



DKGR 3.0 - JULY 24 & 25, 2021 @ LOCUST HILL FARM & PRESERVE
A Dirty Kitten Production presented by CFH Adventures & Events, LLC

“Where Gravel Meets Adventure”

The Dirty Kitten Gravel Race is an adventure gravel race on private farm roads in Rapidan, VA.

Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Locust Hill Farm & Preserve encompasses over 5,000 continuous acres of privately-owned, historic land with approximately 20 miles of scenic farm roads. The course explores this historic farm on gravel & dirt roads that run along the Robinson River, pass serene creeks and ponds, weave through open fields, and cross wooded forest trails. This area is truly an adventure enthusiast’s dream as well as a beautiful wildlife haven.

The DIRTY KITTEN is co-hosted by event management company Dirty Kitten Productions (CFH Adventures & Events, LLC) and local equestrian group, Bull Run Hunt. It serves as a partial fundraiser for our women's "off-road" cycling team (Dirty Kitten Racing) and helps to raise money for local non-profit organizations in the surrounding area.

2021 features the 3rd Edition of The Dirty Kitten (DKGR 3.0) as an official gravel race. Your entry fee includes an amazing adventure-gravel experience, official start/finish & lap timing, full event results, partial ride support, on-course aid stations (2), post-ride food and beverages (TBA), commemorative event swag, and payout or merchandise prizes for the top 3-5 finishers in each category/field provided by our generous event sponsors (see prize list below).

*There will be off-site camping and course preview options available Friday, July 23rd & Saturday, July 24th (at an additional cost). See “Camping” and “Course Preview” sections for information.

COVID 19 POLICY: We will be following local health & safety guidelines. Staff, volunteers, and participants will be required to wear masks/face coverings at ALL times when not riding (unless otherwise noted). We ask that folks continue to practice social distancing and follow proper personal hygiene when on-site (hand washing with soap & water; use of hand sanitizer, etc). Additional information and updates will be communicated prior to the event.

Registration: DIRTY KITTEN GRAVEL RACE

Opens March 15, 2021 on BikeReg.com

(Pre-reg for 2020 deferred participants 3/13 & 3/14)

www.bikereg.com/dirty-kitten-gravel-race

**There are a total of 550 registration spots available. 200 of these are "reserved" for women until May 1, 2021. After this date, any remaining spots will be made available to everyone. If there are riders on the waitlist, they will be added at that time.*

Categories:

- Men's & Women's Elite - Supreme & Full Purrito ONLY
- Men's & Women's Open - All Distances (20/40/60/80)
- Men's & Women's Masters - Supreme & Full Purrito ONLY
- Men's & Women's SingleSpeed - Supreme & Full Purrito ONLY
- Junior Boys & Girls (Under 18) - All Distances

Schedule: Pending COVID restrictions & county guidelines

- Friday 7/23 - Early check-in & course preview (12-5pm)
- Saturday 7/24 - Check-in (6-8am); Race 8am-4pm (start final lap by 2pm based on pace)
- Sunday 7/25 - Check-in (7-9am); Race 9am-3pm (start final lap by 1pm based on pace)

Payout & Prizes: Guaranteed cash payout for Elite Men's & Women's fields ONLY - \$1200 total (\$300 each distance & category) 3 deep. Payout amount may increase based on overall registration numbers and additional sponsorships but will not be reduced and will remain EQUAL for the Elite Men's and Women's fields.

- Men's & Women's Elite (Full & Supreme ONLY) - Cash (Top 3)
- Men's & Women's Open - Merchandise (Top 3-5)
- Men's & Women's Masters - Merchandise (Top 3-5)
- Men's & Women's SingleSpeed - Merchandise (Top 3-5)
- U23 Men & Women - Merchandise (Top 3-5)
- Junior Boys & Girls - Merchandise (Top 3-5)
- Overall Mixed Team - Prizes

**We will award "Overall Mixed Team" based on the number of TOTAL team members who complete the entire event (all distances & categories).*

Entry Fee Schedule: 2020 deferred participants can register at last year's price with their coupon code during the "early registration" window on March 13-15th. *Junior riders receive a \$10 registration discount.*

Registration opens to the public on March 15th @ 8pm EST

- Purrito Supreme (80) - \$80
- Full Purrito (60) - \$75
- Basic Purrito (40) - \$70
- Mini Purrito (20) - \$60

Registration fee increase on May 1, 2021 @ 8pm EST

- Purrito Supreme (80) - \$85
- Full Purrito (60) - \$80
- Basic Purrito (40) - \$75
- Mini Purrito (20) - \$65

**We offer registration discounts to Regional, National, and World Champions in any discipline, as well as select event partner/sponsor ambassadors and race volunteers. We also offer a student discount option. Contact the Event Directors for further information and coupon codes.*

NO REFUNDS!!! Unfortunately, there are NO refunds, but you can transfer your entry to someone on the waitlist (see below). There is a \$10 transfer fee.

Entry Transfers: All transfers must be completed prior to July 16, 2021. If you are unable to participate and would like to transfer your entry OR if you would like to move into another category/field, you can do so directly through BikeReg.

Course Preview: The 2021 DKGR course will be similar to the 2019 & 2020 routes (a 20-mile lap with approx. 1,000 ft of elevation gain). Yes, there is a VERY STEEP climb about halfway through the lap (containing grades over 20%) that is rideable by some but a hike-a-bike for most. Be prepared to suffer. Only the toughest can conquer the KITTEN CRUSHER CLIMB!!

- Dirty Kitten Purrito Supreme - 4 laps (approx. 80 mi, 4000 ft elevation)
- Dirty Kitten Full Purrito - 3 laps (approx. 60 mi, 3000 ft elevation)
- Dirty Kitten Regular Purrito - 2 laps (approx. 40 mi, 2000 ft elevation)
- Dirty Kitten Mini Purrito - 1 lap (approx. 20 mi, 1000 ft elevation)

The DKGR course is 100% unpaved with the majority of the terrain being secluded gravel farm roads, as well as some dirt/grass double-track sections. The roads vary from smooth, groomed sections to rough, choppy, bumpy areas with the possibility of some mud if there is rain.

Please keep in mind that this is a working farm. Although we are in constant contact with the landowners and farmers to ensure everyone's safety, there is a possibility that you will encounter farm vehicles, livestock, and wildlife. Eyes up and ears open at all times!!

**Gravel, cross, and mountain bikes are recommended (anything with 32mm tires and up). Road bikes are NOT a good choice. HELMETS REQUIRED! NO AEROBARS!!*

Start/Finish: The event will span over 2 days with the longer distances (60 & 80 miles) on Saturday and shorter distances (20 & 40 miles) on Sunday. Participants will start in "waves" based on their registration category (Elite, Open, Masters, etc). Racers will be staged at the start in small groups and sent off separately at short intervals to avoid crowding in the start area. Official race time will begin for each participant when they cross the start line. Specific category & wave start times will be announced closer to the event date. Official timing by Full Send Racing.

Elevation Profile & Maps: We will post elevation profiles and course maps on our website and social media pages later in the year, but keep in mind that participants are not allowed on site before race day (see “Private Property” section). The only public portions of the course are on Robinson River Road/Rt.721 and a small portion of Peacock Lane (which are local, gravel roads). Participants are expected to stay right of center and obey regular traffic laws when riding these sections (there will be signs and volunteers stationed at areas where the course turns on and off these roads).

Private Property: What makes the DKGR unique and kickass is that it is 100% unpaved and runs through beautiful, historic farmland. The vast majority of the DKGR course (~90%) is on private property. Locust Hill Farm & Preserve is a working farm that we have so graciously received permission to use from the landowners for this event. Riding ANY private sections of the course prior to designated pre-rides or race day will be considered trespassing and could seriously jeopardize the event, as well as our ability to host anything at this venue in the future (and will result in immediate disqualification).

Directions: Start & Finish @ Locust Hill Farm Preserve - 8070 N James Madison Highway, Rapidan, VA 22733 (turn off Rt. 15/James Madison Highway and continue down gravel road).

Parking: Grass/field parking ONLY

When you enter the farm, continue on the gravel road until you see volunteers and parking signs. The landowners have asked that we park in specific areas so as not to damage crops or interfere with livestock so please be patient and respect our volunteers when you arrive.

Camping: Freedom Fields Farm - 8048 Oak Park Rd, Locust Dale, VA 22948 (Rosie Campbell) Off-site camping available for both Friday & Saturday @ Freedom Fields Farm (\$20/person). Single, double, group (4 max) camping options available - 50 singles, 30 doubles, 20 groups

- Approx. 2 miles from event site
- Limited availability (100 campsites total)
- Open field parking & camping (plan accordingly)
- Maximum 1 vehicle & 4 people per campsite (tent camping)
- Additional parking options available on-site
- Campsites will be separated and clearly marked
- People who wish to camp together should specify their group/team name
- RV (small) camping available at an additional charge (select “double” campsite option)
- NO power or hookup available (water on-site)
- NO open fires; camp stoves permitted (for cooking purposes)
- Restrooms/Port-a-John & wash station available
- SORRY, NO DOGS PERMITTED ON THE PROPERTY

**Campers must sign a separate camping waiver and are responsible for their own gear/vehicles. Plan to bring additional camp equipment (stakes, weights, etc) and prepare for a range of weather (heat, rain, wind, etc).*

NOTE: Dogs are not allowed at the event this year (both Freedom Fields & Locust Hill Farm).

Event Check-in: Check-in will be on-site at Locust Hill Farm & Preserve on Friday (12-5pm), Saturday (6-8am), and Sunday (7-9am) along with a designated course preview/pre-ride window available Friday (12-5pm).

Course Preview/Pre-Ride: There will be a designated course preview/pre-ride window available on Friday, July 23rd (12-5pm). Participants will have the opportunity to preview a portion of the course at that time. Please follow posted signs and stay on course at all times.

Water, Aid Stations, Feed Zone/Pit, First Aid: There is some access to water on-site, but it is limited so please plan on bringing your own water and supplies. Temperatures can be scorching in the area during the summer, and although it is cooler in the woods, parts of the course run through open farmland which can feel like desert temperatures later in the day. We will have water (provided by Wegmans) along with some hydration drinks and nutrition products (provided by Hammer Nutrition) available at the start/finish area and aid stations (10-15 mile marks) on course. There will also be a “feed zone” and “pit” area near the start/finish for multi-lap participants in the 40, 60, & 80 mile distances who wish to store water, food, and supplies. Riders MAY have support (friends/family/team members) stationed in this area provided they wear face coverings, follow proper social-distancing measures, and do not impede other riders on course. There will be First Aid assistance available at the start/finish and check-in area.

**Only registered participants, volunteers, and staff are allowed on course at all times*

Food & Beverages: We are exploring various options for safely providing event day food & beverages to our participants this year. Water will be available on-site; however, we hope to have a few meal options (prepared/boxed lunches) available as well. Outside food and drink is welcome. Please be conscientious of your surroundings and use the trash cans that are provided or take your trash with you. We want to be invited back again next year.

Restrooms: Available on-site (port-o-pots & wash stations)

Accommodations: We are offering off-site camping this year (see camping sections for details). There are also a number of nearby hotels and local AirBnB/B&B options in the area. Visit our social media pages, website, and BikeReg page for further info.

Partners/Sponsors/Supporters: We would like to thank our event partners, sponsors, and supporters without whom this event would not be possible! Entourage Talent Associates, Wolf Tooth Components, Lizard Skins Cycling, HandUp Gloves, HiFi Wheels, Smith, Hammer Nutrition, Wegmans, Bike Doctor Frederick, Commonwealth Joe Coffee, and more TBA.

Contacts: Alex & Chris Howell (Event Co-Directors); Rosie Campbell (Freedom Fields Farm); Full Send Racing (official timing company)

For additional information, visit the BikeReg link, Dirty Kitten Gravel website, or our social media pages (Facebook & Instagram) for daily updates. Additional pre-race emails will go out prior to the event. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us via email, phone, text, social media, or messenger pigeon. See you in July!

-Alex & Chris Howell (Dirty Kitten Productions)