# NEMADJI TRAIL

## WINTER RALLY

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

**December 5, 2026**

**Round 1 of the 2027 American Rally Association**
**Central Region Championship**

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# 1 Introduction

1.1 Welcome to the 2026 Nemadji Trail Winter Rally. Our plan is to run the event similar to last year, including the two pass, controlled access recce. We will be using RallySafe for tracking and scoring in 2026. This will be the first round of the 2027 ARA Central Region Championship.

1.2 This event will be held under the current General Competition Rules, Rally Technical Rules, and Rally Competition Rules of the American Rally Association (ARA). The 2026 American Rally Association Rules and Regulations can be found at https://www.americanrallyassociation.org/rulesandbulletins
Modifications, amendments and/or changes to these Supplementary Regulations will be announced only by numbered and dated Bulletins posted on Sportity.

1.3 Road surface is gravel. Depending on the weather, it may be dry, wet or possibly frozen. There may be snow or ice.

1.4 Overall SS distance is 35.78 miles and total distance of the itinerary is 75.01 miles.

# 2 Organization

2.1 The Nemadji Trail Winter Rally is organized by Ojibwe Forests Rally, Inc.
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Minneapolis MN 55412

2.2 Organizing Committee and Officials

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|---|---|---|---|
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2.3 ARA Officials

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| Media | https://www.americanrallyassociation.org/media | | |

2.4 Headquarters Location

Nemadji Trail Winter Rally will be headquartered at:
Kerrick Township Hall
88235 MN-23
Duquette, MN 55756
Note: This is the same location as previous years, just referred to by the correct name.

2.5 All event activities will be held in or just outside of the Kerrick Township Hall. Check-in, meetings, and awards will be held at the Kerrick Township Hall.

2.6 The Official Notice Board will be Sportity as well as- located on the bulletin board inside of the main door of the Kerrick Township Hall. Sportity will be the primary form of official communication, but due to the limited cell service in Duquette, all bulletins and other communications will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Competitors are responsible for checking the board regularly. The Sportity code is NFR2026. The web version is https://webapp.sportity.com/channel/nfr2026

# 3 Schedule

All Times Central Time Zone

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| **Friday, October 30th, 2026** | | |
| 1900 | Entry Opens | enterrally.com |
| **Friday, November 20th, 2026** | | |
| 2359 | Regular Entry Closes | enterrally.com |
| **Sunday, November 29th, 2026** | | |
| 2359 | Entry Closes | enterrally.com |
| **Monday, December 1st, 2026** | | |
| | Provisional Start Order Published | Sportity |
| **Tuesday, December 1st, 2026** | | |
| 1900 | Novice Briefing | Online meeting |
| **Friday, December 4th, 2026** | | |
| 1900 | Stewards Meeting | Online Meeting |
| 1930 | Official Start Order Published | Sportity |
| **Saturday, December 5th, 2026** | | |

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| 0730 – 0930 | Competitor Check-in | Township Hall |
| 0800 – 1030 | Volunteer Check-in | Township Hall |
| 0830 – 1100 | Scrutineering | Service Area |
| 0830 – 1130 | Competitor Recce | |
| 1040 | Volunteer Meeting | Township Hall |
| 1115 | Volunteers depart for their assignments | Kerrick Pick Up Point |
| 1300 | FCO Leg 1 | |
| 1453 | FCI Service | Service Area |
| 1711 | FCI Final Time Control – End of Rally | |
| ~1830 | Awards Presentation | Township Hall |

# 4 Entries

4.1 Entry and payment may only be made online at http://www.enterrally.com. Entry fees must be paid in full at the time of registration

4.2 The total size of the competitive field for this event will not exceed 20 entries. Entries are non-transferrable

4.3 Entry Schedule

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| Regular Entry<br>October 30 – November 20 | $700 |
| Late Entry<br>November 21 – November 29 | $750 |
| RallySafe Install Kit Rental | $40 |

4.4 Entry includes a printed route book, use of a RallySafe unit, and a service space. Due to service area constraints, oversize rigs cannot be accommodated. Trailers may be parked to the west of the General Store as shown in appendix 2.

4.5 Competitors may revise or withdraw their entry prior to the closing date by completing an entry update/withdrawal form available in the registrar folder on the Sportity App. Once entries close, withdrawals and entry revisions are carried out by filing an inquiry.

4.6 Refunds will be in compliance with GCR 4.9
Prior to 2359 on 11/15/2026– full refund

After 2359 on 11/15/2026 and until 2359 on 11/29/2026– full refund less $100
After 2359 on 11/29/2026– no refund
If the event is cancelled; a full refund will be issued.

# 5 Insurance

5.1 Third party liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage, effective during the competition, will be provided by a policy secured by USAC and displayed on the Official Notice Board.

5.2 Competitors, service crew members, and all event participants including officials, marshals, staff, stewards and all other volunteers who have signed an ARA waiver and have been issued and are in possession of an event wristband confirming the signature of the waiver will be covered by a secondary ARA participant accident insurance policy which covers excess medical expenses to their primary medical insurance provider.

# 6 Event Sponsor Advertising

6.1 Nemadji Winter Rally will not be using the reserved sponsor space below the ARA door placard.

# 7 Fuel

7.1 A fuel depot will be utilized. Competitors have the option of providing their own fuel or purchasing fuel from the Duquette General Store. Fueling will only be allowed in this area and shall occur during transit time after service. Service crew may set up fueling in the fuel depot but are asked to do so in a manner that does not interfere with the Duquette General Store's customers.

7.2 Competitors are reminded that their fuel jugs shall be clearly marked and identifiable. A $100 penalty payable to the event shall be imposed for fuel jugs abandoned at the fuel depot after cars return from the final stage.

# 8 Reconnaissance

8.1 There will be two passes with controlled starts so there is only one-way traffic during recce. Teams are reminded that the bannering crew may be on stage and the road is open to public traffic: continuous caution is required. This is intended to eliminate head-on traffic among the teams participating in recce.

8.2 Competitors must complete check-in prior to beginning recce. Due to the nature of our course including transits, competitors will use their own Route books for Recce.

8.3 The on-stage Recce speed limit is 35 MPH. Please use caution at all times.

8.4 Entrance to SS1/3 stage will open at 0830 and close no later than 0850. Sweep will enter the stage at the closing time, following the last car in line at 0850. Any further arrivals will forfeit their opportunity, will be required to wait until the second eastbound entry, and as a result will have only a single pass recce. Entrance to SS2/4 will open as soon as all the cars which started SS1 have finished or are otherwise accounted for. This is estimated to be at 0915. The second pass of SS1/3 is estimated to open at 1000 and the second pass of SS2/4 at 1045. Recce will conclude once all cars have finished the second pass of SS2/4 or are otherwise accounted for.

8.5 No competition vehicles are allowed on recce. Violators will be excluded from competing in the rally and will forfeit their entry fee.

8.6 There will be no advance packet issued as the course is very compact.

# 9 On-Site Check-In

9.1 Competitor Check-In will be per schedule above. All entry information, including Crew Members, must be complete and final prior to the close of entries. Onsite registration will not be available.

9.2 Competitors may submit their crew list and check the status of licensing and waivers through the links provided in the Registrar folder on Sportity.

9.3 A single email address will be specified by each team to be used for all event communications.

**NOTE* The data/Internet connectivity in Duquette is quite limited. DO NOT assume that the Internet will be accessible to obtain a license or prove possession at registration! Teams should check https://www.sneakattackrally.com/ARACombinerThing/teamsPublic.html before leaving home, and bring any items indicated as "missing."*

# 10 Scrutineering

10.1 Scrutineering will be held in the service area, in the lot just north of the Duquette General Store (see Appendix 2). Cars will be inspected in their service location. Tech inspection and recce times overlap so competitors without crew should arrange to have

their car inspected before departing for recce. Please contact the Chief of Scrutineering with any concerns.

10.2 Logbooks and visual packages **will not be available** at the event. Please procure them from American Rally Association at least two weeks before the event.

# 11 Service

11.1 Service will be in the lot just north of the Duquette General Store. (See Appendix 2 for illustrations) The Duquette General Store will be open for food and supplies.

11.2 The standard service area is ~18 feet x ~35 feet. Trailer parking space is available outside the service area (See Appendix 2). Due to limited space oversized service vehicles cannot be accommodated.

11.3 Let's all be good neighbors; please everyone, pick up the service area so it is cleaner than when we arrived! The organizers will fine those who do not clean their service area a minimum of $100.

11.4 Crew members must pre-register and pay for their crew license with ARA via www.rallylicense.com.

# 12 Testing

12.1 There will be no event organized practice or testing.

# 13 Features of the Rally

13.1 Starting order will be determined in accordance with ARA rules and posted on Sportity and the noticeboard in the Kerrick Township Hall.

13.2 The rally begins and ends outside of the Kerrick Township Hall.

13.3 There will be a full sweep team on every stage which will have limited time to extract vehicles. Due to the nature of the roads being utilized, the Chief of Sweep has the authority, after consulting with the CoC via Net Control, to determine if the extraction must wait until service time following the first two stages or after the final stage of the day. This determination will be based on the Chief of Sweep's estimate of the amount of time necessary for extraction.

13.4 The Provisional and Final Results will be posted on Sportity and the Official Notice Board at the Kerrick Township Hall as soon as possible after the event.

13.5 The awards presentation will be held at the Kerrick Township Hall. As a condition of our use of the Township Hall, *no alcohol will be allowed*. If anyone is found with alcohol, it will be confiscated, and they will be asked to leave. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we want to be invited back. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable rally!

13.6 Teams are strongly encouraged to bring swag for volunteers (we average around 100 amazing volunteers!). This has been popular in the past. If a team has swag, please contact the Chief of Controls and plan on dropping it off at check-in. Thank you!

# 14 Local Accommodations

14.1 Food

14.1.1 Duquette General Store: Sandwiches made to order at the deli counter. Groceries and general supplies also available.

14.1.2 North Pine Saloon will be open after the event serving standard bar fare. Parking is somewhat limited, please be sure to not block any of the doors at the neighboring fire hall.

14.2 Lodging

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| 14.2.1 | Days Inn Moose Lake | 400 Park Place, Moose Lake, MN 55767 |
| 14.2.2 | North Town Inn & Suites | 60671 State Highway 23, Finlayson, MN 55735 |

# 15 Exceptions From American Rally Association Rules

15.1 None

# 16 Appendix 1: Itinerary

**Competition Itinerary** — **16 cars**

**START Leg 1** — **Saturday, December 5, 2026**

| TC | LOCATION | SS DIST | TRANSIT DIST | TOTAL DIST | LATENESS TIME | TRANSIT TIME | FIRST CAR DUE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0A | **MTC 1 Duquette Service** | | | | | | **13:00** | |
| | Distance to next refuel | (17.89) | (19.55) | (37.44) | | | | Section 1 |
| 1 | Transit to SS #1 | | 9.40 | 9.40 | | 0:14 | 13:14 | Section 1 |
| **SS #1** | **Nemadji Trail East** | **8.94** | | | **0:14** | | **13:17** | Section 1 |
| 2 | Transit to SS #2, 4 | | 0.64 | 9.58 | | 0:46 | 14:17 | Section 1 |
| **SS #2** | **Nemadji Trail West** | **8.95** | | | **0:14** | | **14:20** | Section 1 |
| | Transit to Duquette Service | | 9.51 | 18.46 | | 0:22 | 14:56 | Section 1 |
| 2A | Duquette Service | | | | | 0:20 | 15:16 | |
| RZ 1 | Duquette Service Refuel (time is included on next transit) | | | | | | | Section 2 |
| | Distance to next refuel | (17.89) | (19.68) | (37.57) | | | | Section 2 |
| 3 | Transit to SS #3 | | 9.53 | 9.53 | | 0:23 | 15:39 | Section 2 |
| **SS #3** | **Eastbound Again** | **8.94** | | | **0:14** | | **15:42** | Section 2 |
| 4 | Transit to SS #4 | | 0.64 | 9.58 | | 0:46 | 16:42 | Section 2 |
| **SS #4** | **Westbound Again** | **8.95** | | | **0:14** | | **16:45** | Section 2 |
| | Transit to Duquette MTC | | 9.51 | 18.46 | | 0:22 | 17:21 | Section 2 |
| 4A | **MTC 2 Duquette** | | | | | | **17:21** | |

| **Leg 1 Totals** | **35.78** | **39.23** | **75.01** |
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*Figure 1 Itinerary as of 10/18/2026*

# 17 Appendix 2: Map of Duquette, Minnesota

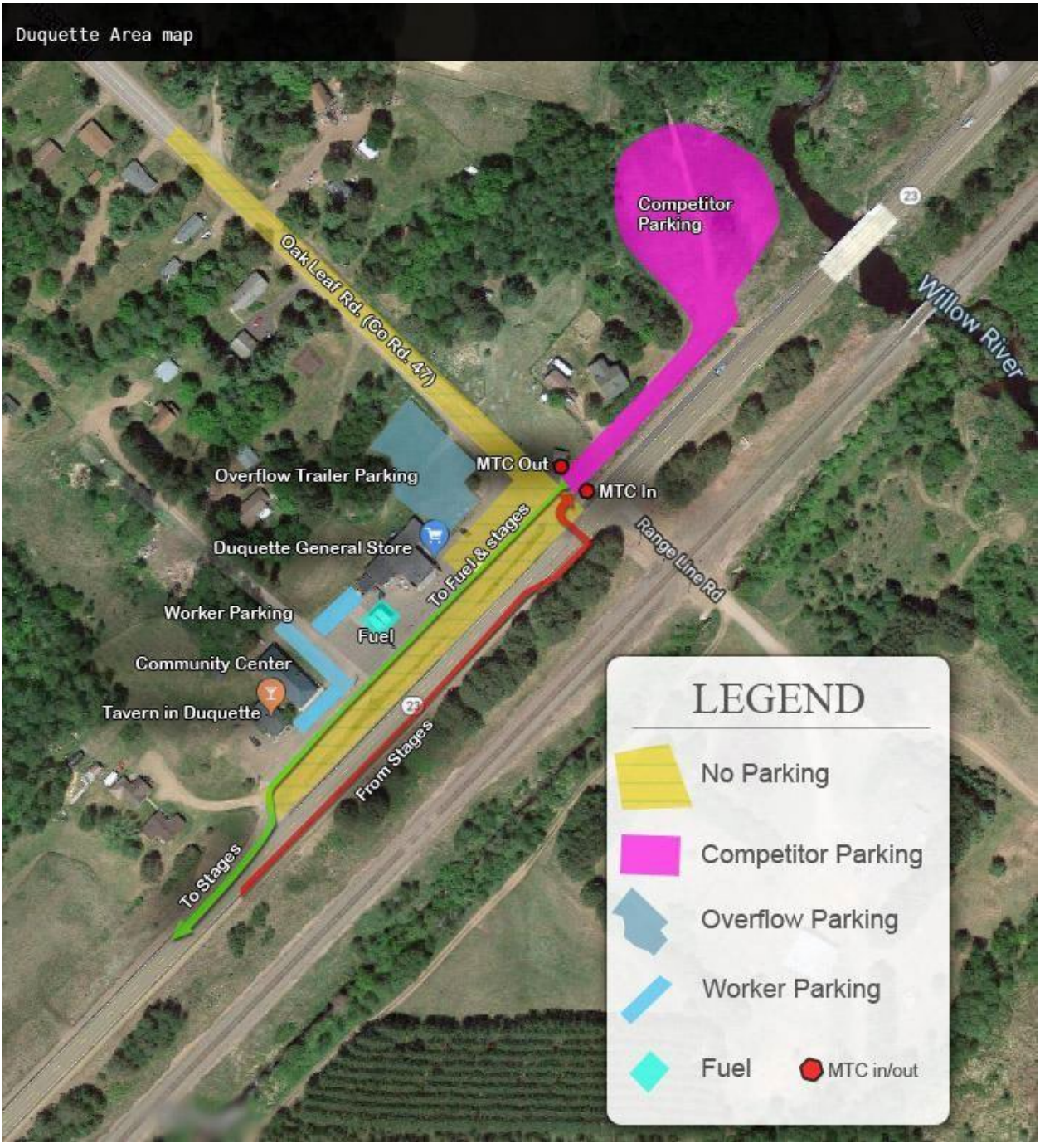



*Figure 2 Map of Duquette, MN*