

Melrose Gravel Tour 2026 Tech Guide

When

May 24, 2026

Check-in begins at 8:00am

80km starts at 9:00am

50km starts at 9:30am

35km starts at 10:00am

Where

Tyendinaga Recreation Complex parking lot (free parking)

363 McFarlane Road

Shannonville, Ontario

About

Welcome to the fourth annual Melrose Gravel Tour! Choose your own adventure with the classic 80km route, 50km option, or the new 35km Maple Sugar Shortcut. Explore winding, hilly backroads, unpaved rural routes, and rugged ATV trails. Expect a dynamic mix of loose gravel, rocky sections, dirt roads, and uneven terrain.

This is a Fondo-style ride, not a race. The roads are open to other users. There is typically very little traffic on the roads, but regardless, all traffic laws, including stopping at stop signs and staying to the right, apply to all riders at all times. The tour route does pass through remote rural areas with limited access. You must look after you! Participants are expected to be self-supported. Please carry sufficient fluids and nutrition to complete the route. There will be one aid station on the 50 and 80km routes offering water, located about halfway through the 50km loop and two-thirds of the way through the 80km loop. New this year is the Maple Sugar Pit Stop at km 17 for everyone! We recommend you carry tools and spares in the event of a mechanical problem. Gravel/cyclocross bikes with gravel tires (at least 32 mm wide) are highly recommended. There are several sections of rough, muddy ATV trails with some deep puddles. Expect to get wet and muddy. Helmets are required at all times, no exceptions. Post ride BBQ provided!

Registration

Registration is exclusively through ccnbikes.com. Pre-registration is required, there will be no day-of entries. Registration closes on Friday May 22.

Ontario Cycling Association members \$50.00 + processing fees

Non-members are required to purchase a one-day permit for \$10 through the CCN site.

Open category, everyone is welcome to ride!
Direct link to registration: REPLACE WITH LINK

Details

- There is a GPX file available [HERE](#) for download to have the route displayed on your headunit or phone. The routes will have minimal marking so make sure you have it saved to your headunit before the event!
- Nutrition, tubes, and other necessities will be available for purchase at the start
- Free parking and toilets at the start.
- Checkpoint #1 located at approximately 17km
- Checkpoint #2 located at approximately km 50 for the 80km classic riders and km 25 for the 50km riders (water provided here)
- Post ride BBQ provided!

Contact

Event Director: Jim Forbes 613-847-5503
During the event, in the event of a medical emergency, call 911

First aid provided by: Lynn Forbes, R.N. + Matt Middleton, RPN

Closest Hospital: Belleville General Hospital
265 Dundas Street East
Belleville, Ontario
613-969-7400

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