

Stubborn Mule Adventure Race 2011 – 30 hr

Update #1

Thank you for registering for the Stubborn Mule! We have a fun course set for you and hope you are ready for a challenging adventure in the beautiful Wausau, Wisconsin, area.

FAQs. Please be sure to check out our recently updated [FAQs](#) for any questions you might have that this update does not address.

The course. The goal in course design for Stubborn Mule is to create a safe, fun, well-balanced race in a new area that will reward teams who are strong in all disciplines and challenge competitors to use good race strategy. We'll be using a rogaine-style format, meaning the winning team will be the team that obtains the most checkpoints in the least amount of time. There will be enough optional checkpoints to keep top teams pushing themselves for a full 30 hours, while providing less competitive teams the opportunity to experience the highlights of the course and remain ranked. This format will also increase the likelihood that teams will all finish at close to the same time and can celebrate their achievements together.

Based on the current design, the approximate distances are

Foot (trek, run, nav): 20-30 miles

Bike (paved road, gravel road, 2-track, singletrack): 70-85 miles

Paddle: 20-30 miles

These estimates represent the mileage that will be required in order to complete the entire course. As previously stated, some checkpoints will be optional, so your actual mileage may vary.

Start/Finish. The start/finish location will be announced the week of 7/11. Race check in and the pre-race meeting will be the morning of July 16.

Post Race Celebration. The post-race celebration will start shortly after 12 pm at the start/finish location, and includes a meal, beverages, awards, and a raffle. This is an excellent time to meet other racers, share your race stories, and celebrate your finish – please plan to attend! If you would like to purchase extra meals for friends/family (\$20/person) please send us an [email](#) by July 7, so we can provide an accurate count to our caterer.

Paddles and PFDs. If you would like to borrow paddles and pfd's from the canoe livery, please [email](#) us indicating how many paddles and pfd's you require.

Checkpoint Tracker. The Stubborn Mule is part of the [2011 Checkpoint Tracker Series](#). We highly encourage racers to check out the series and participate. It is free to register your team and follow your points accumulation. Note that you MUST be registered with Checkpoint Tracker prior to July 11 to obtain series points for this event. Please verify that your team, with it's proper squad configuration, is listed as confirmed on the [event page](#).

Lodging.

Hotels near the race start/finish include:

[Holiday Inn Express - Weston](#)

[Fairfield Inn - Weston](#)

[AmericInn – Weston](#)

Primitive camping is available at the start/finish area at a rate of \$5/person/night. If you are planning to camp, please [email us to reserve your spot](#). Camping fees can be sent to 180 Adventure, LLC., 4531 E Oak Ln, Windsor, WI, 53598 or may be paid [online](#).

Camping is also available at several [local campgrounds](#). Of those listed, Marathon Park is closest to the start location. Rib Mountain State Park is under road construction and is not offering camping this summer.

Partners. We are lucky to have generous support from Injinji, Berkeley Running Company, Eastbay, Brave Soldier, Hammer Nutrition, Saris, Breathe Magazine, Moosejaw, Resource Revival, Trek Bicycle Stores of Madison, AMOD, Raw Revolution, and RoadID. Please consider these businesses first when shopping for gear and supplies!

