the Organiser reserves the right to delay or advance the departure time. These modifications are available on the website and announced live at The Gravel Festival of Nature is Bike in addition to being displayed on posters at welcome and registration points. It is the responsibility of each participant to be on time for check-in, briefing and departure

4.2 Registration, checking materials & briefing

To qualify to participate all participants must register and submit their bike at the equipment control point and attend briefing



Registration

Each participant must present themselves at the Gravel 50 register on Saturday 26 June, 2021 between 14.00 and 19.00 (if it is not possible for the participant to register on Saturday 26 June they must contact the organiser via this link inscriptionparcours@natureisbike.com in order to organise to register exceptionally on Sunday 27 June between 6.00 and 7.30

The Organiser reserves the right to cancel the registration of participants who arrive after the closing of registrations.

During check-in for each participant, the Organiser will:

- Check registrations
 - o For any FFC licensee – the date of issue of the licence if it was not provided during registration, if not the participant will be excluded from the event.
 - o For all non FFC licensees – FFC, UFOLEP, FSGT, FFTRI and FFCT and FFC pass licensees. Leisure & Services, FFC supervision and referee. The Organiser will check medical certificates to ensure that there is nothing contradicting the ability to practice competitive cycling if it was not supplied during online registration & will submit the subscriptions to the Day Pass which must be signed at registration otherwise, they will not be allowed to start the event
- Give the participant a numbered plate
- Enter on the official starting list the name of each participant and the number plate assigned to them
- Hand out bicycle locker bracelets if the participant has indicated during registration that they wish to benefit from them
- Communicate emergency contact numbers in case of emergency (they will also be displayed on posters at the control and refreshments points)
- Make sure they have the GPX trace

The checks

After registering each participant must present themselves at the control point. They must:

- Present themselves at the equipment control on Saturday 26 June with their numbered plate fixed to their bike in order that the Organiser can check it and all the mandatory equipment before they leave the bike at the gravel festival site in a dedicated secure site with a security guard. The participant can collect their bike on Sunday 27 June between 7.00 and 8.00.
- Alternatively, they must present themselves at the equipment control point on Sunday 27 June between 7.30 and 8.00 with their numbered plate fixed to their bike in order that the Organiser can check it and all the mandatory equipment.

The briefing

It will take place on the site of the gravel festival in Angers on the starting line. During this briefing the Organiser will provide a description of the route, remind the participants of their obligations and give final instructions.

4.3 During the ride

Departure

The departure of the 'Gravel 50' is fixed at 08.45., just after the briefing

A reminder: telephone and GPS must be fully charged prior to the start of the 'Gravel 50'

Route

The route will not be signposted. Only dangerous intersections are marked and signposted. The route will be transmitted by the Organiser as a GPX link, sent by email to each participant at the latest 1 week before the trial in order to download it on their GPS.

The course may cross private properties with which the Organiser has made specific temporary arrangements.

Therefore, the participant must strictly respect the 'Gravel 50' GPX route.

On sections of the trial that have asphalt roads it is forbidden for participants to ride in groups of more than 8. The Organiser asks participants not 'slipstream' (a process that involves riding in the 'backdraft' and benefiting from the drag of another vehicle). As a consequence, following a vehicle is strictly prohibited.

5. INSURANCE

Destination Angers, the Organiser of 'The Gravel 50' event takes out liability insurance at all 'Nature is Bike' events.

The organiser requires that each participant take out individual personal accident insurance

FFC licensed participants benefit from that coverage.

Any participant not licensed by the FFC must take the FFC Day Card which covers individual accident insurance. Registration for this card and signature of contract is done on the day of registration.

6. EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS & CANCELLATION BY ORGANISER

If circumstances require, the Organiser reserves the right to modify the routes, departure times & organisational procedures linked to the smooth running of the event at anytime

In the event of a force majeure or circumstances beyond its control such as unfavourable climatic conditions, pandemics or any other conditions endangering the safety of the competitors, the Organiser reserves the right to modify or postpone the departure time by several hours or to shorten



or neutralise the ride or to stop or cancel the event. In case of a force majeure or a government or prefecture decree related to the COVID-19 crisis the Organiser will reimburse the registration fees.

7. APPLICABLE LAWS, RULES AND THEIR INTERPRETATION

The current rules comply with French law.

The ride takes place strictly respecting the French Highway Code and the rules of competent French police without priority of passage to competitors or signalers on the route.

The organiser has made a declaration to the Préfecture prior to the event in accordance with the rules of the Sports Code.

The event is exclusively governed by the Sports Code in particular the articles relating to sport events on public roads open to traffic. Any question as to the application and interpretation of these regulations or of any unforeseen question that may arise will be decided solely by the organiser or jury of the event depending on the situation. This will be done in strict compliance with the Sports Code.

8. COPYRIGHT OF IMAGES

Acceptance of these conditions implies that the participant agrees to Destination Angers and its partners, social networks & media to using their image if it appears on any photographs or videos taken from 13.00 on Friday 25 June 2021 to 19.00 Sunday 27 June 2021. The shots may be taken by remotely piloted aircraft (drones) in strict compliance with legal regulations (law no. 2016-1428 of 24 October 2016 regarding the safe use of civilian drones). This law is valid internationally for any intended use in promoting 'Nature is Bike' & in all forms; video, press, websites, social networks, etc. The use of these images in no way infringes the privacy or reputation of the participant. In accordance with ordinance no 2018-1125 of December 2018, article 32 of law no. 2018-493 of 20 June 2018 relative to protection of personal data and the law no. 78-17 of 6 January 1978 relative to IT, information & freedom concerning the protection of personal data. Each participant has right of access, opposition and rectification of the processing of data if he justifies himself to the Organiser. This authorisation is valuable for authors from 25 June 2021 on.

9. TREATMENT OF PERSONAL DATA

Participants are informed that personal data collected is subject to computer processing intended solely to provide information exclusively related to the 'Nature is Bike' event. Destination Angers which is responsible for this processing undertakes to not to communicate this personal data to third parties

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10. ACCEPTANCE OF RULES

Participation in the ride called "The Gravel 50 -Mavic" implies acceptance of these regulations in their entirety & is a binding contract. The rules are available on www.natureisbike.com, as well as on site on the day of the registration and the event.