

AUGUST 28-29, 2026

SPECTATOR GUIDE



The Ojibwe Forests Rally is a driver's dream featuring fast stages, adrenaline-pumping 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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SPECTATOR STAGES



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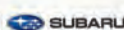


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Times listed are for the estimated arrival of the first car on the stage for each pass

Weekend Schedule

All directions start from Itasca Pioneer Farms
16914 N Entrance Dr, Lake Itasca, MN 56470

Friday, August 28

Spectator Area 1 - Crossroads
Stage 1 10:50 AM, Stage 3 2:30 PM

Spectator Area 2 - Crossroads
Stage 1 10:50 AM, Stage 3 2:30 PM

Spectator Area 3 - Steamboat
Stage 2 11:18 AM, Stage 4 2:58 PM

Service - Itasca Pioneer Farm
2:25 PM

Spectator Area 4 - Soo Pass Ranch
Parc Expose 5:00

Stage 7 6:00 PM, Stage 8 6:43 PM

Saturday, August 29

Spectator Area 5 - Anchor Matson
Stage 7 11:14 AM, Stage 11 2:44 PM

Spectator Area 6 - Otterkill
Stage 10 12:52 PM, Stage 14 4:22 PM

*Stage 16 is the power stage, only national teams will compete on this pass for extra points

Service - Itasca Pioneer Farm
1:45 PM

Spectator Area 7 - Sanford Center
Stage 15 5:30 PM, Stage 16 6:07 PM

Podium - Sanford Center
1111 Event Center Dr NE, Bemidji
Regional 6:30, National 6:45

Legend

Spectating Route

Friday Stages

Saturday Stages

Friday Parc Expose

Service

Podium



Spectator area directions from Itasca Pioneer Farms 16914 N Entrance Dr, Lake Itasca, MN 56470

1

SS 1/3 - Crossroads (44 miles, ~51 minutes)
Head north on N Entrance Dr for .3 mi
Turn right onto MN-200 E, continue for 13.8 mi
Turn left onto US-71 N, continue for 6.5 mi
Turn right onto MN-200 E, continue for 4.6 mi
Turn right onto MN-64 S, continue for 14.5 mi
Turn left onto Co Hwy 23, continue for 2.6 mi
Turn left onto Blue Trail Forest Parkway, continue for 2.4 miles to spectator area

2

SS 1/3 - Crossroads (36 miles, ~43 minutes)
Head northeast on N Entrance Dr for .3 mi
Turn right onto MN-200 E, continue for 6.5 mi
Turn left onto US-71 N, continue for 13.8 mi
Turn right onto MN-200 E, continue for 4.6 mi
Turn left onto Co Hwy 37, continue for 4.7 mi
Turn right onto Co Hwy 39, continue for .9 mi
Turn right on Parkway Forest Rd, continue for 2 miles to spectator area

3

SS 2/4 Steamboat (49 miles, ~56 minutes)
Head northeast on N Entrance Dr for .3 mi
Turn right onto MN-200 E, continue for 6.5 mi
Turn left onto US-71 N, continue for 13.8 mi
Turn right onto MN-64 S, continue for 15.6 mi
Turn right onto MN-34 W, continue for 2.7 mi
Turn right onto Co Hwy 85, continue for 1.4 mi
Turn right onto Co Hwy 105, continue for 2 mi
Follow the road left at 260 St, continue for .25 mi
Turn right at the T onto 275th Ave, continue for 1 mi
Turn left onto 270 St, continue for .6 miles to spectator area

*Follow the directions below to get to spectator locations. GPS directions will try to take you across closed stage roads, and this is the quickest route to each area.

SS 7/8 - Soo Pass Ranch (62 miles, ~68 minutes)
Head north on N Entrance Dr for .3 mi
Turn left onto MN-200 W, continue for 8.9 mi
Turn left onto Co Hwy 39, continue for 18.7 mi (becomes Co Hwy 37 after 8.3)
Turn right onto Co Hwy 37, continue for 13.9 mi
Turn right onto MN-34 W, continue for 16.1 mi
Turn left onto US-59 S, continue for 1.4 mi
At the traffic circle, continue straight to stay on US-59 S, continue for 1.1 mi
Turn left onto Co Hwy 6, continue for .5 mi
Turn right onto W Lake Dr (becomes Co Hwy 22), continue for 1.8 mi

SS 9/13 - Anchor Matson (20 miles, ~26 minutes)
Head north on N Entrance Dr for .3 mi
Turn left onto MN-200 W, continue for 8.9 mi
Turn left onto Co Hwy 39, continue for 7.1 mi
Sharp left onto Cox Lake Rd, continue for 1.2 mi
Turn left onto Anchor Hill Rd, continue for 2.2 miles to spectator area

SS 12/16 - Otterkill (9 miles, ~15 minutes)
Head north on N Entrance Dr for .3 mi
Turn left onto MN-200 W, continue for 7 mi
Turn left onto Sugar Bush Rd, continue for 2 miles to spectator area

SS 17/18 - Sanford Center (37 miles, ~40 minutes)
Head northeast on N Entrance Dr for .3 mi
Turn right onto MN-200 E, continue for 6.5 mi
Turn left onto US-71 N, continue for 13.8 mi
Turn left to stay on US-71 N, continue for 15.6 mi (becomes MN-197 N after 13.9 mi)
Use the middle lane to turn left onto Paul Bunyan Dr SE, continue for .3 mi
Turn right onto 1st St SE, continue for .1 mi
Turn left onto Grant Ave NW, take the first exit at the traffic circle

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5
6
7



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LIVE
SCORING



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FRIDAY @ SOO PASS

Rock, Roll and Rally – Friday, August 28th, 2026

- Soo Pass Ranch | 25526 Co Hwy 22, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
- Gates Open at 5:00 PM | Rally + Live Music + VIP Experience

Rally Cars Run Twice – at 30-second intervals for non-stop, high-intensity action.

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2026 Ojibwe Forests Rally Spectator Map

Friday, August 28, 2026

Official
Spectator Areas

Take MN 64 south from MN 200. In 3.4 miles, turn left on Hubbard County 37. In 4.7 miles, turn right on County 39. In another 0.9 miles, turn right on Parkway. The spectator corner is 2 miles ahead on Parkway.

SS 1 10:50 AM
SS 3 2:30 PM

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SS 3 2:30 PM

Take MN 64 north from Akeley. In 2 miles, turn right on Hubbard County 23. In 2.6 miles, turn left on Parkway. The spectator corner is 2.4 miles ahead, our famous "Crossroads Jump".

SS 2 2:34 PM
SS 4 6:31 PM

Take MN 34 west from Akeley. In 2 miles turn right on Hubbard County 85, then in another 1.4 miles turn right on County 105 (unpaved). In 2 miles the road goes left at 260 St. In another 0.25 miles turn right at a T onto 275th Ave. In a mile, turn left on 270 St, then the spectator corner is in another 0.6 miles.

Note: You can't enter Soo Pass Ranch from US 59, and West Lake Drive is closed to the north, so you have to follow these directions.

Take MN 34 west to Detroit Lakes. Go south on US 59 to the Becker County 6 traffic light. Turn left on 6, then right on County 22 (West Lake Dr.). In 1.2 miles, keep right at Nodaway Dr, then in another 0.7 miles, turn right into the Soo Pass Ranch.

SS 5-6 6:00 PM

SOO PASS RANCH

START
RALLY CARS
FOOD
SPECTATORS
GATE

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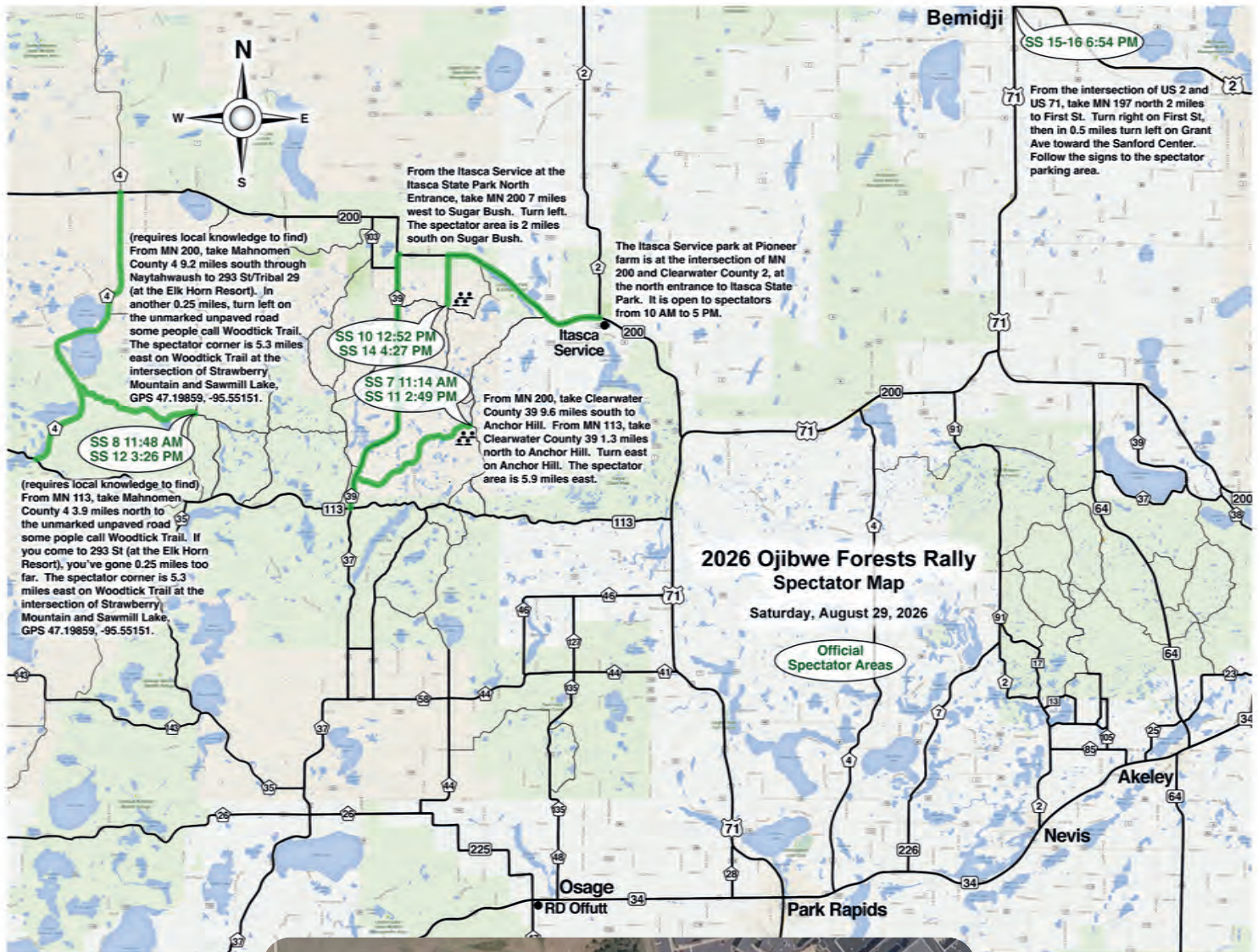
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THAN A WEEKEND. IT'S A TRADITION,
AN ADVENTURE, AND A WHOLE
LOT OF HORSEPOWER.

STYLE BUILT FOR THE STAGES

SATURDAY STAGES

Sanford Center Superspecial– Saturday, August 29th, 2026

- Sanford Center | 1111 Event Center Dr NE, Bemidji, MN 56601
- Festivities Start at 6:00 PM | Downtown Street Stage and Podium Celebration



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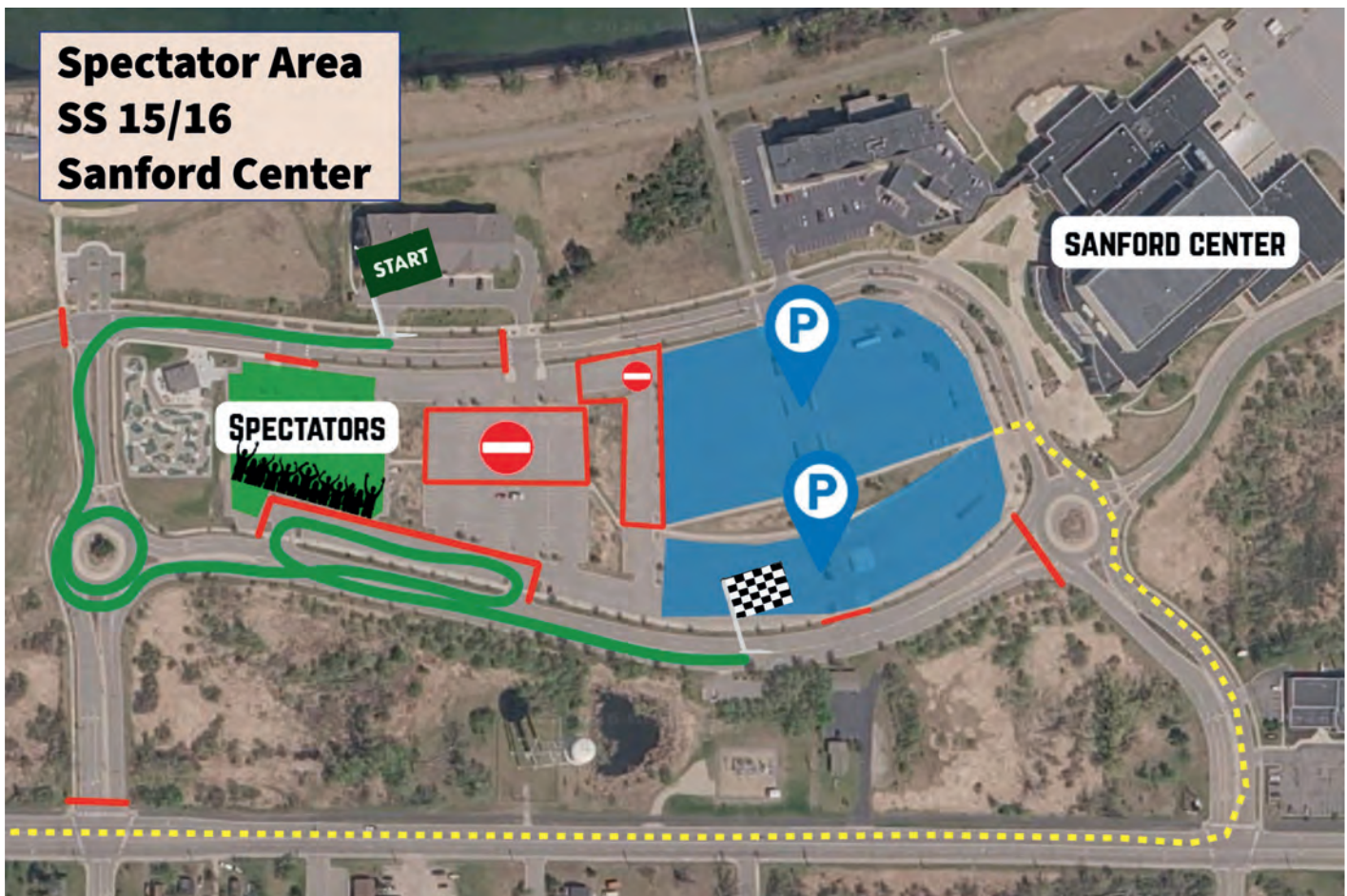


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LEAVE NO TRACE

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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SAFETY

Study the Diagrams:

All **RED AREAS** are 'NO-GO'.

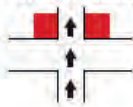
These areas are extremely dangerous.

DANGER

"T" Junction



Cross Road



"Y" Junction



"Y" Junction



Left Bend



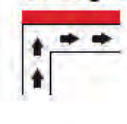
Right Bend



90° Left



90° Right



90° Left Road
At Side



90° Right Road
At Side



Always be alert
and NEVER stand
in the red areas.

Rally cars are spectacular and exciting, but can do the unexpected. For your safety and the safety of everyone involved with the Ojibwe Forests Rally please:

- Listen to the marshals.
- Follow any instructions from rally officials.
- Know that signage, barricades and banner tape are in place for your protection. Do not move them.
- Be aware of your surroundings and use them as cover from the unexpected and debris.
- Never walk on an active rally stage.
- Know that not every rally car will be the same. Use common sense regarding where you are watching.
- Speak up. If you are uncomfortable with something you see tell the rally volunteers.



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.

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