Race #1: Minooka Park, Waukesha, WI

Minooka should be a quick course with a good balance of single and double track. Unofficial Viewing Locations are set up where there are a bunch of relatively easy spots to get to, but not much for stringing a bunch of viewing spots together. Focus here should really be on the Start, as it is a long run-out, highlighted with a scorching hill, right out of the gate. Possibly the steepest climb of the season for these riders, which should stretch out the field quickly.

Notes about Minooka: Everything here is pretty compact, so expect a short, easy walk from the parking area. Also, it is completely surrounded by City, so there are plenty of hotel options; which leads to a much smaller Camping area. Daily parking fee is required, unless you happen to have a Waukesha County Park sticker. When you enter the park, just keep driving... we're all the way at the end.

Start Line: Great, great spot to watch. If you only make it to one Start Line this season, this is the one. Hike up as far as you can/want to. Keep to the edges, as the riders will be scrambling to find a decent line. Don't crowd them. There will be a tunnel of noise for the riders. You may want earplugs.

Spot 1: Follow Course uphill until it makes a sharp left on a flat. Look for the tape marking the entry point into the single track, going the other way. That's your spot to see them twice. First time is just after that killer start hill, and the second time when they're coming in hot from a long stretch of double track before necking down into single file in the trees. Easy wipeout spot.

Spot 2: Head down the un-used double track to the next viewing spot. You'll see the crowd. It'll be awhile for the riders to get here, but it's a nice spot to see them weaving through the trees before they hit an open downhill. After they make the corner downhill, hustle to catch them coming back up a short jog down the trail. It's a hard sprint to catch the Finish from here, but it can be done.

Spot 3: Pick a spot in the sandy burms to watch the riders swoop by. Probably a great spots to grab pictures if you're quick on the camera. They're almost done here and are potentially trying to make up ground.

Spot 4: There's some great, challenging single track at the far reaches of the course if you can find your way out there. Long trek, but you'll be able to find a quiet spot and the riders will want the encouragement this far out.



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