



Estimated Checkpoint Times

Times listed are estimates only.
Weather, trail conditions and musher strategy will impact the actual times.

The John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon | 300 Miles

Starts at Billy's Bar, Sunday, January 30, 10:00 a.m. 24 hours of total rest required for each team including mandatory 4 hours at Sawbill and Mineral Center checkpoints, plus differential (*the difference of a mushers time out from their start placement. So, the first musher out has the longest differential (time to make up) and the last musher out of the chute has zero time to make up).*

<u>Checkpoint</u>	<u>Time Day</u>
Start - First Out	10:00 AM Sunday
Start - Last Out	10:52 AM Sunday
Hwy 2 – First In	1:00 PM Sunday
Hwy 2 – Last Out	6:15 PM Sunday
Finland – First In	6:00 PM Sunday
Finland – Last Out	2:18 AM Monday
Sawbill (<i>Mandatory 4 hour layover + differential</i>) – First In	3:00 AM Monday
Sawbill – Last Out	11:12AM Monday
Trail Center – First In	12:00 PM Monday
Trail Center – Last Out	9:00 AM Monday
Skyport- First In	8:30 PM Monday
Skyport – Last Out	7:30 AM Tuesday
Mineral Center (<i>Mandatory 4 hour layover</i>)– First In	6:30 AM Tuesday
Mineral Center – Last Out	3:30 PM Tuesday
Grand Portage-First In	5:24 PM Tuesday
Grand Portage – Last In	10:00 PM Tuesday

Beargrease Marathon Leg Mileage Chart

	<u>Leg</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Billy's Bar (Duluth) to Hwy 2	35	35
Hwy 2 to Finland	38	73
Finland to Sawbill	40	113
Sawbill to Trail Center	51	164
Trail Center to Skyport (Devil Track Lake)	61	225
Skyport to Mineral Center	46	271
Mineral Center to Finish	31	302



Beargrease 120

Starts at Billy’s Bar Duluth, and ends at the Trestle Inn, Finland, MN. Eight hours of total rest per team is required, plus differential (*the difference of a mushers time out from their start placement. So, the first musher out has the longest differential (time to make up) and the last musher out of the chute has zero time to make up*).

<u>Checkpoint</u>	<u>Time Day</u>
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Start-First Out	10:56 AM Sunday
Start – Last Out	11:42 AM Sunday
Hwy 2-First In	3:20 PM Sunday
Hwy 2 – Last Out	9:46 PM Sunday
Finland – First In	10:35 PM Sunday
Finland Last Out	3:46 AM Monday
Trestle Inn – First In	6:40 AM Monday
Trestle Inn -Last In	11:40 AM Monday

<u>Beargrease 120 Leg Mileage</u>	<u>Leg</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
Billy’s Bar (Duluth) to Hwy 2	35	35
Hwy 2 to Finland	38	73
Finland to Trestle Inn, Finish	34.5	107.5



Beargrease 40

Starts at Billy’s Bar and ends at “The Pit” in Two Harbors, MN.

<u>Checkpoint</u>	<u>Time Day</u>
Start -First Out	12:00 PM Sunday
Start – Last Out	12:32 PM Sunday
Hwy 2 – First In	3:31 PM Sunday
Hwy 2 – Last In	7:18 PM Sunday

Beargrease Race Start – Billy’s Bar, 3502 W Tischer Road, Duluth

From I-35 N, Exit at 21st Ave E. Stay on 21st Ave. East to Woodland Avenue, turn right onto Woodland Avenue. Continue on Woodland Avenue 1.2 miles to Snively Road. Turn right on Snively Road. Continue 1.4 miles to Jean Duluth Road. Stay on Jean Duluth Road 2.8 miles.

Hwy 2 Checkpoint

Reverse course from Billy’s to 21st Ave. East and London Road. Turn left on London Road. Follow London Road until it turns into Hwy 61; take the expressway all the way to Two Harbors, about 20 miles. Go through Two Harbors (less than a mile) to Hwy 2 (Holiday Station), turn left (west) on Hwy 2 and follow that for about 8.5 miles to the Snowmobile State Trail turnoff. Turn right and the start area is down about 2 blocks on the left. Only dog trucks can enter/park in the start area. There is parking for the public

along Hwy 2.

Highway 2 to Finland

Drive back down Highway 2 to Two Harbors and turn left (north) on Highway 61 at the light at the Holiday gas station. From this intersection, stay on Highway 61 for approximately 32.9 miles to the town of Illgen City and turn left onto MN Highway 1 (west) to Finland.

Stay on Highway 1 for approximately 6.2 miles to the small town of Finland and turn right onto Lake CR 7 (not Lake CR 6) – there will be a sign for George H. Crosby Manitou State Park. Stay on CR 7 for approximately 0.8 miles and the checkpoint will be on the right.

Finland to Sawbill (Marathon Checkpoint)

Backtrack down CR7 to Hwy 1 turn left and proceed ½ block to CR 6, turn left on CR6 and follow to Hwy 61. Turn left on Hwy 61; follow 11.4 miles to Tofte, MN. Turn left on Sawbill Trail. Checkpoint is approximately 5 miles up the Sawbill Trail.

Finland to Trestle Inn (Beargrease 120 Finish)

Continue on CR7 18.2 miles to the Trestle Inn. 9459 Co. Hwy 7, Finland, MN 55603

Sawbill to Trail Center

Backtrack down Hwy 61 turn left and proceed 26.6 miles to 5th Ave. West in Grand Marais. Turn left onto 5th Ave. W, follow .7 miles to Gunflint Trail. Turn left onto Gunflint Trail, follow 26.2 miles to Trail Center.

Trail Center to Skyport Lodge

Backtrack down Gunflint Trail 25.1 miles to Devil Track Road turn right onto Devil Track Road. Follow 3.9 miles to Skyport Lane, follow Skyport Lane .3 miles to Fireweed Lane.

Skyport Lodge to Mineral Center

Head north on Fireweed Lane toward turn Skyport Lane, turn right onto Skyport Lane. In 0.3 miles turn right onto Devil Track Road. In 3.9 miles turn right onto Gunflint Trail. Follow Gunflint Trail 4 miles to MN 61 N/W Hwy 61, turn left onto Hwy 61. In approximately 33 miles turn left onto County Road 17/Mineral Center Road. The checkpoint is approximately 4 miles and will be on the left hand side of the road.

Mineral Center to Grand Portage Lodge and Casino (Finish)

Turn right onto Mineral Center Road. Follow down until Highway 61. Turn left onto Highway 61. In a little less than one mile, turn right at the Grand Portage Trading Post. Continue straight at the stop sign to the Grand Portage Lodge and Casino.