



2026 Advance/Recce Packet

June 10-13



May 24, 2026

SOFR Competitors and Team Managers,

Welcome! We are excited you are competing at the Southern Ohio Forest Rally, featuring our ODNR Forest roads in the Zaleski and Shawnee State Forests. The rally kicks off Thursday night with 2 runs on the short tarmac stage through the Yoctangee City Park in Chillicothe. On Friday, the rally moves to the Shawnee State Forest and, on Saturday, to the Zaleski State Forest.

Traffic – Chillicothe has construction everywhere, and at times gets grid locked. Allow yourself extra time. The biggest change for the rally is South Bridge Street is closed between The Fairfield Inn (Recce Check-in) and Tech/Yoctangee Park. You can find more information at <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/projects/projects/113013> with maps showing alternate routes under the “Travel Scenarios” tab. There are also closures in Yoctangee Park, the stage will be open, but there will be construction around the start.

Service – Space is limited, especially on Saturday, please plan to be in tight quarters! If you want to park next to a specific team, please contact our Chief of Service by June 5.

Mike Short at service@southernohioforestrally.com or 740-703-6786

Tech – All teams need to make an appointment. Scrutineering will be held at the Chillicothe Transit Garage. All requests will receive a confirmation email with the scheduled time. **Requests must be submitted by June 5.** Appointments may be requested by sending an email stating to: sofrtech@southernohioforestrally.com

The email should clearly state:

- Appointment hour requested – i.e., 2-3 pm, 3-4 pm, etc.
- Car number and name and phone number of the presenter.

Fuel – Last day to order from VP Fuel is May 28

Registration – The ODNR Forestry Department requires all participants of recce to sign a paper waiver before recce starts. If you are unable to arrive at the posted times, you may call/text our registrar, Heather Wilson, at 740-253-1228 to try and make other arrangements.

Testing – will be in the Scioto Trail State Forest, see the Test Day Packet for more information.

Cellular coverage – there is generally service when you are on the top of the ridges and none in the valleys. Both service areas have good coverage to start your RallySafe Lite app. Most stage starts and finishes are in the valleys and do not have coverage.

We will be providing you with copies of this information at Registration.

SOFR Rally Committee

2026 SOFR OPEN RECCE INSTRUCTIONS

Check-in

To participate in Recce, you must check-in and collect your stage notes, route book, and a recce identification sticker. The identification sticker is to be affixed to the upper passenger-side corner of the front windshield and the rear window. You are also requested to drive with your headlights ON.

Stage Hours

The stages open for Recce at 6am on Wednesday, and 5:30am on Thursday. Stages close on Wednesday at 8pm and Thursday at 4pm, with these exceptions:

- Courtney's Webb & Irish Ridge , which are gated, will open at 7am.
- Yoctangee Street Stage will be open at 3am Wednesday until 4pm on Thursday.

Road Closures

The 2026 route has been modified from the schedule posted in the Supplemental Regulations, see bulletin 1. This is due to a bridge replacement in Shawnee on Pond Run that possibly won't be finished by recce.

Stage Order

You may run the stages in any order but only in the stage direction per RCR 1.2.1d. If you are doing a single day, single pass Recce it is recommended that you start in Shawnee State Forest and follow the Friday Route Book through the stages, then drive to McArthur (1.5 hours) and follow the Saturday Route book. See the map below. There is no defined recce route. Teams plan their own recce route. More than two passes of each stage are permitted as long it occurs during the Recce times listed above.

All cars must use the RS Lite smartphone app per ARA Bulletin 2026-4 during Recce.

Observation Controls

There may be observation controls monitoring speed on Recce transit and stage sections. They will be identified with standard time control signs at the car. **You must stop**. They will write your highest measured speed on their log and will apply penalties according to RCR 1.2.1g.

Speed limits are 30 mph on stages and transits unless noted in the route book.

Road Blockages

If you encounter any road blockages, call, or text (preferred due to poor signals) Justin Pritchard, Clerk of the Course, at (614) 348-0394 or Jeremiah Johnson, Rally Chairman, at (740) 703-4251. The Ohio Department of Forestry are on call to remove any blockages. Please leave details of the issue including mileage.

Traffic

During Recce you will likely encounter oncoming traffic, including logging and forestry trucks, mail trucks, delivery service vans, residents, hunters, horses and SOFR banner crews. Please take appropriate caution while driving, as there are many corners and crests on the stage roads in which visibility is limited.

Recce Etiquette

- Don't pull up to the start line until you are ready to proceed
- Don't start directly behind another car
- If a car catches you while on a stage, let them pass as soon as you can
- Stay to the right on blind corners and crests, the road is open to oncoming traffic
- If you are stopping on stage, pull to one side to allow others room to pass
- Don't pull out in front of another car if you've stopped
- Don't stop in a blind corner or over a blind crest
- Be aware at all times, you are on an open public road and there are other competitors on recce. Be mindful of encountering others

Time	Description	Location
Tuesday, June 9, 2026		
19:00 – 22:00	Driver and Co-Driver Check In	Fairfield Inn & Suites 300 N Plaza Blvd, Chillicothe, OH 45601
Wednesday, June 10, 2026		
06:00 - 07:00 By Appt Only	Driver and Co-Driver Check In	Contact Event Registrar
06:00 – 20:00	Reconnaissance	Ohio Division of Forestry
08:30 – 16:30	Testing	Location given to participants
19:00 – 22:00	Driver and Co-Driver Check In	Fairfield Inn & Suites
Thursday, June 11, 2026		
06:00 - 07:00 By Appt Only	Driver and Co-Driver Check In	Contact Event Registrar
05:30 – 16:00	Reconnaissance	Ohio Division of Forestry
07:00 – 12:00	Driver, Co-Driver and Crew Check In	Chillicothe Transit Garage 575 E 7th St, Chillicothe, OH 45601
13:00 – 15:00	Technical Inspection – by appointment only	Chillicothe Transit Garage
07:00 – 12:00 13:00 – 16:00		
16:30	Stewards Meeting	ARA Operations Center at CHS
17:00	Publication of Start List for Leg 1 and 2	Sportity
17:30 – 19:45	Parc Expose' (Check In time assigned by Section 13.1)	Chillicothe High School (CHS)
18:55	Seeded Draw	CHS – ARA Stage
19:00	Drivers Meeting	CHS – ARA Stage
19:46	First Car Out (FCO) at TC0 (MTC1)	CHS
20:00	SS 1 Yoctangee Park Street Stage Starts	Yoctangee Park
21:15*	End of Leg 1. Thursday Competition ends at TC2A (MTC2)	CHS

SOFR Check-in & Technical Inspection

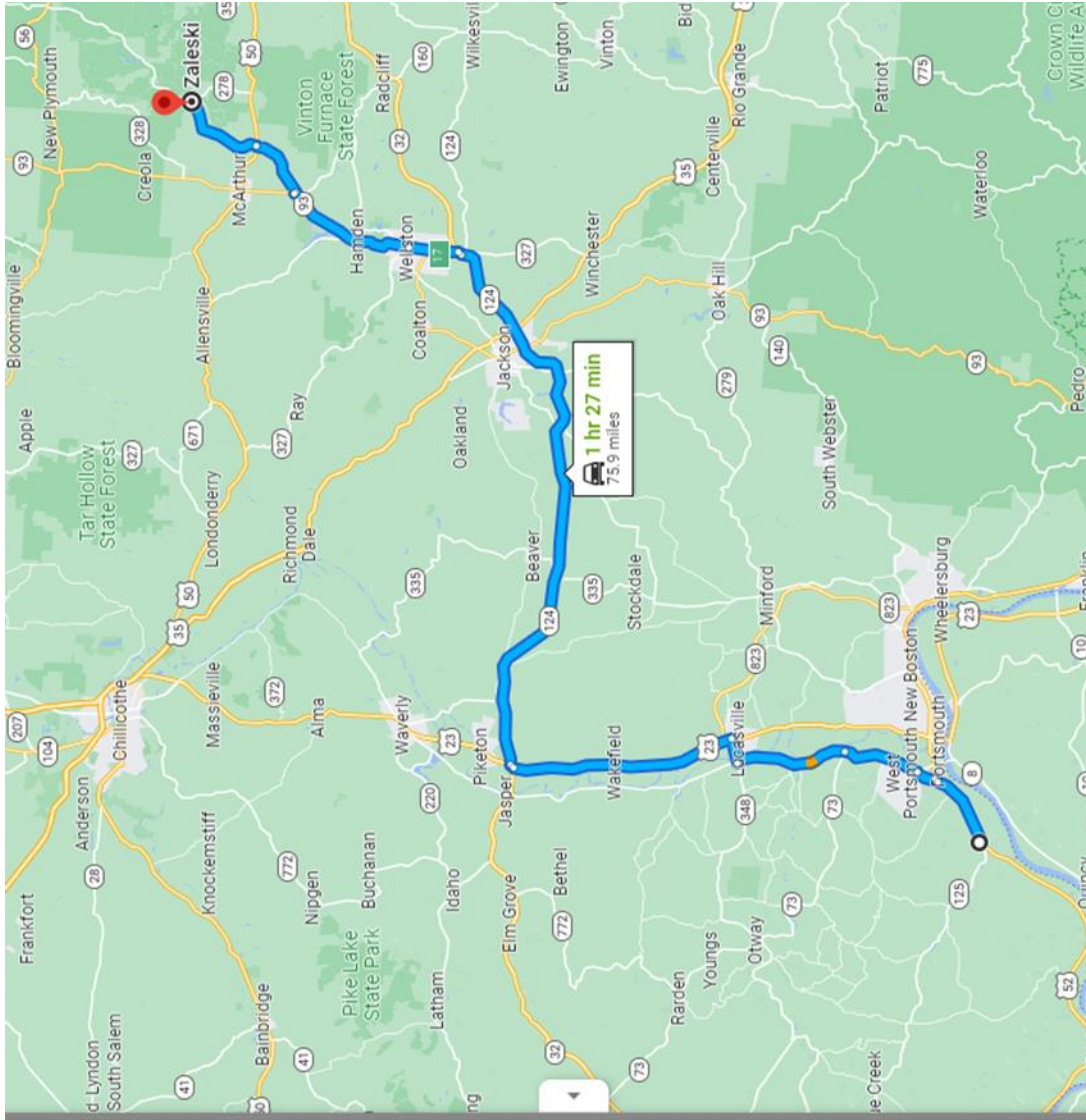
Chillicothe Transit System
575 E 7th St
Chillicothe, OH 45601
39.331113, -82.963153



1 hr 27 min (75.9 miles)

via OH-32 E

Fastest route, the usual traffic



Nile Township

Ohio 45663

- ↑ Head southeast on Worleys Run Rd toward US-52 E
24 s (0.2 mi)
- > Follow US-52 E to OH-239 N in Washington Township. Take the OH-239 N exit from US-52 E
5 min (4.0 mi)
- > Take OH-104 N to US-23 N in Valley Township
15 min (12.1 mi)
- > Follow US-23 N and OH-32 E to OH-327 N in Milton Township. Take exit 17 from OH-32 E
42 min (41.9 mi)
- > Take OH-93 N and Vinton Station Rd to US-50 E in Elk Township
21 min (12.9 mi)
- ↗ Turn right onto US-50 E
7 s (246 ft)
- > Follow OH-677 N to Commercial St in Zaleski
7 min (4.8 mi)

Zaleski

Ohio

Yoctangee Street Stage Map Thursday SS #1 & 2



