

Welcome

Dear Riders,

Welcome to the Eislek Gravel Luxembourg!

On behalf of the entire Letz'Xplore team, we are thrilled to present you with the official roadbook of this unique adventure. Whether you're here to race, ride, or simply explore, you're now part of a growing gravel community that celebrates nature, challenge, and discovery.

Eislek is more than just a region – it's a feeling. With every climb, descent, and forest path, you'll experience the raw beauty of Luxembourg and its cross-border charm.

This roadbook is your guide through the weekend: routes, timing, safety tips, and everything you need to make the most of your ride.

We've worked hard to design an event that blends emotion, effort, and exploration. Now it's your turn to bring it to life!

Ride safe, ride strong – and above all, enjoy every moment. See you at the start line!

Letz'Xplore Asbl Organiser – Eislek Gravel Luxembourg





Vianden, a small town in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, enchants visitors with its narrow streets and numerous festivities. However, its real gem is its castle, which stands majestically above the Our Valley.

Vianden is part of the Luxembourg Ardennes, also known as the Éislek. It is located on the border with the Eifel in Germany and the Mullerthal in Luxembourg. The town stretches along the banks of the Our, which sometimes serves as a natural border with Germany, and is dominated by its impressive castle.

Vianden Castle, unique in Europe

The famous Vianden Castle is part of Luxembourg's cultural heritage. Owned by the state, it is a prime example of a feudal residence, built in Romanesque and Gothic styles. The CNN news channel even ranked it among the 20 most beautiful castles in the world. After extensive restoration work, the building now looks its best and offers breathtaking views of the Our Valley and the town below.

Hiking in Vianden

Vianden is an inviting place to explore. Surrounded by green hills and nestled in a valley, the town is criss-crossed by a dense network of hiking trails.

'Among the 20 most beautiful castles in the world, according to CNN'



Event location

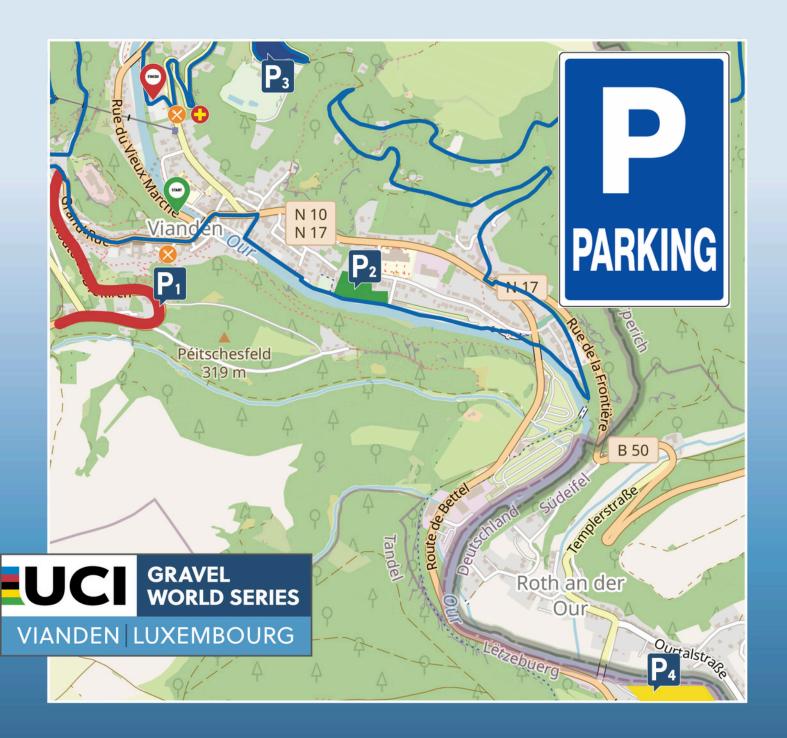
The centre of the event will be located at the **Larei cultural centre**. The centre is located in the immediate vicinity and offers all necessary amenities.

Location <u>Map</u>

The start will be judged nearby, while the finish will be on the site itself. The chairlift departure point is also located right next door.



Adress: Rue Charles Matthias, 9419 Vianden, Luxembourg











- For those coming from the north (Liège, Netherlands), car park P1 is recommended.
- The swimming pool car park is reserved for the participants in the 115 km race (more difficult access on foot).
- For spectators and supporters, we recommend car parks P1 and P2.





How to access the event?

By plane:

• Luxembourg Airport (LUX): The nearest major airport is located approximately 50 km (31 miles) from Vianden. From the airport, you can take a train or bus to Vianden.

By train:

- From Luxembourg City: Take a train to Ettelbruck from Luxembourg City, which offers regular connections to many European cities.
- From Ettelbruck to Vianden: From Ettelbruck, take bus line 570 directly to Vianden. This bus ride offers beautiful views and takes about 30 minutes.

By bus:

- Direct buses: Regular bus services, including line 570, connect Luxembourg City to Vianden and offer a comfortable and convenient means of transport.
- Regional connections: Buses from neighbouring countries, such as Belgium and Germany, connect to the Luxembourg public transport network.

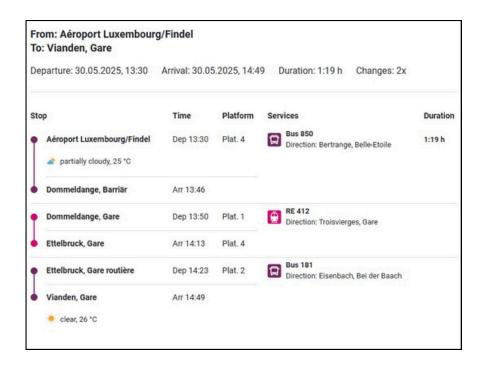
By car:

- From Luxembourg City: Take the A7 motorway north towards Ettelbruck, then follow the signs for Vianden. The journey takes about an hour.
- From neighbouring countries: Vianden is easily accessible via well-maintained roads from Germany, Belgium and France, making it a convenient destination by car from neighbouring regions.

Use this mobility planner (app or website) to plan your journey in the best possible way!

All public transport (train, tram, bus) is free in Luxembourg!!!







Registration procedure

Rider registration takes place inside cultural center Larei at Vianden. Follow the signs when you arrive. We'll make sure you'll find your way.

Registration Times:

Friday, June 20: 14.00 – 20.00 Saturday, June 21: 07.00 – 10.00

Before heading to the registration desk, please double-check your details. It's important that your registration is complete and correct, especially your date of birth, gender, distance, and category. This ensures you're placed in the right category.

You'll receive an email with your personal QR code. Have this email and/or QR Code ready on your phone (or printed out) when you register. It helps us move things along quickly and smoothly. Someone else can pick up your starter pack – as long as they bring your personal QR code.

At the registration desk, you'll receive an envelope containing your race number, frame plate and sticker containing the chip.



 The race number must be pinned to the back of your jersey.
 Mandatory



 The race plate must be affixed to the front of your bike.
 Mandatory (necessary for photos)



The **sticker** contains the <u>timing chip</u>
 and must be affixed to the saddle rail
 (as shown in the photo on the right).
 Mandatory (to be classified)





Welcome Pack Contents - A Complete Experience for All Participants



By registering for our UCI race, you're getting more than just a race number – you're entering a complete experience designed for passionate and demanding cyclists. Here's what your welcome pack includes:

- Official UCI course: Ride on a certified route that meets the highest standards
 of international cycling.
- **High-precision timing system** with personalized frame plate and official race number for accurate and professional tracking of your performance.
- 2 to 4 feed zones along the route: to keep your energy up throughout the race.
- Access to showers: recover comfortably after your effort.
- Secure bike park access: leave your bike safely in a dedicated area.
- **UCI medal** for qualified riders: a prestigious keepsake of your achievement.
- Access to the **partner village**: explore exhibitors, products, and activities in a friendly and festive atmosphere.

This pack is designed to offer more than just a race – it's a complete sporting, logistical, and social experience tailored to your needs. Every detail is planned so you can focus on what truly matters: riding, performing, and enjoying the day.



You'll find the full UCI Race Regulations here below. Please make sure to read them carefully before the race.

Key highlights: As part of the official qualification system for the 2025 UCI Gravel World Championships, Eislek Gravel Luxembourg 2025 grants qualification spots for the UCI Gravel World Championships 2025 in South Limburg, Netherlands. Riders who finish in the top 25% of their respective Elite and age group categories will qualify. The top 25% is determined based on the number of starters in each age group, not the total number of finishers. Qualification is always based on your specific age group, and results will be determined by age group standings, not overall results



UCI Race Regulation

Eislek Gravel Luxembourg Regulation



Riders will compete in the following official UCI Gravel World Series categories. These are based on age and gender, and apply to both the race results and qualification for the 2025 UCI Gravel World Championships.

Please note: your age category is determined by your age on December 31, 2025, not on the day of the race.

- Elite Men & Women
- 19–34 years Men & Women
- 35–39 years Men & Women
- 40–44 years Men & Women
- 45–49 years Men & Women
- 50-54 years Men & Women
- 55–59 years Men & Women
- 60–64 years Men & Women
- 65–69 years Men & Women
- 70–74 years Men & Women
- 75+ years Men & Women





At Eislek Gravel Luxembourg, you can choose between two race distances: 70 km or 115 km.

However, if you're aiming to qualify for the UCI Gravel World Championships 2025, it's important to ride the distance that matches your official UCI age category. Only riders in the top 25% of their category will qualify for the World Championships, but this is only possible if you ride the correct qualifying distance listed below.

UCI Official Qualification Distances:

115 km

- Elite Men & Women
- Women aged 19–49
- Men aged 19–59

70 km

- Women aged 50+
- Men aged 60+



Should you not want to enter the 115 km race, you can enter into the Open Eislek Gravel, open to all, on a distance of 70km.

Important

Competitors who are overtaken will be stopped at the next time they cross the finish line, even if they have not completed the entire distance.



Starting Procedure

On Saturday, June 21st, the race will start in waves, based on your category. After the Elite Men, the start times will be determined by age group. Each category will have its own gun time.

Check the signage at the event and the starting list prior to the event to find out in which category you need to start. Start areas open at 09:00. You'll find clothing drop-off boxes at each starting area.



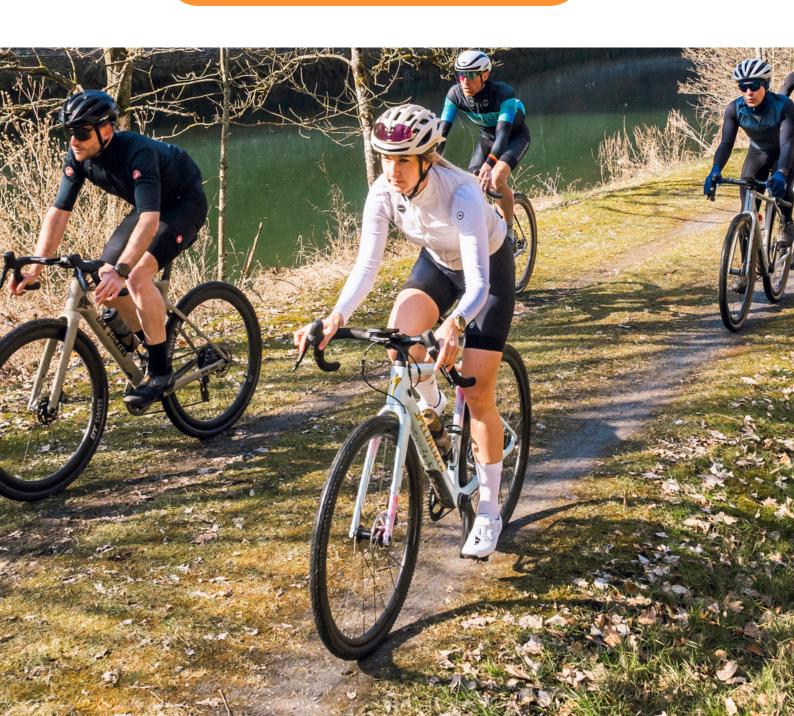
10.00 ELITES MEN 10.02 Age 19 - 34 MEN 10.04 Age 35 - 39 MEN 10.06 ELITE WOMEN 10.10 Age 40 - 44 MEN 10.12 Age 50 - 54 MEN 10.14 Age 55 - 59 MEN 10.16 WOMEN Age 19-34¦35-39¦ 40-44 ¦45-50 10.18 Age 60 + MEN 10.20 Age 50 + WOMEN 10.25 Eislek Gravel OPEN



This is the (provisional) start list of Marly Grav Race! We've got 1500 riders locked and loaded, spread across Elite and Age Categories.

Time to see who you'll be battling it out with in your category. Double-check your category, don't get caught in the wrong wave. Head over to the full list and find your name and other competitors.

Start list





Confirmed participants (Women)



Marie Schreiber (LUX) SD Worx Protime UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup Winner



Wendy Oosterwoud (NLD)

PAS Racing

Top 10 Gravel Races



Carolin Schiff (GER)
Canyon Factory Racing
2024 UCI Gravel World
Series Champion



Tessa Neefjes (NLD) Liv racing 2023 UCI Gravel World Series Champion



Annabel Fisher (GBR)

BIXS Far-Out Cycling

2023 Gravel Earth

Series Champion



Amelia Mitchell (GBR)

MAAP x Ribble

Winner Grinduro Gravel



Axelle Dubau-Prévot (FRA) Numéro 31 - Café du cycliste 2nd Traka 360 km 2025



Manon Bakker (NLD) Crelan-Corendon Dutch National Cyclo-cross Champion (2024)



Nicole Frain (AUS)
Ridley Racing Team
Top 10 Gravel Races



Canyon Racing Team

4th Place at the 2022 UCI
Gravel World Championships



Anne-Marie Worst (NLD)

Cyclocross Reds

UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup

Overall Winner



Swiss road cycling champion 2022



Margot Marasco (FRA) AG Insurance Soudal

Top 20 Road Races



Kim Knaeps (BEL) Serso Gravel Bike Team 2024 UCI Gravel World Champion (Women 35–39 Category)



Alicia Franck (BEL)

Lotto X-Oats

Top 10 CX Races



Fabienne Schauss (Lux)
Toproad Reiserbann
Multiple Time Luxembourg

Multiple-Time Luxembourg National Champion in MTB XCO



Confirmed participants (Men)



Greg Van Avermaet (BEL)

GVA Gold

Olympic Champion (Road 2016)



Niels Vandeputte (BEL)
Alpecin-Deceuninck
Winner of U23 CX races



Canyon Racing Team
Winner of the Trakka 200 (2023)



Joris Nieuwenhuis (NLD)
Ridley Racing Team
Winner of a UCI Gravel Race (2023)



Paul Voss (GER)
Autsaid x Rose Bikes
Winner of the Trakka 200 (2022)



Ivar Slik (NLD)
Wilier Factory Racing
Winner of Unbound 200 (2022)



Niki Tepstra (NLD) DTS Winner of Paris-Roubaix and Tour des Flandres)



Kevin Panhuyzen (BEL)
Giant Offroad Team
2022 UCI Gravel World Champion
(Men 19–34 Category)



Julian Siemons (BEL)

BVA Gold

Top 10 Gravel Races



Crelan-Corendon

2022–2023 UCI Cyclo-cross
World Cup overall winner



Jan Bakelants (BEL)

Tiger

Stage Winner at
Tour de France (2013)



Thomas de Gendt(BEL)

Rose x Classified

Stage winner in the three
Grand Tours and Giro podium



Mathijs Loman (NLD)

leads the men's elite standings in the UCI Gravel World Series



Felipe Orts (SPA)
Ridley Racing Team
Silver Medalist at the 2024 European
Cyclo-cross Championships



Hugo Drechou (FRA) Numéro 31 - Café du cycliste

Roc d'Azur Winner (2023)



Jasper Ockeloen (NLD)
Sockeloen.com
UCI Gravel Series Winner



Confirmed participants (Men)



Cameron Mason (GBR)

Cyclocross Reds

British National Cyclo-cross

Champion (2023)



Toby Perry (GBR) *Rose x Classified*Winner The Hills Gravel 2025



Ryan Kamp (NLD)
Fenix
2020 UCI Cyclo-cross
World Champion (Under-23)



Corey Davis (USA)

BIXS Far_Out Cycling

Top 20 Gravel Races



Johnny Hoogerland (NLD)

RH77 Factory Team

Wearing the polka dot jersey
(King of the Mountains)
at the 2011 Tour de France



Thom Bonder (NLD)
Giant Offroad Team
U23 Dutch Champion
MTB Marathon



Loic Bettendorf (LUX)

Hrinkow Advarics

Elite Luxembourg National
Cyclo-cross Champion



Francis de Greef (BEL)

Klein Brabant MTB

Participation in the
three major tours



Online results

We know you're eager to see how you did! Simply go on the Chronorace website. This is the fastest and most efficient way to check and see if you've qualified for the UCI Gravel World Championships 2025



Award ceremony

The award ceremonies will take place <u>at 3.00 pm (Elites) and (4.00 pm (Age Categories & Open).</u>

The award ceremony is for all riders placed first, second and third in their category and is mandatory under UCI regulation. Winners will receive an exclusive UCI Gravel World Series winner's jersey!

For the Open race, there will only be one overall podium (men and women). There will be no podiums for age categories.

If you are not a podium finisher, make sure to stop by and honour and celebrate those who made it to the podium.

Jerseys and medals

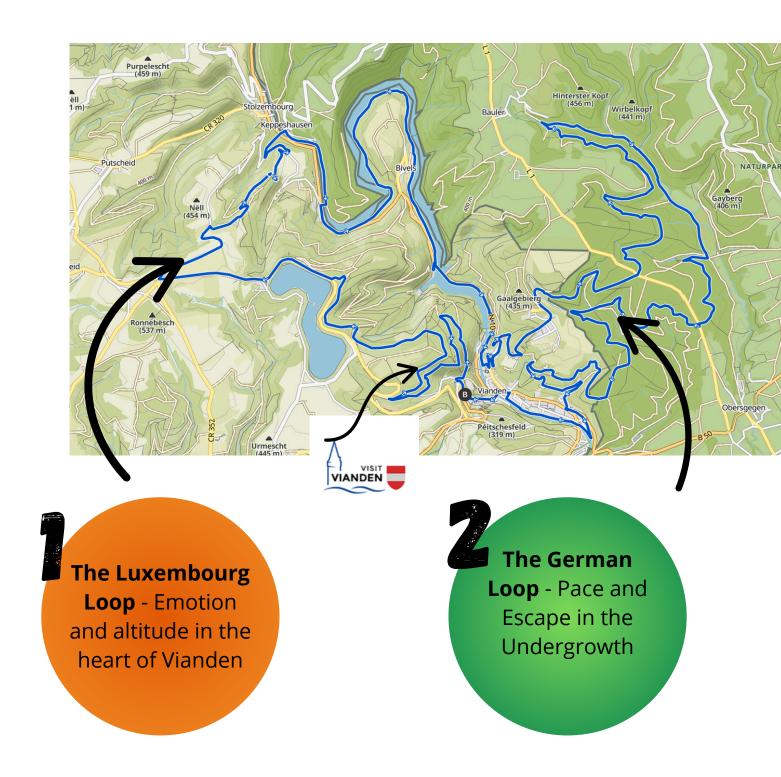
Winners will receive a UCI Jersey for their category on the podium, while qualified riders will be awarded a UCI Qualifiers Medal. Please note that medals can only be picked up at the event. We will not send them afterward! The top three finishers in each category are invited to the podium ceremony, to collect their medals. Podium ceremony is mandatory for categories' top three.





The Eislek Gravel Luxembourg Course: A Two-Part Adventure

The Eislek Gravel circuit is 46.8 km long and is made up of two parts, the Luxembourg loop and the German loop. This route, to be ridden 1.5 times or 2.5 times depending on the race, will showcase all the qualities of a gravel racer, whether as a climber, rouleur or technician.







This very physical loop starts directly with a fairly steep hill in three stages.

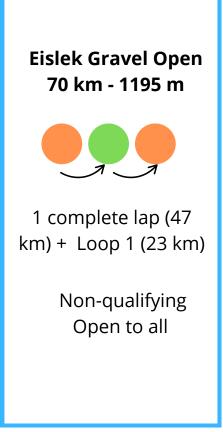
The descent that follows alternates between tarmac sections and forest tracks, offering a sensation of speed and freedom. Once along the Our, the route invites you to a fast, fun ride along a winding path back down to Vianden.

This loop offers a completely different experience: the scenery is gentler, the terrain less demanding, and the pace becomes more rolling. Here, the race extends over long gravel sections, where cyclists can pick up speed and enjoy the fluidity of the route, in perfect harmony with nature.

1 event, 3 possibilities...

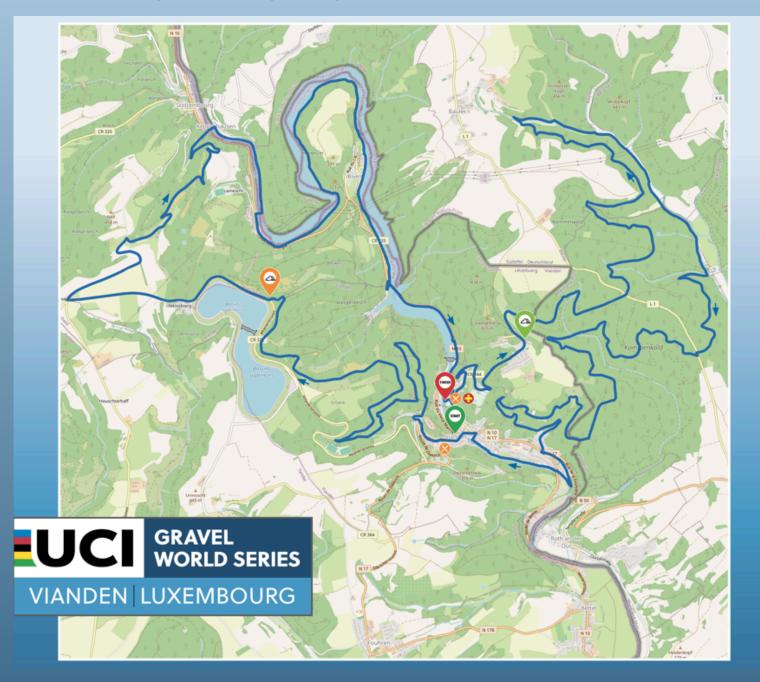








Map and profile





x 2.5 loops (115km) x 1.5 loops (70km & Open Races)



Get Mobile App

You can find the GPX files by clicking on this link

https://www.eislekgravelluxembourg.com/le scourses

115 km







Feed zones

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

To make life easier for participants and limit car journeys (and therefore reduce the carbon footprint), the two refreshment stations have been placed near the start/finish line.

Click on the buttons underneath to see their exact locations.

Important reminder

It is forbidden to throw rubbish outside the feed zones.











Bikes

You may use any type of bike: gravel, road, or mountain bike, but e-bikes, tandems, recumbent bikes, and time trial bikes are not permitted.

Technical support

The race is self-reliant – make sure to bring your own tools and spare tires. Minor mechanical issues can be addressed in the feed zones, where limited tools will be available. Wheel changes are allowed during the race, but bike changes are not.

There will be a technical support stand at the registration site.

Safety FIRST

Yes, it's a race, but safety on the course is our top priority. Never put yourself, other participants, or other road and trail users in danger. Don't take unnecessary risks, and always ride as true ambassadors of our sport. This is especially important during descents, where things can go wrong quickly. Stay safe.

Always follow these rules:

- Ride safely at all times.
- Obey all local laws and traffic regulations.
- Be aware: there may be other road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.
- Respect nature and don't litter.
- Always wear your helmet.
- Follow all instructions from the organization and course marshals.

Program

WEDNESDAY 18/06/2025

6:30 PM Social Ride - Track discovery by Panache Velo

FRIDAY 20/06/2025

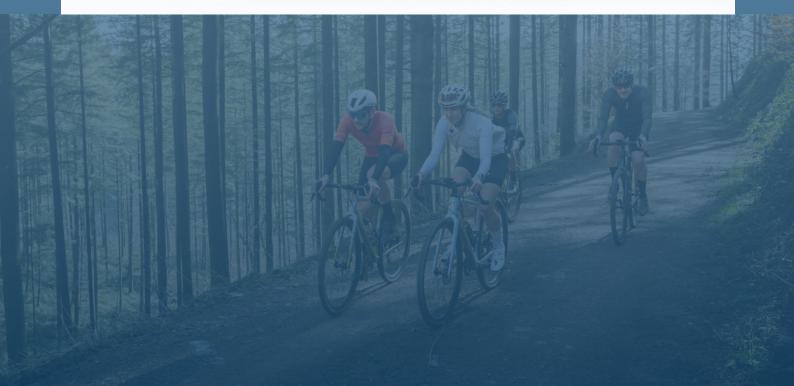
2:00 PM - 08:00 PM Registrations

2:00 PM Partner Village Opening

6:00 PM Race briefing

SATURDAY 21/06/2025

Registrations
Opening of the starting boxes
Start of UCI Gravel World Series - Elite
Start of UCI Gravel World Series - Age Categories
Start of Eislek Gravel Open
Partner Village Opening
After-race party
Secure Bike Park
Elite Finish (Estimated speed: 32.5 km/h)
Podium Ceremonies Elites
Podium Ceremonies Age Categories & Open
Partner Village & Bike-park closure



Site Map





Practical information

Shower Facilities

On Sunday, you can use the shower facilities at the Larei Center upon your return.

Lockers

There will be no lockers available during the event, so please plan accordingly and keep valuables safe and secure.

Secure Bike Parking

We've got you covered! There will be a monitored bike parking area, where our amazing volunteers will keep an eye on your bike while you're not riding.





There are various accommodation options available.

Hotels - partners











New opportunities across the border!

Germany and the Felsenland Suedeifel offer accomodations, just a few kilometers from Vianden. We recommend you to look at the official website of the region, or browse through your favorite booking platform for alternatives in the area.

Click to find your accomodation in the Eifel (Germany)



Camping

Camping de l'Our in Vianden or numerous campsites nearby





The event is unique in that it allows spectators to see the runners several times without having to take the car: thanks to the passages through the town centre, the feed zones located near the finish area, and access to the first hill via the chairlift.

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l)		Château	0,6	0,6	0,6	10h02	10h01	10h01	10h17	10h16	10h16	Château
TECH		Télésiège	1,7	2,3	2,3	10h08	10h05	10h04	10h23	10h20	10h19	Télésiège
	LOOP	N10 - Mont St-Nicolas	5,1	7,3	7,3	10h27	10h17	10h13	10h42	10h32	10h28	N10 - Mont St-Nicolas
1	Į.	N10 - Groësteen	2,4	9,7	9,7	10h36	10h23	10h17	10h51	10h38	10h32	N10 - Groësteen
	START	Stolzembourg / pont	4,0	13,7	13,7	10h51	10h32	10h24	11h06	10h47	10h39	Stolzembourg / pont
	S	Bivels	5,7	19,4	19,4	11h12	10h46	10h35	11h27	11h01	10h50	Bivels
		Vianden / barrage	2,7	22,1	22,1	11h22	10h53	10h40	11h37	11h08	10h55	Vianden / barrage
RAV		Vianden / ligne d'arrivée	0,7	22,8	22,8	11h25	10h54	10h41	11h40	11h09	10h56	Vianden / ligne d'arrivée
		Piscine	1,6	24,4	24,4	11h31	10h58	10h44	11h46	11h13	10h59	Piscine
		Sanatorium	0,7	25,1	25,1	11h34	11h00	10h45	11h49	11h15	11h00	Sanatorium
		L1 / Traversée	2,4	27,5	26,8	11h43	11h06	10h50	11h58	11h21	11h05	L1 / Traversée
		Kehlenberg	3,9	31,4	30,7	11h57	11h15	10h57	12h12	11h30	11h12	Kehlenberg
	1	L1 / Hansenbüsch	5,4	36,8	36,1	12h18	11h28	11h06	12h33	11h43	11h21	L1 / Hansenbüsch
RAV		Vianden - rue de la Frontière	7,6	44,4	43,7	12h46	11h46	11h20	13h01	12h01	11h35	Vianden - rue de la Frontière
	_	Vianden - départ	2,4	46,8	46,1	12h55	11h52	11h25	13h10	12h07	11h40	Vianden - départ
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		N10 - Groësteen	2,4	56,5	55,8	13h31	12h15	11h42	13h46	12h30	11h57	N10 - Groësteen
		Stolzembourg / pont	4,0	60,5	59,8	13h46	12h25	11h50	14h01	12h40	12h05	Stolzembourg / pont
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		Vianden / barrage	2,7	68,9	68,2	14h18	12h45	12h05	14h33	13h00	12h20	Vianden / barrage
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		Sanatorium	0,7	71,9		14h29	12h52	12h10		2 3	(d	Sanatorium
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RAV		Vianden / ligne d'arrivée	0,7	116.4		17h16	14h39	13h31				Vianden / ligne d'arrivée



Chairlift

The chairlift (which departs near the start/finish area) allows you to fly over the course and reach the top of the first hill to watch the runners.

This access allows you to view the race as it passes through the hill section three times, enabling you to see the riders five times without having to take the car.



Walks

Vianden is full of tourist attractions. We therefore offer two walks of around 3 km that allow you to discover the town and its remarkable sights (the castle, the town museum, the Victor Hugo museum, the dam and its street art) at your leisure.

Vianden Panorama 3km – 98d+ (forest paths & roads)



Vianden tour 3km – 85d+ (only roads)











The race circuit passes by these four memorable locations!





Pictures and movies

Photos & Aftermovie

Several photographers and a videographer will be out on the course to capture all the action, emotion, and smiles. We'll be creating a full aftermovie and sharing a photo gallery with all participants in the week following the event. Soak it all in, ride hard and don't forget to look up and smile every now and then!

Sportograf



Make your race unforgettable with the pictures from Sportograf! We're excited to announce that this year we will have Sportograf, a professional online photo service on our side to capture your sporting highlight of the year. Professional photographers will be taking photos all along the course to make this day unforgettable for you! Look forward to many spectacular pictures, which you can buy on the Sportograf website after the event. Be excited to see your photos and sign up for the email reminder today! Sportograf will then notify you as soon as your photos are available.

Direct link to photos: https://www.sportograf.com/event/16398



Merchandising

If you would like to wear our colours or simply keep a souvenir of this experience, please feel free to visit us at our merchandise stand at the finish line.













Silver partners





Bronze partners





















FK TOITURES spri Charpente - Couverture - Zinguerie - Isolation Devis gratuit - Patron sur chantier



Technical partners













Authorities & Institutions

















THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN!

We look forward to welcoming you to Vianden!

