



# SURVIVAL GUIDE

## GATE HOURS

Thursday, May 25  
8:00 am - Midnight

Friday, May 26  
8:00 am - Midnight

Saturday, May 27  
8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sunday, May 29  
10:00 am - 8:00 pm

## OUR PRINCIPLES

Inclusion • Gifting • Self-Reliance  
Self-Expression • Decommodification  
Communal Effort • Participation  
Immediacy • Civic Responsibility  
Leaving No Trace

## WHAT IS SOAK?

SOAK is a regional Burning Man gathering in Oregon. It is a multi-day, interactive, family-friendly art festival and camping event, with sprawling grassy lawns, wooded areas, and trails. It's a place to meet your fellow Burners and get a taste of Burning Man, Pacific Northwest-style. SOAK features art, DJs, fire performances, live music, theme camps, workshops, and ceremonial burns.

SOAK is a program of Precipitation Northwest, a 501c3 nonprofit. Its mission is to foster opportunities for participatory art, civic engagement, and leadership development. Learn more at [www.precipitationnw.org](http://www.precipitationnw.org).

We would like to acknowledge the people who have lived on this land for thousands of years before us, the Tygh people. Now a part of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, their descendants still fish and live on the land we enjoy. With respect we honor and recognize their presence.

## TICKETS & RV PASSES

- There are no gate sales. Tickets, RV, and Parking passes must be purchased in advance. Tickets and passes can be obtained on Humanitix.
- All adults must have a digital ticket, photo ID and a vaccination card (or photo) to be admitted
- Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Kids 12 and under are free with a child ticket.
- You must purchase a RV Pass if you wish to camp with your RV, camper trailer, bus conversion, or truck-mounted camper. Camping in an unmodified passenger vehicle is not allowed. People without a proper RV Pass will be turned away at the Gate.

# CODE OF CONDUCT

**We value all participants, and believe that radical self-expression flourishes in an environment where mutual dignity and respect are upheld.**

## SOAK values diversity

Our community includes people of color and indigenous communities and we seek to expand equitable support. SOAK does not discriminate on the basis of race, personal expression, or background and there are no prerequisites for participation in the community. At this event we do not welcome discrimination, hate speech or any racist displays, actions, words, or symbols. If you witness anything at SOAK you would like to report, please contact a Ranger.

## Be excellent to each other

We are dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone. Harassment includes (but is not limited to) unwelcome, offensive comments related to gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, and religion. It also includes (but is not limited to) deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, non-consensual photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual

attention.

Participants who are asked to cease any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. If a participant engages in harassing behavior, the event organizers may take any action they deem appropriate, including warning the offender and/or expelling them from the event.

If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a member of the event staff immediately. Event staff can be identified by their SOAK branded t-shirts and/or laminated badges, and will be carrying radios. They will be happy to assist those experiencing harassment.

How you feel is not magically known to others, so communicate your boundaries! Be capable of saying no, and be sober enough to stay in control. You are responsible for yourself, but you can always ask for help. If you are not sure where to start, Rangers are volunteers who have been trained to resolve conflicts and help participants.

Even though SOAK is held on private property, we respect all local, county, state, and federal laws. Law enforcement agencies may be present onsite. If you are approached by law enforcement, be respectful. You may ask for their identification or a business card if you feel you need follow up. If there is an incident you would like to report, find a SOAK Ranger to file a report.

# SERVICES



**Porto-potties** and hand-washing stations will be placed around the property. Take good care of the facilities. Do not use the woods as your toilet. Do not place paper towels, 2-ply toilet paper, diapers, wet wipes, or menstrual products in the toilets. If it didn't come from your body, don't put it in the potty!



**Medical** SOAK provides a medical station with first aid and basic triage. In the event of an emergency that cannot be handled onsite, outside emergency services will be called. Notify any staff member with a radio if you have an emergency or witness one. Find Medical on your map.



**Ice** Packaged ice can be purchased for \$5.00 per bag. Cash and Venmo. No refunds. Available 11:00 am - 5:00 pm during the event. Find Ice on your map.



**Rangers & Security** You are responsible for your actions. This includes respecting your neighbors, controlling the volume of your camp, and working out disagreements respectfully. Rangers patrol the event, and you can reach out to them for help resolving a conflict if you cannot do it on your own. Typically dressed in khaki or in dark green SOAK Ranger shirts, they are participants who volunteer to help to make our event safe, smooth, and enjoyable. Licensed security is also on duty at all times during the event, and will escalate matters to law enforcement when appropriate.



**Medical** White Bird Rock Medicine provides compassionate, experienced, professional medical and crisis response throughout the event 24/7 for everything from a band-aid or earplugs to broken bodies and spirits! Maybe you had too much too fast? We follow a confidential, trauma informed, harm-reduction model of care. Come see us or send for us. We do make house calls!



**SOAK Train** is available to transport participants around the event. Be sure to check the map for stops. Priority will be given to those with mobility restrictions. Services run (generally) from 9am-Midnight Thursday-Saturday, and 10am-10pm Sunday, as well as limited service during exodus.

# SAFETY

To help ensure the safety of all participants, staff will search all vehicles entering the event site.



**No River Access** The current and depth of White River can be unpredictable and fatal. STAY OUT! If you go in the river, you will be ejected from the event.



**No Weapons!** Firearms are prohibited. Leave them at home, even if they're licensed. You don't need them, and we don't want to deal with them.



**No Fireworks!** For the protection of the land and everyone's safety, personal fireworks and pyrotechnics are prohibited.



**Covid Safety** Due to constantly changing circumstances, current COVID policy subject to change. See [soakpdx.com/covid-policy](https://soakpdx.com/covid-policy) for policy updates.



**First Aid** Be prepared with your own first-aid supplies and medications. There may be bees and other natural hazards on the property. Bring any medication you may need, and be prepared for possible allergic interactions.

## Overdose Risk:

There is an increased risk of fentanyl contaminated substances in our community.

Consider safety measures such as carrying naloxone (available upon request to any pharmacist) or checking substances with fentanyl testing strips.



**Fire** All use of fire is strictly regulated at SOAK. If you intend to bring anything which produces a

flame (with the exception of handheld lighters) it must be registered in advance. Visit [soakpdx.com/fire-overview](https://soakpdx.com/fire-overview) for detailed guidelines and registration information. Fire performers must pre-register: [soakpdx.com/fire-performance](https://soakpdx.com/fire-performance)



**Night Lighting** For the safety of yourself and others, illuminate yourself! We encourage the use of reusable LED lights rather than disposable glowsticks. Pack a flashlight or camping headlamp to find your way in the dark.



**Rattlesnakes** Stay within the event boundaries to avoid a confrontation. Snakes are afraid of you but do not provoke them by climbing on rocks, overturning rocks and logs, or hiking outside of the event boundaries.



**Smoking** The event site is dry and extreme caution is necessary to prevent fires. YOU are responsible for keeping ashes and butts off the ground. Leave no trace! Respect "No Smoking" signs where you see them. (Tip: Candy tins are great portable ashtrays.)



**Speed Limit** The speed limit everywhere at SOAK is 5 miles per hour. To help ensure everyone's safety, please coach others and enforce the speed limit amongst your fellow community members.



**Ticks** Central Oregon is home to two varieties of ticks, and May is tick season. Avoid tick bites by staying within the event boundaries and wearing protective clothing or insect repellent. Check for ticks on your body at least once per day. If you find one, medical staff can assist you.

# PREPARATION

## Plan ahead and bring everything you need

There are NO TRASH CANS onsite. WATER, COFFEE, and FUEL are NOT available for purchase.

Ice: Available for \$5.00 per bag

**Garbage & Recycling:** This is a Leave No Trace event. Bring sealable receptacles for your trash and recycling.

**Power, Cell Phones & Internet:** There is no public electrical grid. Cell service is limited. There is no Wi-Fi. Staff equipped with radios and can assist with making calls for emergency purposes only.

## Packing Checklist

- Your digital ticket and photo ID
- COVID Vaccine Proof
- Your camp setup (tent or RV/ trailer with pass, bedding, kitchen setup)
- Drinking water (2 gallons per person per day)
- Adequate food
- Gray water receptacle. Nothing touches the ground, no dumping!
- Fly-tight receptacles for food waste and trash
- Lighting for your camp and yourself
- Warm clothing for rain or chilly nighttime temperatures
- First Aid supplies
- Prescriptions, glasses, contacts
- Power you need for the event (generators, batteries)
- Personal libations
- Gifts for your fellow participants
- Costumes and other personal décor
- Musical instruments, art supplies, etc.
- Cooking and/or generator fuel
- Extra 1-ply toilet paper
- Bicycle or other human-powered vehicle – be sure to add lighting!
- Camera: Remember consent. See "Photography" in "Policies" section

# RADICAL INCLUSION AGREEMENTS

## Anti-Harassment

SOAK is dedicated to providing a safe and harassment-free experience for everyone. Harassment of participants in any form, including but not limited to sexual, physical, and verbal is not tolerated.

Participants asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. Offenders may be warned and/or expelled from the event.

## Safe Space Agreement

All participants and staff at SOAK agree to the following:

Not be violent or deliberately threaten or intimidate.

Not damage or steal property or artwork.

Align with the event's mission and objectives

Violation of these guidelines may result in being expelled from the event.

## Anti-Discrimination

SOAK is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of staff, participants, board of directors, volunteers, vendors, and those served by SOAK. SOAK participants and staff shall not discriminate based on any other status protected by applicable federal, Oregon, or local law.

## Reporting Procedure

If you are being harassed, see others being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a Ranger or member of the event staff immediately. Both can be identified by staff t-shirts, laminated badges and event radios. Rangers are here to help participants who request assistance to contact event security, provide escorts, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe during the duration of the event. RANGERS ARE NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT. They are Burners, just like us!

If you wish to report an incident following the event, you can reach out to the Conduct Committee anytime at [conduct@precipitationnw.org](mailto:conduct@precipitationnw.org). More details at [Soakpdx.com/our-principles-code-of-conduct](http://Soakpdx.com/our-principles-code-of-conduct)

**By purchasing a ticket to this event, you agreed to follow and uphold the policies above. Being a part of SOAK means respecting, supporting, and protecting everyone in our community. Your participation means committing to creating a fully inclusive, anti-racist, multicultural event.**

# TEMPLE

## What is Temple?

Temple is a place of reflection, contemplation, connection, remembrance, and release. This year The Temple of Vision invites you to look within.

Temple is open to memorials and offerings throughout the event. Offerings can be written on the walls of the installation or left to display and burn. Items should be clean burning; please limit the amount of plastics, heavy paint, cloth, plywood, and paper offerings. No human or animal remains in any form. Contact the Temple Guardians or Temple Crew about larger offerings.

Temple is open through the event until Sunday at 4pm, but may be closed briefly during MBS Burn.

# POLICIES



**No Vending!** No sales of any kind are permitted, other than ice sold by the event.



**No Advertising!** Promoting events, products and services outside of SOAK is strictly prohibited. Please arrange to cover logos or advertisements on your vehicles or camp infrastructure.



**Accommodations** SOAK appreciates the diversity of the community and aims to facilitate all types of participation from people with all levels of ability. Tell us what accommodations you need in order to fully enjoy the event. Request an ADA accommodation: [soakpdx.com/ada-accommodations](https://soakpdx.com/ada-accommodations)



**Alcohol & Marijuana** Adults wanting to share personal alcohol or cannabis must follow all state, county, and local regulations. Please ensure everyone is consuming responsibly and can verify that they are over the age of 21 with identification. Public use of marijuana is illegal. Use, possession, and distribution of illegal drugs are against the law.



**Buildings on Site** There is no access to any of the buildings on the property. Respect our host's privacy.



**Dogs** Service animals may attend with prior authorization, but pets and emotional support animals are not permitted.



**Drones:** Use of sUAS (small unmanned aerial systems)

or drones at SOAK requires prior written authorization, FAA part 107 remote pilot's certificate and proof of insurance, as well as an onsite safety briefing. Apply in advance: [soakpdx.com/uav-drone-policy](https://soakpdx.com/uav-drone-policy). All guidelines for photography and videography at SOAK also apply to drones.



**Ejection** SOAK reserves the right to deny entry to the event, and to revoke event access, at any time for any reason.



**Food Handling & Distribution** Camps distributing food or beverage of any kind must follow all state, county, and local regulations. We recommend that camps obtain proper Food Handler Card.



**GTF0!** Have an exit plan. Clean up and leave no later than 3:00 pm Monday. You are responsible for patrolling your campsite and the grounds around it for cleanliness. Leave the space as clean as or cleaner than you found it.



**Ins & Outs** Re-entry is allowed only with a wristband and a digital ticket. Take a screenshot of your ticket as cell phone services is limited. Keep your wristband on AT ALL TIMES during the entire event. Parking is not guaranteed with re-entry.



**Lost Items** There will be a Lost & Found at the SOAK Embassy (check your map) but SOAK is not responsible for lost or stolen items.



**Motorized Vehicles** Powered vehicles including (but not limited to) motorcycles, ATVs, golf carts, and scooters are prohibited within the event and must be left in the parking lot. Mutant Vehicles and certain accessibility vehicles may be permitted if registered in advance.

[soakpdx.com/mutant-vehicles](https://soakpdx.com/mutant-vehicles)



**Nudity & Adult Behavior** Nudity is allowed within the event where it is not visible from outside the site. Keep adult behavior in enclosed structures, clearly label those spaces, and actively prevent minors from entering.



**Photography & Videography** Commercial use of photos or videos taken at SOAK is prohibited without written consent obtained prior to the event. Email [producers@soakpdx.com](mailto:producers@soakpdx.com) for more info. Respect event participants by asking permission BEFORE you photograph or film them. If you are asked to stop photographing or filming, you are required to do so immediately.



**RVs & Camping Trailers** Camping in a car, truck, bus, or van that has not been permanently modified to be a camping vehicle is prohibited by Wasco County. Permanently modified custom vehicles will be considered on an individual basis. All camping vehicles will require purchase of an RV Pass. If you are not sure if yours is an authorized camping vehicle, email [boxoffice@soakpdx.com](mailto:boxoffice@soakpdx.com).

## RIDESHARING

Reduce our environmental and traffic impact by reducing the number of cars attending. Carry at least 2 people in each vehicle, if you can. Sign up for a ride share: [soakpdx.com/forms](http://soakpdx.com/forms)

## MUTANT VEHICLES

Mutant vehicles and art cars are encouraged. You must register your art car to let us know what you plan on bringing BEFORE arriving. Unregistered vehicles are not permitted.

## VOLUNTEERING

SOAK is an entirely volunteer run event and couldn't happen without the many people who gift their time and skills. Participants who volunteer enough hours (16 for those age 17+ or 12 for those age 12-16) are eligible for a gift ticket to next year's SOAK! Sign up for a crew: [soakpdx.com/volunteer](http://soakpdx.com/volunteer)

## SOUND

Everyone must comply with the SOAK sound policy. Event-wide quiet hours are 6:00am to 10:00am daily, with details varying by zone. Read the policy: [soakpdx.com/sound-policy](http://soakpdx.com/sound-policy)

## GARBAGE & RECYCLING

This is a LEAVE NO TRACE event. Pack it in, pack it out; bring sealable receptacles for your garbage, compost, and recycling. Gray water receptacles are available for all to use throughout the event. Dumping gray water on the ground or in the White River may lead to you being ejected from the event. Respect the beauty of our host's property!

## POWER, WIFI, PHONES

Bring any power sources you need. There is no public electrical grid. Cell service is limited and there is no Wi-Fi. Staff equipped with radios and can assist with making calls for emergency purposes only.

## ARRIVING AT SOAK

### To get through Gate swiftly and easily:

- Have your ticket(s) and ID(s) ready before you get to Gate.
- Make sure your RV/rig/trailer is unlocked and accessible for searches. You will get through more quickly if you know whether your camping vehicle is larger or smaller than 12 feet.
- Abide by all federal, state, and local driving/vehicle laws. Do not travel with open alcohol containers, illegal drugs or paraphernalia, or hazardous materials.
- Stay with your vehicle; do not exit the vehicle unless asked to do so.
- RV's arriving after dark will be staged outside the event until the following morning.

### Theme Camps and Art:

If you obtained placement for your camp or art, let Gate volunteers know and they will connect you with a member of the Placement team to assist you after you pass through Gate and Ambassadors. At least one representative for all placed theme camps must arrive by Thursday at midnight to claim reserved space. After that, space becomes first come, first served. If you are NOT placed, do not camp in or put your stuff inside areas marked by survey flags before midnight Thursday.

### Unloading Your Gear:

After entering the event, you will have 30 minutes to park and unload your vehicle. DO NOT set up camp until you have moved your vehicle to the parking area. SOAK has the right to tow your vehicle for improper parking.

Bring absorbent material to place under your vehicle if it is known to leak fluids. Leave no trace!

Camping vehicles (RVs, campers, bus conversions, and truck-mounted campers) must be parked in designated areas on site, and driving is prohibited after dark. All camping vehicles require an RV Pass. Please review "RV and Camping Trailer requirements," under "Policies," to be sure that your vehicle complies with SOAK's requirements.

Unless your RV is within a placed theme camp, or you have an Accessibility Pass, all RVs spots are in the Meadow. See a Placement volunteer for help parking!

# GETTING TO SOAK

## Justesen Ranch at White River Canyon

89720 Jake Davidson Road\*, Tygh Valley, OR 97063

45° 13'55.3"N 121° 10'09.1"W

\* listed as Davidson Grade Road on some maps

### From the West: Portland, Oregon Coast

- Go east on I-84 towards The Dalles.
- In The Dalles, take Exit 87 (US 197/US 30) towards Dufur and Bend. Shortly after the exit, turn left onto Highway 197 South.
- Drive approximately 30 miles. Turn right onto Tygh Valley Road. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY in Tygh Valley. If you miss the first turn, there will be another right onto Tygh Valley Road in approximately 1.5 miles.
- Drive 1.5 miles, cross the river, and turn right onto Jake Davidson Road. If you took the second turn, drive 0.7 miles and turn left onto Jake Davidson Road. Watch for SOAK signs.
- On Jake Davidson Road, merge into the Gate staging lanes to your left. Do not bypass the Gate staging area – you will be turned around and placed at the end of the line.

### From the South: Bend, Klamath Falls, Black Rock City

- Drive north on Highway 97, and merge onto Highway 197 approximately 25 miles north of Madras.
- Continue driving for approximately 30 more miles. Turn left onto Tygh Valley Road. Drive 0.7 miles and turn left onto Jake Davidson Road. Watch for SOAK signs.
- On Jake Davidson Road, merge into the Gate staging lanes to your left. Do not bypass the Gate staging area – you will be turned around and placed at the end of the line.

### From the South: Eugene, Corvallis

- Drive north on I-5 toward Portland. Merge onto I-205 North at Exit 288. Merge onto I-84 at Exit 22. See "From the West" directions.

### From the North: Seattle, Vancouver BC

- Go East on I-90. Just past Ellensburg, take Exit 110 and merge onto I-82 West, heading south toward Yakima.
- Take Exit 37 and merge onto Highway 97 South toward Goldendale and Bend. Travel approximately 14.6 miles and then turn right to stay on Highway 97 South toward Goldendale.
- Follow Highway 97 South through Goldendale, Maryhill, and across the Columbia River toward Biggs Junction.
- Turn right to I-84 toward The Dalles.
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### Amentities & Last Stops:

#### RV Dump Stations:

- Dufur RV Park: 10 Aikin St, Dufur
- Pine Hollow Lakeside Resort: 34 N Mariposa Dr, Tygh Valley
- Columbia Hills RV Village: 111 US 197, Dallesport, WA
- Camping World: 24000 NE Sandy Blvd, Troutdale OR

#### Fuel:

- Richmond's Service: Maupin, OR, Hwy 197
- Walters Corner: 80501 Hwy 216 Maupin, OR (to/from Hwy 26)

#### Food/Water/Ice/Supplies:

- Tygh Valley General: Tygh Valley Rd, Hwy 197
- Kramer's Market: Dufur, Hwy 197
- Molly B's Diner: 57740 Main St, Tygh Valley, Hwy 197
- Wamic Store: 57016 Wamic Market Rd, Hwy 197

#### Hardware:

- Maupin Hardware Service & Supply: Maupin, OR, Hwy 197
- Azure General Store: Dufur, OR, Hwy 197

Respect the neighbors: Do not use private driveways to turn around. Respect the road: Obey all speed limits, and watch out for animals and school zones. Be mindful of narrow roadways and drive carefully.

**Do not drive tired!**

Highways 26 and 197 can be fatal if you're not fully alert and aware.