



THE RIDER GUIDE

Explore the
other side of
Kansas

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Open Range takes riders
back through a forgotten
time and place.
Experience the most
ruggedly beautiful
landscape the area
offers. It is easy to think
back about how the wild
west really was wild.
Explore a place where
American Indians found
healing powers in the
water. Explore Open
Range!

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Course Notes

The 100k+ and 200k routes are held in a remote and rugged area of South Central Kansas. While we do have checkpoints with water and limited nutrition, YOU are ultimately responsible for YOU. If it's not your day, please have a plan out. The route goes through private ranches and we only have permission during the race. Please do not trespass on other days. We feel very fortunate these land owners allow us to use their land. Please show it respect and thank them when you see them on the course.

We highly recommend a bike computer. If you don't have one, we recommend using your phone and the RWGPS app. Always good to have a battery bank on board as well. The topography around Pratt consists of undulating terrain. As you move south of the Coats/Sawyer line, you start to see more hills and as you reach Sun City and Medicine Lodge, you are in the heart of the Gypsum (Medicine) Hills. We recommend a minimum of 38mm tires with a fast rolling tread and usually the wider the tire, the better.



The 100k+ and 200k follow the same course until Sun City. The course route file will be in the form of a Ride With GPS (RWGPS) link along with .gpx files. These will be posted on the website and emailed to participants approximately 5 days prior to race day.

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Going the Distance



100k+: What's up with the +? Well, you get a few extra kilometers/miles for free. This route usually ends up being just shy of 70 miles. You still get a taste of the Gypsum Hills and will see some amazing geological formations. You might also see turkeys, deer, armadillos, roadrunners, and pheasants. You will follow the same course as the 200k until reaching Sun City.



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200k: The 200k course is generally around 126 miles. It shares the first 35 miles of the course with the 100k+. South of Sun City, you will experience the Alexander Ranch which will be an experience unlike any other. There will be 2-track ranch roads, cattle trails, and maybe no roads at all. Expect to ride approximately 15 miles of private ranch roads.





Checkpoints and Support

We have the most amazing volunteers around! The Checkpoint Volunteers are the friendliest people you will meet on the course and some have been doing this for 8 years now!

The first checkpoint is at Sun City (mile 35) and the second (for the 200k) is at Medicine Lodge (mile 80). Checkpoints will have water and light snacks.

Support Crews are not allowed to interact with riders on the course (or follow riders) except at the checkpoints or if DNF. You are responsible for You. If you DNF, we will not come get you. We don't mandate a support crew, so if you don't have one, sign up for the **Pratt Fire Support Crew**.

We are pleased to offer a Drop Bag and Rider Extraction service- available through the registration page. Proceeds from this service go to the Pratt Volunteer Fire Department. Pratt is the largest city in Kansas with an All Volunteer Fire Department serving a city of nearly 7000 residents.



Location, Lodging, and Camping

Location: Pratt is located about an hour west of Wichita, Kansas which has an international airport. Pratt is a city of approximately 7000 people and a wonderful place to raise a family. The start for Open Range is located at the Municipal Building on 3rd St. at Jackson. There are no bike shops in Pratt so make sure to bring all your supplies.



Hotels: Pratt has numerous hotels inside the city limits. We usually work a special rate for racers. Please pay attention for the booking link provided in the confirmation email.

Camping: Camping (both tent and hookups) is available at Sixth Street Park and Pratt Veteran's Memorial Lake. Please contact the Pratt City Office for more details. The Gyp Hills Guest Ranch also allows for tents and campers and has an amazing view of the Gypsum Hills just west of Medicine Lodge.

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Charities: Our main support comes from the Pratt Public School Foundation (PPSF). They provide much of logistical help for race. PPSF works to provide grants to teachers for classroom projects, improving the educational experience of students. We also donate proceeds to the Father's House of Worship in Sun City for their support of the Sun City Checkpoint. In addition, we help with organizations in Medicine Lodge for their assistance.

Transfers: We offer free transfers through Bikereg. Log back into your account to complete the process. There is no need to contact us

Refunds/Credits: Due the nature of races and the upfront costs associated, refunds and credits will not be issued. If you think for some reason you might not be able to attend, please look into the race insurance provided by Bikereg or consider your registration a donation to our amazing charities.





Race Day Schedule

Check-in: Friday evening check-in will take place at the Pratt Municipal Building from 4-7pm at 117 W. 3rd Street. Friday evening check-in is not mandatory, but highly suggested.

Race Day: Race day check-in is from 6-7:30am near the Start/Finish Line inside the Pratt Municipal Building. Please arrive early if you did not check-in on Friday evening. Start time for the 200k is at 8am. Start time for the 100k+ is at 8:20am.

Parking: There is plenty of street parking and several parking lots in the area. Please do not block any business, alleyways, or driveways.

Inclement Weather: The race will be held rain or shine. Local thunderstorms may delay the start. We will make announcements on social media and through email if required.

