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SPECTATOR GUIDE



The Ojibwe Forests Rally is a driver's dream—featuring fast, flowing stages, adrenaline-pumping sand straights, and technical corners set against Minnesota's breathtaking Northwoods backdrop. It's a perfect blend of speed, skill, and rally racing excitement.





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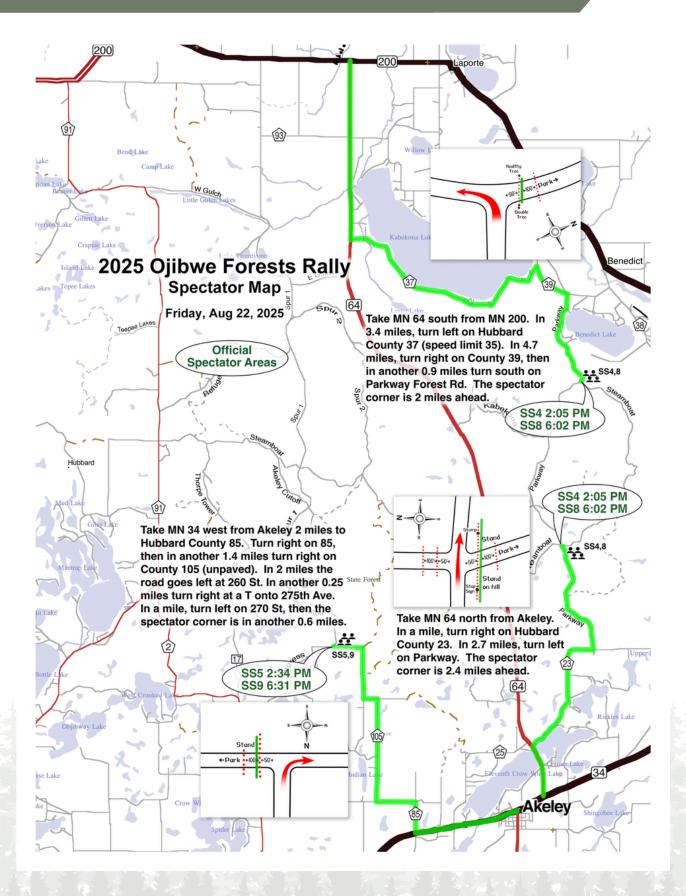


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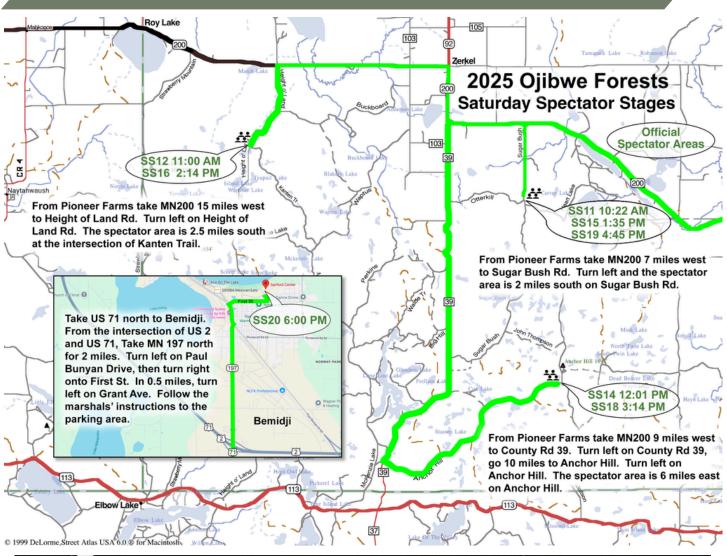
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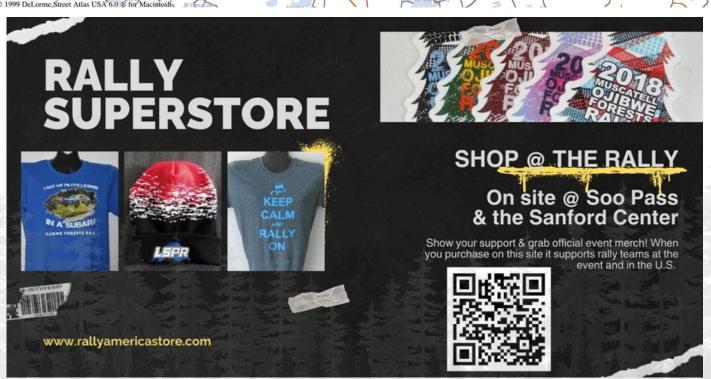
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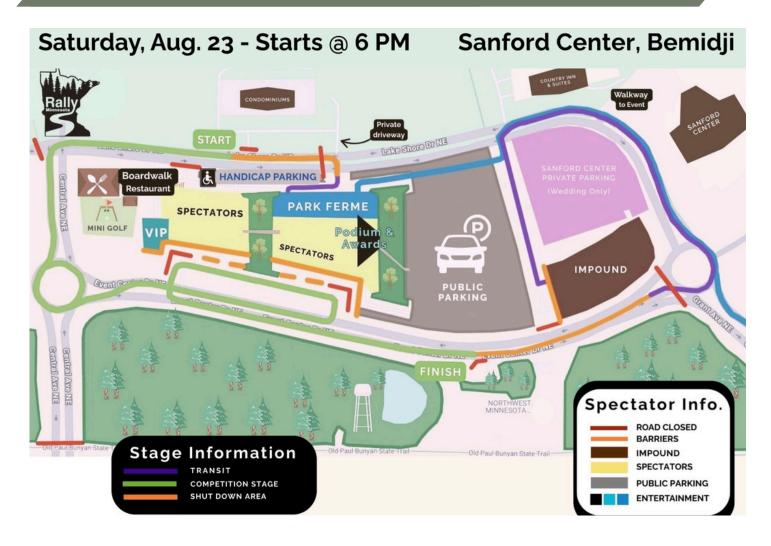
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SATURDAY SPECTATOR STAGES





SATURDAY @ SANFORD CENTER





LEAVE NO TRACE

Leave No Trace Principles for the Ojibwe Forests Rally

The Ojibwe Forests Rally takes place in a treasured natural and cultural setting. To preserve its beauty, honor the heritage of the land, and ensure safety for all, please follow these principles:

Respect the Forests and Land

• Treat the forests, trails, and waterways with care. Avoid damaging vegetation, disturbing wildlife, or altering the natural environment.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Download maps and event schedules to your phone to reduce paper waste.
 Know the rally routes and designated spectator areas.
- Pack Out All Trash
- Bring a bag with you, carry your trash home, or place it in a provided trash can. Leave every area cleaner than you found it.

Respect Tribal Land

- The Ojibwe Forests include areas of cultural and spiritual significance to Indigenous peoples. Follow posted guidelines, stay on designated routes, and avoid restricted areas.
- Stay on Designated Trails and Roads
- Use only marked paths and roads to minimize impact on the environment and cultural sites.

Minimize Campfire Impact

 Only build a fire if it is permitted and safe to do so. Keep fires small, use established fire rings, and fully extinguish them with water.

Pets

 Keep pets leashed and under control at all times. For their safety and comfort, we advise leaving pets at home.

By following these principles, you help protect the environment, respect cultural heritage, and keep the Ojibwe Forests Rally safe and enjoyable for everyone.





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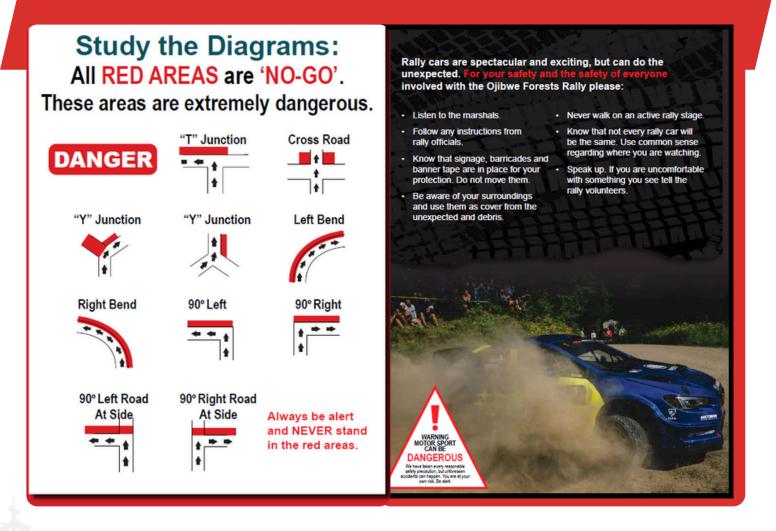




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Thank you to our incredible spectators for joining us and being part of the Ojibwe Forests Rally experience! We are grateful to the City of Bemidji, Detroit Lakes, the Band of Ojibwe, our dedicated volunteers, and the competitors who brought the excitement of rally racing to Northern Minnesota.

History & Legacy of the Ojibwe Forests Rally

"The original rallies were less about speed, and more about timing, control, and teamwork."

Founded in 1980 in Minnesota, the Ojibwe Forests Rally began as a grassroots effort by local rally enthusiasts, led by Bob Nielsen, a retired schoolteacher and passionate rallyist. The rally's early years were deeply community-driven, organized by members of the Land O' Lakes Region of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA).

From TSD to Stage Rally

- Originally formatted as a Time-Speed-Distance (TSD) event, competitors in everyday street cars navigated open public roads, attempting to arrive at checkpoints exactly on time.
- This format emphasized precision and navigation over speed and power. Very different from the high-octane stage rallies we see today.

A Rally Named for the Forest

The name "Ojibwe Forests Rally" pays tribute to the rally's stunning natural surroundings in the Ojibwe (Chippewa) forest region of northern Minnesota. The event celebrates the rich woodland heritage of the area, with challenging terrain that remains a signature element of the race.

Built by the Community

With Nielsen as the inaugural rallymaster, the event's foundation was set by volunteers, club members, and motorsport enthusiasts—establishing a legacy of community involvement, Midwestern hospitality, and passion for rallying that continues to define the event to this day.



