



Moose on the Loose 2026 Racer Update

This document is organized in reverse chronological order, with the most recent updates and questions at the top.

FAQ (updated 9/3)

- ***I read on your website that Moose Jaw may have discounted pricing. Have they released any details yet?*** Moose Jaw has offered a 10% discount on cabin rentals and camping. To take advantage of this discount, email them directly at moosejawresort1@gmail.com and reference Moose on the Loose.
- ***We have a few members of our team who have hybrid bikes with gravel/off road tires. Does the 7 hour race-biking portion require strict mountain bikes or would the hybrid bikes work.*** This year's race will be accessible with hybrid bikes. It may get bumpy, but there will not be any real trail riding. Road bikes are not allowed.
- ***What kind of boats will be used?*** Aluminum canoes will be supplied for teams, with teams of two and three in one canoe, and teams of four in two canoes. Teams of three can bring a seat along for their middle paddler. Solos will be outfitted with 9' Old Town Heron solo kayaks. We will have paddles and pfds available, but racers are encouraged to bring their own if they have equipment they are familiar and comfortable with. Racer provided boats are **NOT** allowed unless there are extenuating circumstances. Decisions regarding personal boats will be made on a case by case basis.
- ***What happens if a 3 hour racer wants to go over 3 hours to experience the entire course?*** Our races are designed to provide lots of route choices so that racers are able to finish in the allotted time. That being said, if a team goes over the time limit, the penalty is the loss of one checkpoint per minute late. Because our 3 hour race is designed with beginners in mind, we are giving our three hour racers four hours to complete the course to encourage new racers to give everything a try. There will be no checkpoint penalty until three hour racers reach the four hour mark.
- ***Will the transition area be the same spot for start, transitions, and finish?***
 - The 3 and 7 hour races will start and finish at the same location.
 - The 3 hour TA details
 - Two remote TAs where bikes will be dropped and other disciplines will be launched.
 - Bike helmets, shoes, and any bike specific gear can be left with the bikes.
 - These remote TAs will be manned by a volunteer so bike locks will not be necessary.
 - No gear can be staged at 3 hour TAs ahead of time.
 - There will also be some optional bike checkpoints (CPs) that will require bikes to be dropped for a short period of time so that the CP can be

retrieved on foot. In these locations, a bike lock may be considered, however these areas are not high traffic areas, so use your own discretion and comfort level when considering locking bikes at these locations.

- The 7 TA details
 - 7 hour racers will be staging their bikes at TA1 before the start of the race. This location and the drop off window will be shared the week of the event. Bike helmets, shoes, and any bike specific gear can be staged with the bikes.
 - Two remote TAs where bikes will be dropped during the race and other disciplines will be launched from these remote TAs.
 - Bike helmets, shoes, and any bike specific gear can be left with the bikes.
 - All remote TAs will be manned by a volunteer.
 - There will also be some optional bike checkpoints (CPs) that will require bikes to be dropped for a short period of time so that the CP can be retrieved on foot. In these locations, a bike lock may be considered, however these areas are not high traffic areas, so use your own discretion and comfort level when considering locking bikes at these locations.
 - The 7 hour race also has an optional boat drop with an optional embedded trek. Teams that choose to tackle the embedded trek will drop boats and continue on foot to the CPs. They will need to carry all mandatory gear for this embedded trek, but any paddle specific gear can be left in the boats. Within this embedded trek, there will be an optional paddleboard opportunity. Teams that choose to attempt to complete this CP may bring their own PFD and/or paddle, or they may opt to use the PFD and paddle that we supply. The paddleboard option will be manned, but the boat drop will not be manned.

September 3: Racer Update #1

In less than one month, we will gather at the Moose Jaw Resort for the start of the 2026 Moose on the Loose Adventure Race. We can't wait to get this party started! This email, the first major racer update, should shed light on the important details, though likely you'll hear from us again between now and then with last minute odds and ends.

1. Please check this [spreadsheet](#) to ensure that your team information is correct.
2. The race will begin with a short prologue, which will lead you to your maps. You can choose how much time you spend working on the maps,
3. Mapping will be part of the race. When the race starts, you will not have your maps (other than one for the initial opening prologue). When you complete this prologue, you will receive your race maps and decide how much time to spend mapping.

After completing your mapping, you will head out onto Leg 1.

4. **Final gear list.** The finalized gear list for the race is now posted on the website and available [here](#).
5. We will be using e-punches for both the 3 and 7 hour races.
6. The bike drop location for the 7 hour race will be revealed the week of the race. That location will open for racers at 7:00 AM.
7. Local Lodging Options

[Moose Jaw Resort](#) is offering racers a 10% discount on cabin rentals, RV/Trailer campsites, and tent camping. Email them at moosejawresort@gmail.com and reference the Moose on the Loose Adventure Race to receive the discounted rate.

National Forest Campgrounds - within a 15-minute drive

- [Smith Rapids Campground](#) - First-come, first-served sites
- [Twin Lakes Campground](#) - First-come, first-served sites
- [Emily Lake Campground](#) - First-come, first-served sites

Nearby hotels in Park Falls, Mercer, and Minocqua within a 30-minute drive.

8. If you have any questions about our event, please reach out! We are excited to see you all at the Moose Jaw Resort on September 19!! Share with your friends for even more fun!!