



# 2026 Tour die Kapellen

## FINAL INFORMATION

### Information for ALL Cyclists

**Packet pick-up** is available Friday, July 10, 12 – 6 at [Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau](#), 2700 Vine Street. If you need any recommendations for things to do during your visit, the staff is incredibly resourceful! If you cannot make this window of time, there is additional packet pick-up from 6:00 – 6:45 a.m. at the Shelter House in Municipal Park, 112 Main St. on Saturday morning.

\*In order to keep cyclists' safety as our top priority, we have received grant funds to employ a tracker/timer this year as you ride. We **STRONGLY** encourage you to carry a mobile phone and allow yourself to be tracked by [RaceJoy](#). To do so:

1. Download the free *RaceJoy* app.
2. Follow the instructions under *HOW-TO BE TRACKED* at [RaceJoy](#) to set up tracking for Tour die Kapellen and add it to your "races." (NO, the TdK is not a race, but the tracking system refers to all events as races.)
3. Make sure to follow all prompts during the setup to make sure the phone you carry on the bike is connected to Tour die Kapellen.
4. The day of TdK:
  - Open the *RaceDay* app before you start TdK and click the green blinking button to turn tracking on.
  - Turn off Wi-Fi, which will interfere with tracking.
  - Click the **START MY RACE/LEG** when you start the ride.

In the event there is threatening weather, our sweepers will be able to assist or move you to shelter. For long distance riders (75-100 miles), you may need to carry a battery pack as sometimes keeping your location on, can drain the phone battery.

An additional safety feature that is **NEW** this year: Each cyclist will be given an ankle band to wear for the duration of the ride. These bands are **IN** your packet and they correspond to your bib number. This is merely a means of ensuring that all cyclists return to the park upon finishing. Upon completion, **YOU MUST RETURN THESE BANDS**, as they are the property of Heartland Timing.

Cyclists: **75 - 100 Mile Cyclists:** Considering how elevated the heat can be in July, you are free to self start prior to announcements. The disadvantage of this is, the SAGs may not be open that early nor the musicians may not be [scheduled](#) to play. Please refer to the schedule enclosed. **15 Mile Cyclists:** You will have a later start. You do not need to meet at the park until 8:45. Your ride departs at 9:00. All other distances **30, 52, 62- Mile Cyclists** will depart with the Sheriff's escort out of town. For those of you opting to turn West on 13th to visit St. Joseph's Church, you will continue the TdK Route without an escort. Please stay in the bike lane.

Cyclists: You may choose whatever route you are comfortable riding, even if you registered for a different route.. All riders, please stop at the Hays Area Bicyclists Tent to pick up a cold cloth, check raffle items, and **Century Stickers** if you log 100 miles.

Cyclists: Stay hydrated! Sweepers will follow every route (except the mixed surface, the 75- and 100-mile route) in the event anyone needs assistance. If there is a serious **emergency**, dial 911. If you just need help, you can call the number on your wristband, **785-639-(HAYS) 4297**.

Cyclists: Helmets must be worn; please ride no more than 2 deep, especially on hills. Review the [Rules of the Road](#)

**VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO FOLLOW THE BUS OR CYCLISTS ON THE TOUR! THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 250 CYCLISTS ON SEVERAL DIFFERENT ROUTES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR CYCLISTS AND DRIVERS SAFE, ONLY LOCAL VEHICLES NEEDING A THROUGH-ACCESS ARE PERMITTED. THE ROADS ARE PATROLLED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.**

Cyclists: Road routes are clearly marked with directional signs. Gravel route is not marked; please download the [GPX File](#) or follow the map that is in your SWAG bag.

The bus tour will share one, 3-mile section of a road on the **gravel** route. If you see the bus coming, please pull off and stop, so it can pass safely.

Lunch ends at 2:30. If you are riding a century and want to stop for lunch before you are finished, you can finish the 62-mile route, have lunch and then continue on the bypass. Those that miss the 2:30 time will have a boxed-up lunch.

## **Information for ALL Tourists, Bus and Cyclists**

In order to participate in all SAGs (Support and Go snack stops), the tour and the after-ride party, you must keep your wristband on for the duration of the event. If you have an interest in enjoying a beer, you need to **PRESENT YOUR ID** at the Hays Area Bicyclists' Tent. You will have an additional **red** wrist band to wear.

**Emergency** Number: True emergency, dial 911. If you just need assistance, dial the number on your wristband.

**Restroom Facilities:** There are restrooms at every stop. There is an additional Porta Potty at both the Catherine and the Victoria site. At Municipal Park, there is a climate-controlled porta potty near the large Cottonwood Tree behind the buffet tent.

**Meals:** Those of you that ordered **Vegan** meals, lunch boxes are provided. You will either have a green wrist band or a green meal ticket. The ticket takers have your name listed. Just ask for it as you go through the buffet line.

**2025 TdK BONUS!!! Thanks to Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau, your wristband will get you a free entry into the Aquatic Park (North of Municipal Park on Main Street) after your ride.**