

RIDERS GUIDE

SUNDAY APRIL 30



GRAVEL FONDO LIMBURG

YOUR GRAVEL RACE OF A LIFETIME

Welcome! You are taking on the first edition of Gravel Fondo Limburg. On Sunday April 30 you'll compete with 1.000 other riders for the podium and to qualify for the World Championships Gravel 2023.

In this Riders Guide you'll find all information you need for the best preparation possible.

Any further questions after reading this Guide? Drop us a line and email [**info@gravelfondolimburg.nl**](mailto:info@gravelfondolimburg.nl).

A special word of thanks to our presenting partner Shimano Experience Center and all the volunteers who will make it a perfect day in Valkenburg.

Good luck with the preparations!

Best regards,

Team Gravel Fondo Limburg



EVENT LOCATION

On Sunday April 30 the start, finish and festival area of Gravel Fondo Limburg are located at the **Shimano Experience Center** in Valkenburg.

The start of the race is at 09h30.

The address:

Shimano Experience Center
De Leeuwhof 2
6301 KZ Valkenburg

Google Maps



REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

On Saturday April 29 and Sunday April 30 the registration of riders is inside the Shimano Experience Center. Please follow the signs.

Times of registration:

- Saturday April 29 14h00 – 18h00
- Sunday April 30 07h00 – 09h00

To start a UCI or day license is **mandatory!** Check your registration to be sure. Without a license you can't participate in the race.

On Tuesday April 25 we'll send you an email with the QR code. Please have this QR code and (if applicable) UCI licence ready when you're at the registration desk. This saves some time.

There are two separate queues: a UCI registration desk including check by officials and a day license registration desk. Follow the signs. You will get an envelope including a number plate with chip, bib number and safety pins.



STARTING PROCEDURE

On Sunday April 30 there will be a mass start at 09h30.

The race director makes a selection of 25 selected riders for the priority start box. This selection on the list is unrecallable and undisputable. Do NOT contact us and question the selection.

The priority box will be followed by regular boxes. The selection of these boxes is based on age group and in order of registration. The first age group after the priority box is 19–34y, the second 35–39y, etc. Colored bib numbers distinguish competitors in each age group.

Check the signing at the event and the starting list prior to the event to know in which box you need to start. We'll publish the starting list on Wednesday April 26 on our website.

Good to know: gun time is start time.



RESULTS

The results of Gravel Fondo Limburg will be shared directly after finish at the UCI Qualifying desk.

You can check the results and qualified riders for the UCI Gravel World Championships yourself by visiting the [results page](#).

This page will be live as from Wednesday April 26 with the starting list. After the race on Sunday April 30 you'll see all the other relevant information related to the race.

The winners will receive a UCI Jersey per category on the podium.

The qualifiers will get a UCI qualifiers medal. Please keep in mind this can only be picked up on the event. We don't send them afterwards.

All riders will get a finishers badge at the registration desk.



RACE REGULATIONS

On the event page you'll find the **UCI Race Regulations**. Please read these carefully. These are the highlights:

To start in this qualifying event:
a UCI or day license is **mandatory**!

Qualification for the UCI Gravel World Championships for those riders finishing in the first 25% of their age group.

The 25% is calculated based on the number of starters in each age group, and not on the number of riders having finished the race. Qualification is always per age group and based on age group results, not on overall results.



AGE GROUPS

The Age Groups applicable to the Gravel World Series are defined by the riders age on December 31 of the year of the qualifier event.

These are the specific age groups.

- Overall men & women
- 19 – 34y men & women
- 35 – 39y men & women
- 40 – 44y men & women
- 45 – 49y men & women
- 50 – 54y men & women
- 55 – 59y men & women
- 60 – 64y men & women
- 65 – 69y men & women
- 70 – 74y men & women
- 75+ men & women



ROUTES

You can choose between two routes: 79 km or 113 km. Do you want to qualify for the UCI Gravel World Championships in Italy? Pick the right distance linked to your age category.

Official qualifier distance UCI Gravel World Championships

- Men 60+ & women 50+: 79 km
- Men 19-59 & women 19-49: 113 km

The GPX files can be found on [**RideWithGPS**](#). Download and upload them into your GPS computer.

On the route there will be signing and marshalls. Although it's a race please be cautious all the time and follow the instructions.



ROUTES

Based on the distance you ride there are two or three loops.

- Lead-in 5.1 km
- Loop 33.9 km
- Final stretch 5.9 km

Elevation gain:

- 79 km: 868 hm
- 113 km: 1240 hm

Expect a mix of climbs like the famous Cauberg, Keutenberg, technical descents, gravel, lössgrond and tarmac roads

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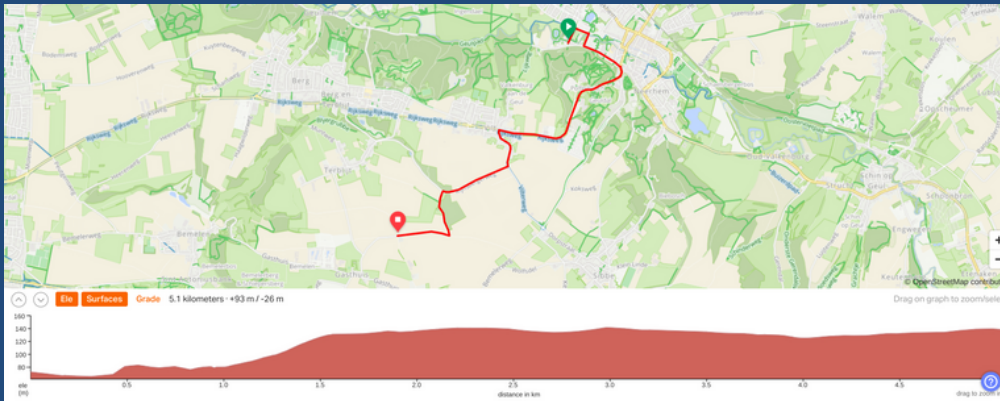
Gravel Fondo Limburg, Sunday **April 30 2023**
Start and finish at **Shimano Experience Center**, Valkenburg
Start race **09h30**, expected latest arrival **17h00**

Lead in of 5.1 km
Loop of 33.9 km
(two or three times)
Finish stretch of 6.1 km

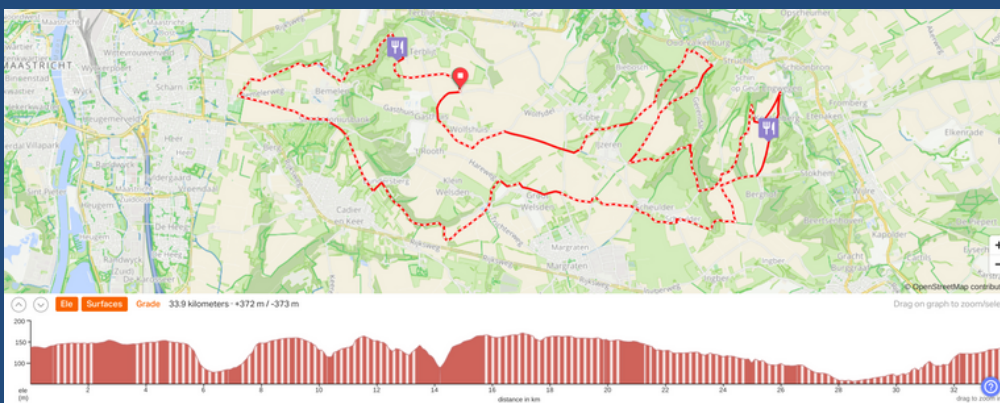


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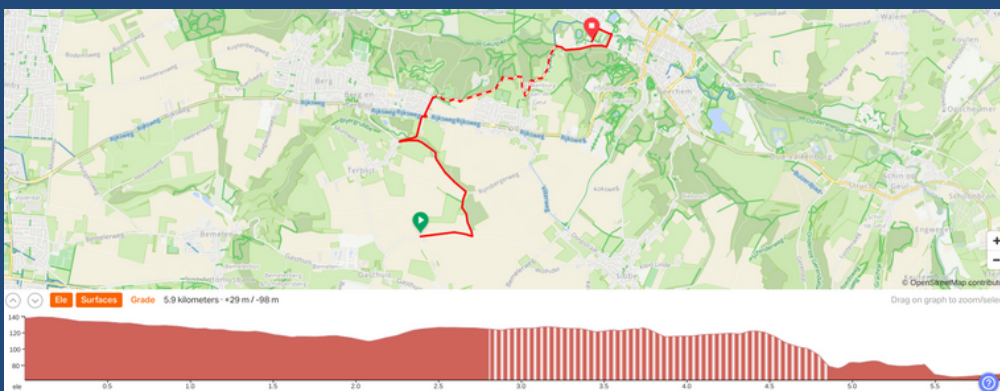
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Loop of 33.9 km



Final stretch of 5.9 km



FEED ZONES AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Along the course there are two feed zones with (limited) technical support per loop (17 km apart).

- The first feed zone is located on top of the Keutenberg
- The second feed zone is located at Herberg De Bonte Haan

Check the map and GPX files for the exact feed zone locations.

The race is self-reliant. Bring your own tools and spare tires. Other problems can be fixed in the feed zones, limited tools are available. You can change wheels during the race, not your bike.

You may use any type of bike – gravel bike, road bike, mountain bike – with the exception of tandem, recumbent bikes and time trial road bikes.



SAFETY ON ROUTE

It's a race, but safety on route is of the utmost importance. Never ever bring yourself, other participants or other road and path users in danger. Do not take unnecessary risks and always ride like ambassadors for our sport.

At all times respect the following rules:

- Ride safely!
- Always obey all local laws and regulations
- Respect nature, don't litter and dispose of your garbage
- Always wear your helmet
- At all times follow instructions of organization



PROGRAM

Registration

- Saturday 14h00 – 18h00
- Sunday 07h00 – 09h00

Mass start 09h30

Podium ceremony 14h00 – 14h30

Entertainment program 12h00 – 18h00

- Photo opportunity after finish
- Vinyl draaiers – DJ Collective
- Pumptrack
- Brand Bar & The Basterd barbecue
- Bike expo with partners
- Selfie wall
- Finish alley
- UCI Award ceremony
- And much more...



PRACTICALITIES

PARKING

There are many paid parkings in Valkenburg. Follow the instructions of the marshalls and check the parking signs. Keep in mind it can be busy in the morning. Please come early.

CASHLESS

Gravel Fondo Limburg is a cashless event. So bring your debit/credit card and/or phone with you to buy drinks and food.

LOCKERS

There are no lockers at the event. Leave your belongings in your car or (even better) give them to your friends or family or leave them at home.

EVENT PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

After the event we'll send you an email with event photos and videos. Check personalized race photos on **[Sportograf.com](https://www.sportograf.com)**.



PRACTICALITIES

SHOWERS

Inside the Shimano Experience Center there are shower facilities.

BIKE PARKING

Our volunteers will keep an eye on your bike. Bring your beauty to the secured bike parking and you will get a ticket. Don't lose it!

BIKE WASHING

Want to wash your bike? There is a bike washing station close to the event area. Follow the signs.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

In case of an emergency call 112. Always! Help will be arranged by the local authorities (ambulance, police and/or fire brigade).

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE NUMBER

Any other issues during the race or at the festival area?
Call + 316 27 37 98 33.

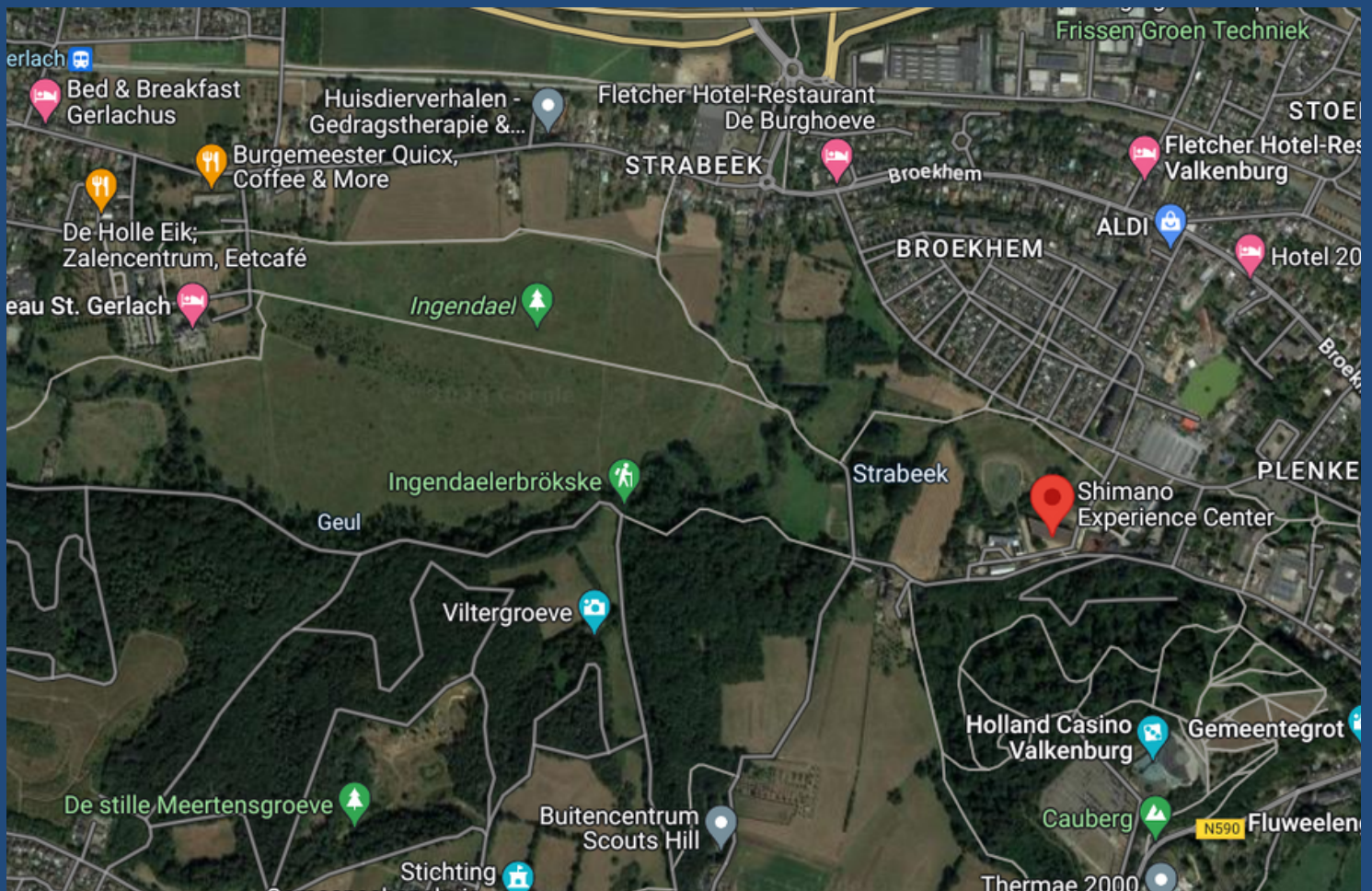


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