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WEST COAST SLUGGER

GRAVEL FONDO
PORT ALBERNI BC

PORT ALBERNI

MAY 17, 2026

RACE BIBLE

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EVENT DESCRIPTION



The WEST COAST SLUGGER is the ultimate gravel adventure event, held on the gravel roads of MOSAIC FOREST MANAGEMENT and BC PARKS.

The event will occur on Sunday, May 17 and will start at [Mosaic Forest Management Log Sort at Canal Forest Service Road and Stirling Arm Rd](#). Participants will have option to ride 3 distances: a beginner IMPULSO route, an intermediate INTERMEDIO route, and a challenging expert ESPERTO route along some of the most pristine private gravel roads in the area. Riders are to make the best determination as to which distance suites their respective ability level.

Each rider will be responsible for printing out the map and uploading map files on their GPS. While the course will be marked, the map and GPS will guide the rider to the feed zone/ checkpoints along the route.

Upon arriving at the checkpoint, each rider is responsible for checking in. No one else can check in for a rider. The event will also consist of ride ambassadors and feed zone which will be indicated on the course map. Ride Ambassadors will be joining participants to provide ride service, mechanical support, and also assist in emergency response.

NOTE: This is an extremely remote area. Always be aware of the distance to the feed zone and checkpoint, and be prepared to travel that distance with the supplies you carry.

Please be aware... if you break down or become injured, let the nearest rider to you know so that they can relay for help. **A list of phone numbers is provided to contact. Cell coverage is very spotty**, There will be several bicycle medics spread out on the ride in addition to many ride ambassadors who will be available to respond, help, and relay communication.

PLEASE BE WARY OF YOUR ANTICIPATED RIDE TIME. There will be a time cutoff to finish the event by 4:00pm. We will have checkpoints and sweeps positioned to monitor progress. If we feel that there is a high probability that you will not be able to meet the cutoff, we will either direct you to a shorter route, or have you transported back to the finish. If you do not feel you are prepared to meet such a challenge, please consider downgrading to a shorter route option.



EVENT SCHEDULE



(Please note that this may still be subject to change)

Saturday May 16, 2026

10:00 am to 5:30 pm - Check in and race package pick-up

JUMPING SLUG COMMUNITY CYCLERY - [4691 Dundalk Ave S, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 8P1](#)

Sunday May 17, 2026

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7:30am to 9:00 am - Check in and package pick-up at the [Mosaic Log Sort at Stirling Arm Road and Canal Main.](#)

9:15 am - Greetings, Rider's Briefing

9:30 am - All Riders Start (Self Seeded with Fastest Riders in Front)

11:00 am to 3:00 pm - Food Truck

3:00 pm - Awards Presentations

***CALL 250-415-3246 DURING EVENT IN CASE OF
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SERIOUS INCIDENT REQUIRING POLICE OR
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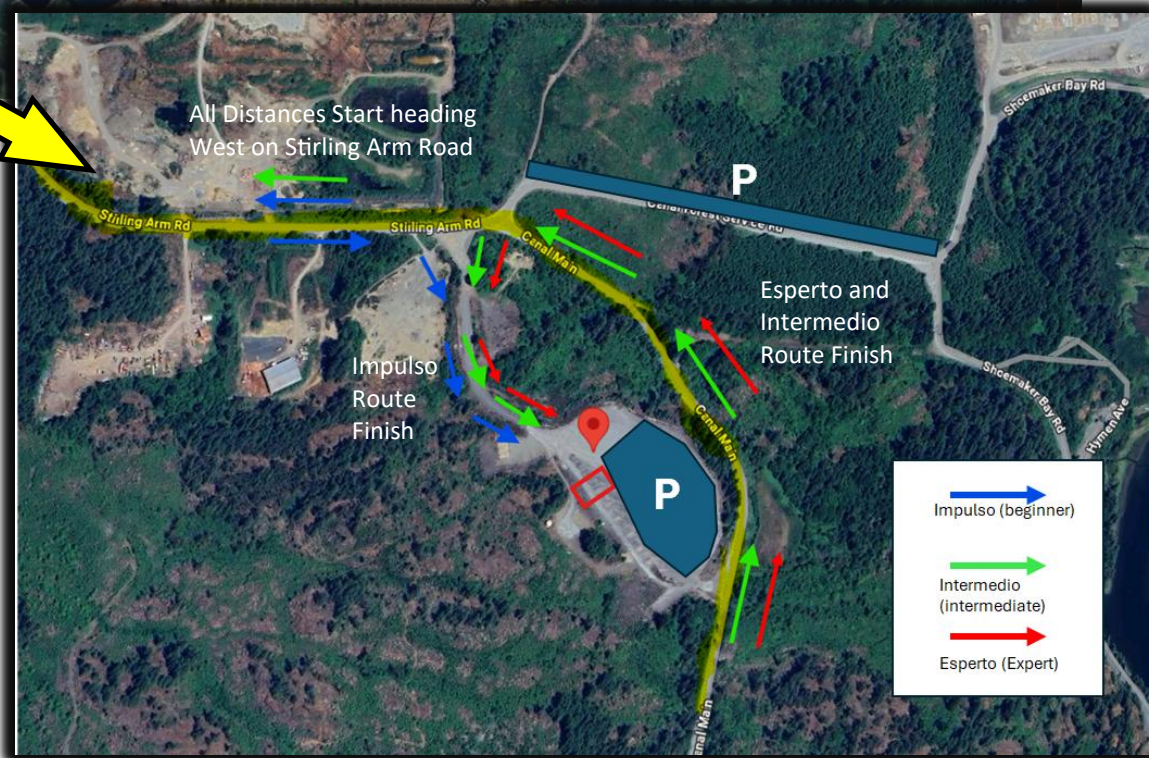
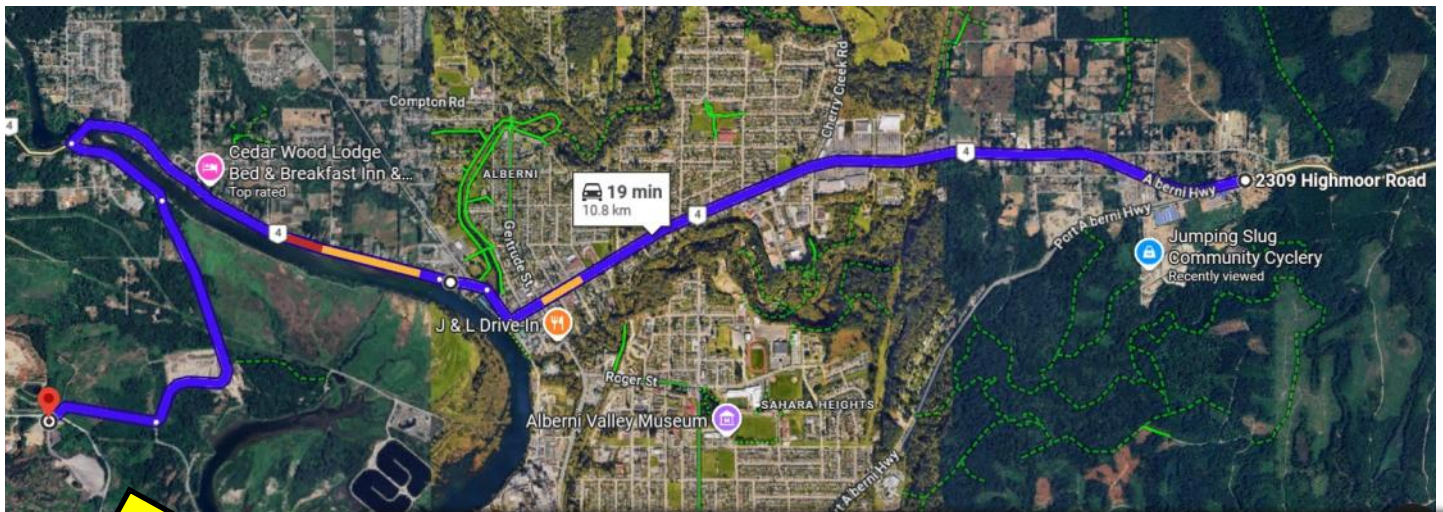


EVENT INFORMATION

HOW TO GET TO THE RACE

Coming from the southwest on Highway 4, take a left turn onto the Port Alberni Highway. Turn Right on River Road to Pacific Rim Hwy. Keep left and cross the Orange Bridge and then take the first left on Tsuma-as Dr. Stay left on Shoemaker Bay Rd. Turn Right on Canal Forest Service Road. Then take a right on Stirling Arm Road followed by the first left to the site entrance.

Google Directions Link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/oP4kEjAzLSmQ8NMZZ>

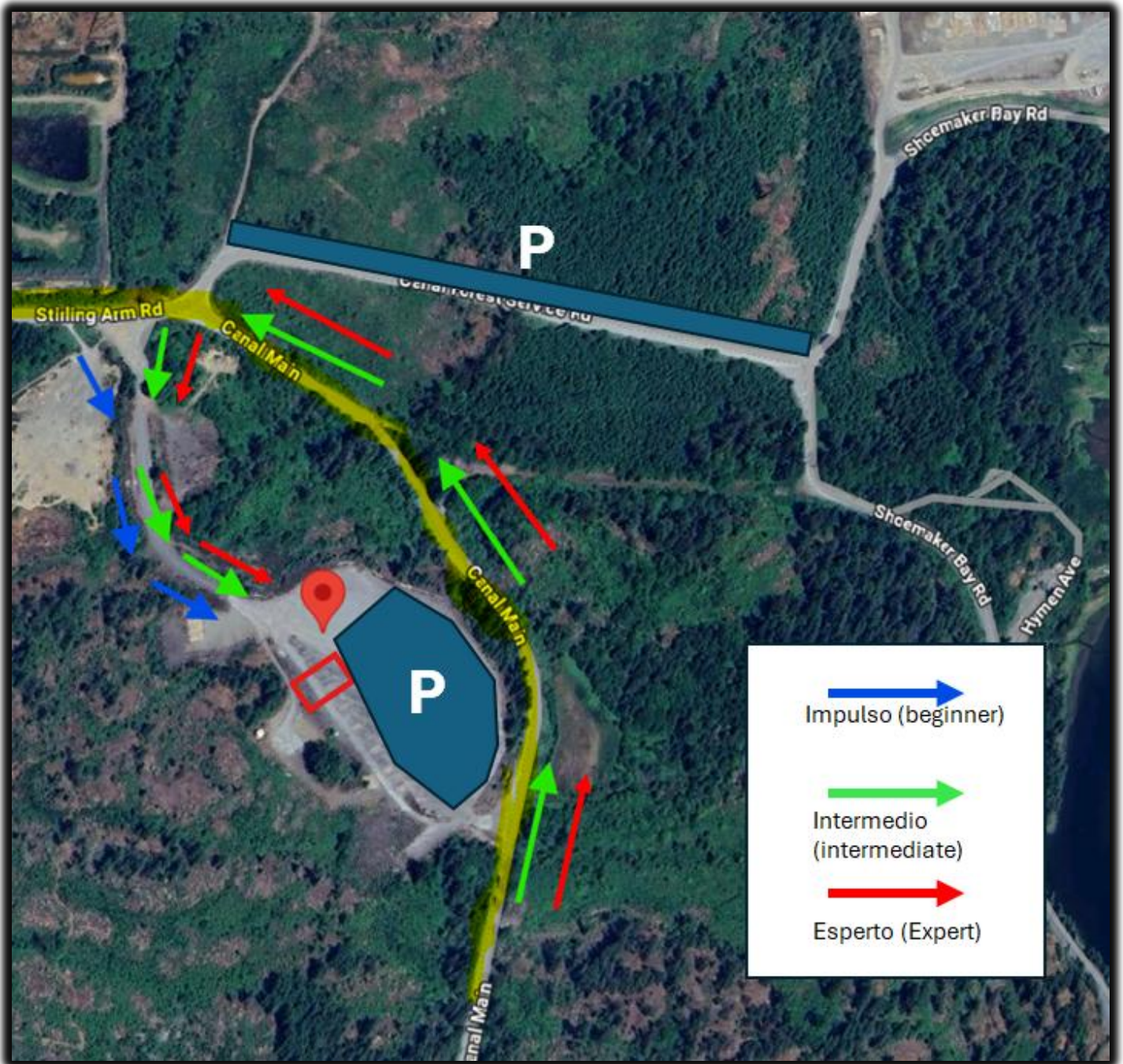




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PARKING

There is designated at the [Mosaic Log Sort at Stirling Arm Road and Canal Main](#).





RACE INFORMATION

WHAT TO BRING

While we have aid stations, sweep riders, medical staff, and the support of your fellow participants, be aware that portions of the course do not have cell phone coverage. In the event of an emergency or inclement weather, you'll need to be self-sufficient. Sweeps and marshals can't bring all riders back, it's for those whom have circumstances where they can no longer progress under their own power. Take care of yourself by bringing the following on the ride:

- Rain cape or wind jacket – please bring both to race, and we'll advise at race start on which is recommended.
- Minimum 2 bottles, even a Camelbak type of drinking setup.
- Seat bag, handlebar bag, to store tools food, try not to have all your gear in your back pockets of your jersey.
- 45mm - 50mm wide Tires are highly recommended in order to avoid pinch flats or punctures.
- Warm layer helmet such as cycling cap to keep your head dry and wind proof.
- Full fingered gloves.
- 2 tubes, 1 patch kit, CO2 and/or pump (a small pump is recommended).
- Bear Spray / Air Horn (We are riding in pristine wilderness and there is always a chance to encounter bears or cougars).
- Multi tool with/and a chain breaker.
- Your preferred race nutrition to supplement between aid stations
- Bicycle GPS with uploaded route, Cell phone / ID
- Arm and leg warmers
- A base underlayer
- A fender or rat-tail.

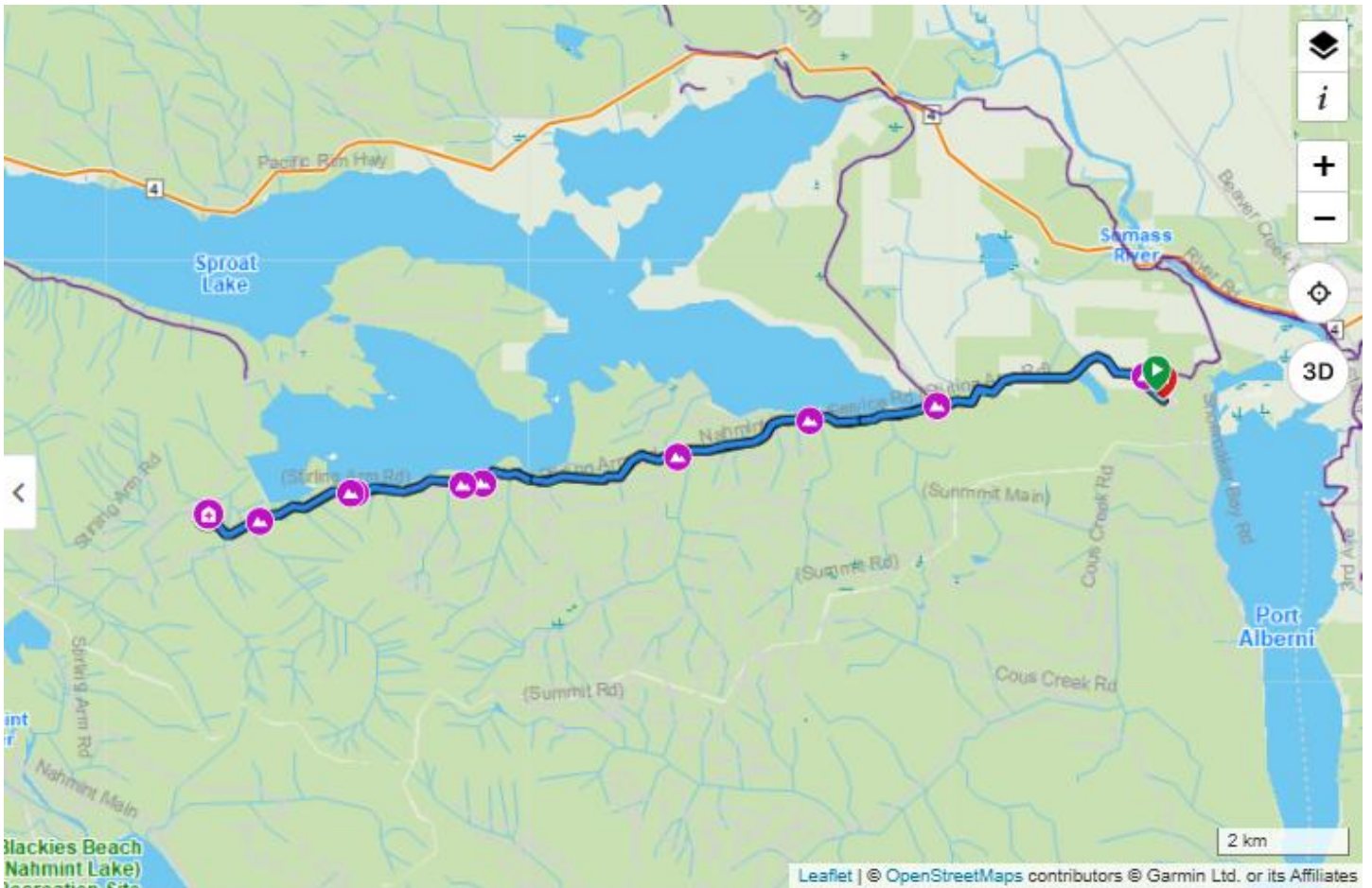
If you have any other questions about what to bring, reach out to us at info@panachecyclingsports.com



THE ROUTES

IMPULSO

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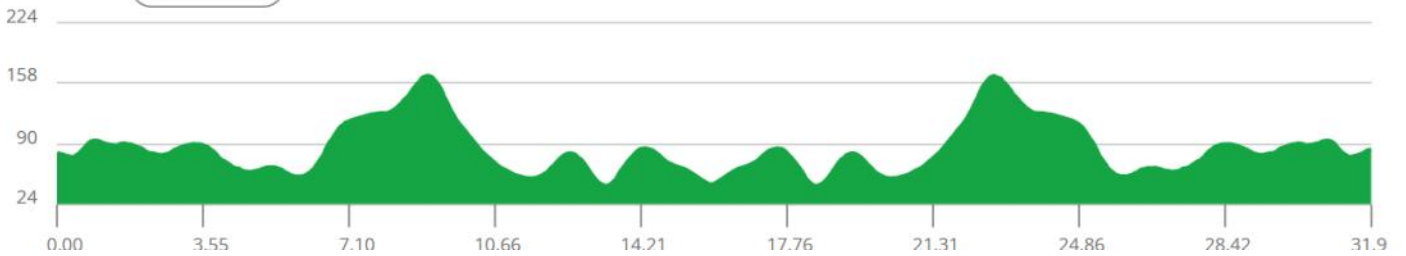
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31.97 km	467 m	463 m	100% (31.9 km)
Distance	Total Ascent	Total Descent	Unpaved



Elevation

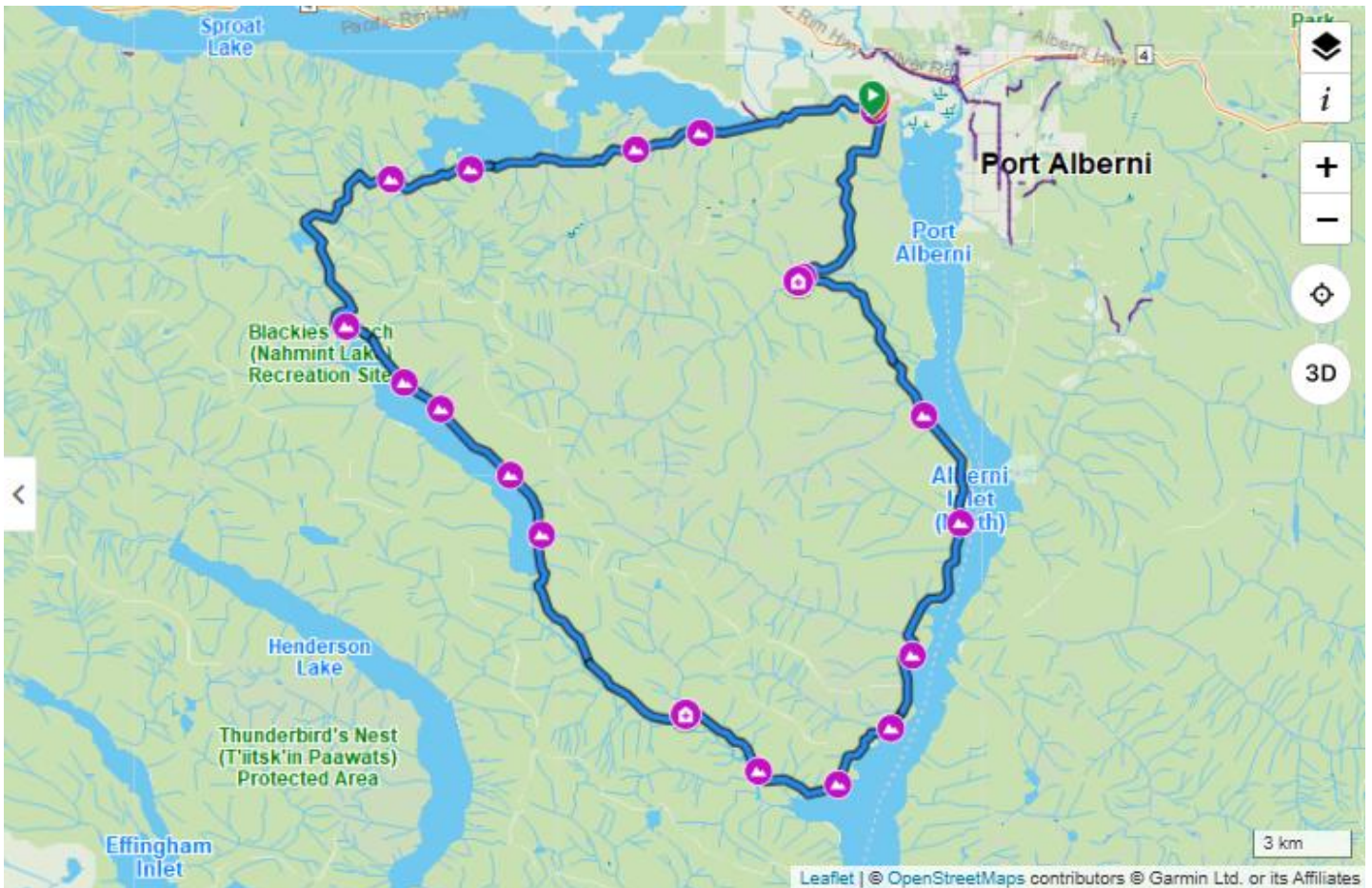
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INTERMEDIO

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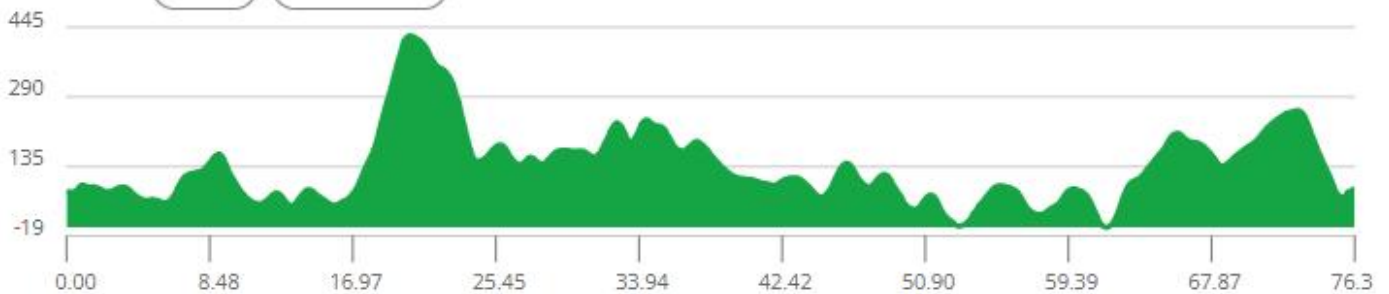


76.36 km	1,448 m	1,443 m	100% (76.3 km)	15.0 kph	5:05:26
Distance	Total Ascent	Total Descent	Unpaved	Avg Speed	Goal Time

Elevation

Climbs

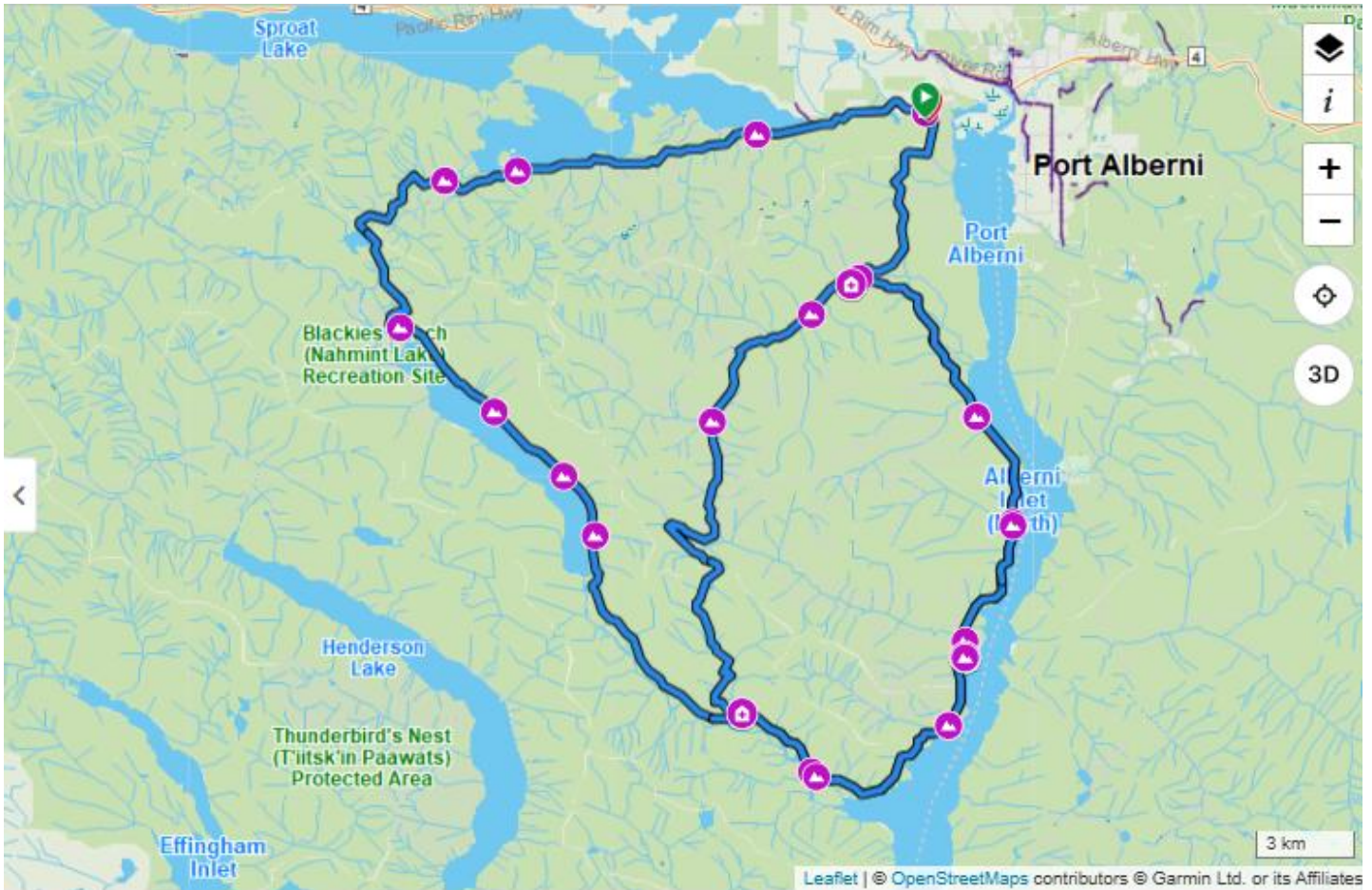
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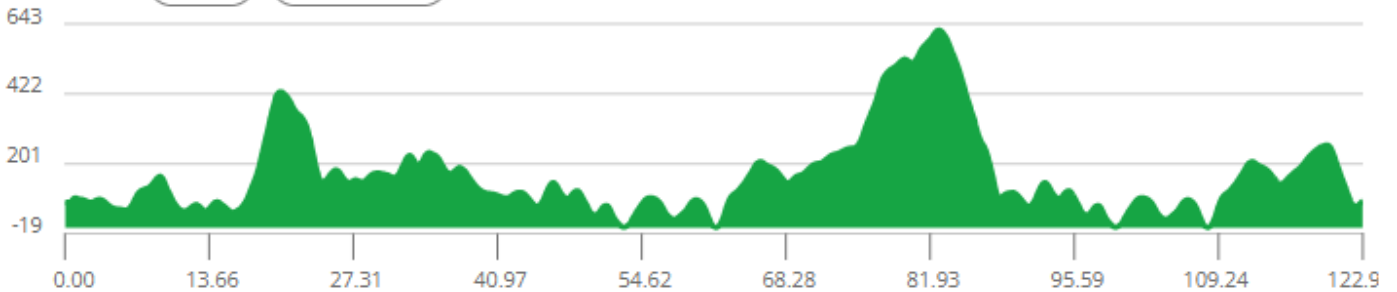


122.90 km	2,407 m	2,404 m	100% (122.8 km)	20.0 kph	6:08:42
Distance	Total Ascent	Total Descent	Unpaved	Avg Speed	Goal Time

Elevation

Climbs

Course Points



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1 The West Coast Slugger is a self-supported, bicycle event along the gravel and dirt roads of Port Alberni. For the purpose of this event, “bicycle” is defined as “a vehicle consisting of a frame mounted on two wheels one behind the other, and having a seat, handlebars for steering, two hand-operated brakes, and propelled solely by the operator via two pedals connected to the rear wheel by a chain or belt. **“E-Bikes” will be allowed** but will not factor in the top 3 results in each category, but will factor in an exclusive e-Bike Category. Pacing and drafting behind an e-Bike is not permitted.

2 The roads are open to logging trucks and other authorized vehicles. The area is open to non-participant cyclists, pedestrians, and horseback riders. For your safety, it is imperative that you be constantly aware of your surroundings. Therefore, **headphones/earbuds are strictly forbidden**. Please show respect and courtesy to other people and give them a warning that you are approaching. Any reports of rude or inappropriate behavior will result in the disqualification of the individual participant.

3 ALL participants MUST attend Rider Package Pick Up and Sign-In on either Saturday April 20 at Pedal Your World Bike Shop or Sunday April 21 at the We Wai Kai East Parking Lot. A valid photo I.D. or Cycling BC license will be required to sign in. Event packets will be given out to registered participants only. No one else can receive your pack for you. For more information on Rider Sign-In, refer to the Schedule of Events on our website at www.bcgravelseries.com

4 While limited copies of the course map may be available, participants will be responsible for printing their own course map prior to the event. This document will be the rider's primary means of navigation. In addition, the course may have a limited number of course markings to reassure participants they are on route. Participants may load the GPX route into their GPS prior to the event, to assist in navigation.

5 There will be one feedzone that participants will be able to access on multiple times depending on the distance.

6 Participants may help other participants with mechanical support, navigational assistance, or by any other means reasonable and in the spirit of fair play. Participants using normal pedal bikes are not to be paced or drafting behind e-Bikes.

7 Participants may stock up on food, water, and other supplies at the designated checkpoints. Participants may also receive “neutral” assistance from ride ambassadors and bike Medics along the route. “Neutral” is defined as support that is freely offered equally to ALL event participants,

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- 8** Participants may not advance along the route by any means other than bicycle, or by foot. There will be no hitching rides unless you are being picked up by the Broom Wagon or require first response emergency first aid and need medical transport.
- 9** The primary route must be followed at all times. No short cuts or alternate routes are permitted. The course may be altered by the event organizer in the event of inclement weather, or other unforeseeable circumstance. Should this occur, participants will be sufficiently advised.
- 10** Riders must remain within the primary boundaries of the gravel road and trail at all times. If the roadway is bordered by fences, stay between them. If the roadway is in open range (no fences), stay out of the ditch and keep on the road. Leaving the roadway is cutting the course.
- 11** You may be required to hop over or maneuver around closed gates on the course.
- 12** If you intentionally exit the course for food, supplies, or any other reason, you must re-enter the course at the same spot at which you left. If you get lost, you shall make every reasonable attempt to backtrack to the point where you left the course; or to re-enter the course as soon as possible and without gaining an advantage.
- 13** Participants must start and complete the entire course on the same bicycle frame. All other components and equipment may be repaired or replaced during the event. Bicycles must be equipped with two (front and rear) fully-functional hand-operated brakes.
- 14** Participants must wear a properly approved helmet while operating their bicycle.
- 15** Participants must obey all local, provincial, and federal laws and rules of the road. If an emergency vehicle is approaching, move to the far right side of the road and stop until the vehicle has safely past by.
- 16** Participants are recommended to have a front headlamp and a red tail light for the duration of the event.
- 17** **You are completely on your own. Use your head. Watch for and yield to traffic. All roads are open to public vehicle and/or pedestrian or horseback traffic.**



MEDICAL EMERGENCY

AREA HOSPITAL

It is, of course, our hope that no one will need this information.

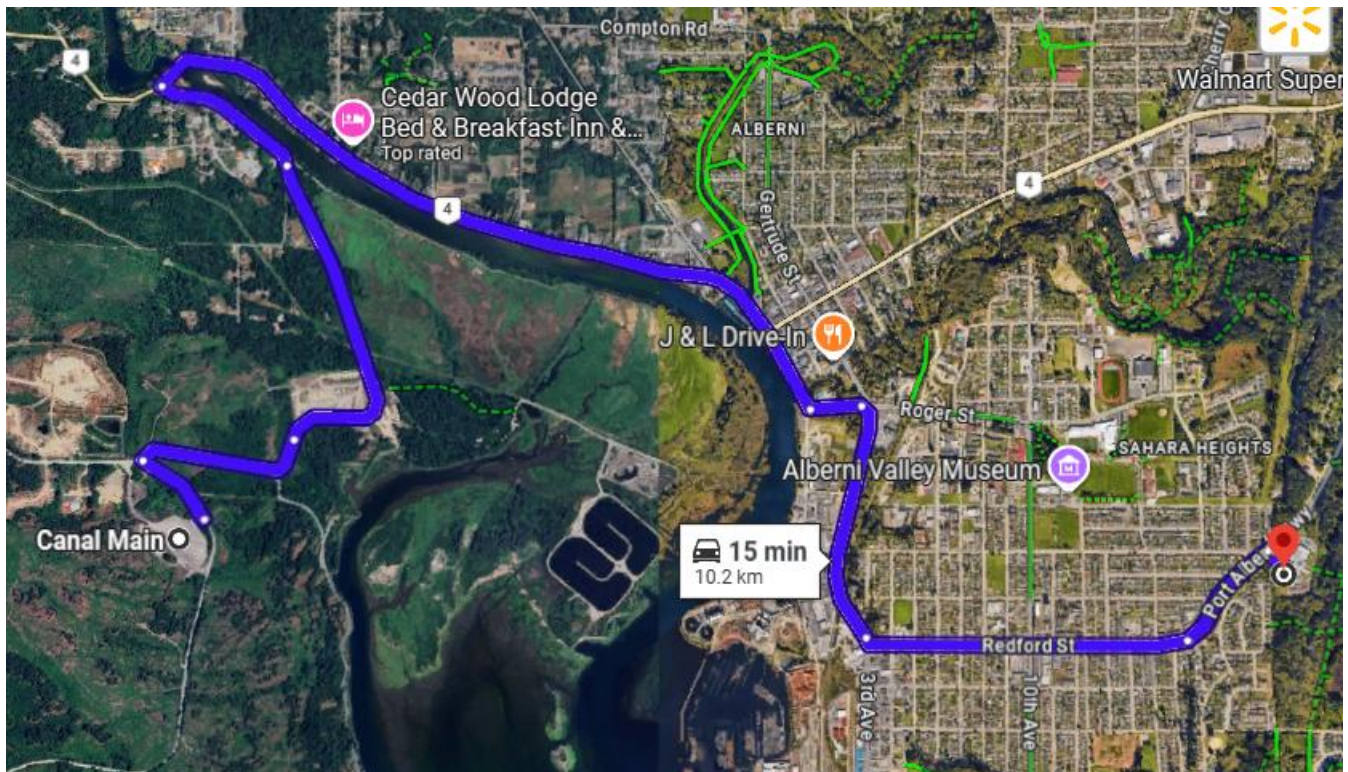
In the unfortunate chance that you do, print this off and keep it with you and share with family/friends.

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Phone: +12507311370

Link to Directions from Race Venue: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/cJSkmjkJBm92R5Z7>



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