

41-MILE GRAVELPOD



Official Food Stop

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9:00am Start

STOP #1	Brunch	9:00am – 12:00pm	Badger Pass	mile 17+/-
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RATPOD's 41-mile course also starts and finishes in Dillon, Montana, (elev. 5100 ft.) in front of the University of Montana-Western Campus, Matthews Hall lawn, at 710 S. Atlantic Street. Riders head south on Atlantic Street then turn left on Hwy 91 S. At mile 3.6, we turn right under I-15 and onto Hwy 278 W.

Riders head west on Hwy 278 and your muscles twitch as you climb to an elevation of 6,780 ft over Badger Pass. Badger Pass and the corner of Taylor Creek Road is the home of your one and only official stop along this route and it will feature brunch and water!

Fuel up and then head north just .4 miles before turning right onto Badger Pass Road. Badger Pass Road features wonderful gravel and scenic views! You'll travel Badger Pass Road for 5 miles until you veer right where Badger Pass Road becomes Argenta Road. Follow Argenta Road alongside Rattlesnake Creek until you reach the small town of Argenta.

Continue along Argenta Road which becomes Stonehouse Lane at mile 30.9. Follow Stonehouse Lane 1.7 miles before making a left onto Ten Mile Road. Ten Mile Road will take you another 7.5 miles before reaching the edge of town, near the Fairgrounds. Riders will take a right onto Reed Street and within just .5 miles another right onto Atlantic where your ride will end!

The climbing is 2,383ft and the ride features 26 miles of paved roads and 15 miles of gravel!

Please keep in mind, this is an endurance ride with limited support/resources beyond what we provide at the aid station. Please be prepared to be self-sufficient beyond food and water. This includes items like emergency kits, flat repair kit, tools, medication you require or could need, etc.

TIRE TALK

The key to enjoying this route is having durable tires that can roll over loose gravel and bumps.

We recommend 33–38c tires for optimal performance on this course. The choice of tire tread depends on your personal preferences and priorities:

- **For Speed:** If your main goal is speed, the Panaracer Semi Slick Plus 35mm (or similar) is an excellent option. It performs well on hard-packed surfaces and roads, while also handling softer sections adequately.
- **For Comfort and Stability:** If you prioritize comfort, stability, durability, and cornering grip, the 38mm GravelKing SK is a top choice (or a similar tire). It offers exceptional performance in these areas, making it hard to beat.