



## **2026 Breese Stevens Field Fan Access Plan**

2025 was another fun and exciting year of events at Breese Stevens Field, although challenging at times due to weather impacts on the facility and events. Attendance numbers remained steady and we have received a ton of feedback from fans, attendees, user groups, neighbors, and partners alike regarding their experiences at our various events. We at Breese Stevens Field are beyond excited about what our 100th anniversary means to the local community and the facility, the neighborhood, and the City of Madison. In 2026, we look forward to continuing to celebrate 100 years of this historic facility and work closely with our neighbors and attendees to prevent and manage potential issues as they arise and achieve a successful balance for all those impacted by events at Breese Stevens Field.

Since the beginning of our ongoing management at Historic Breese Stevens Field, Big Top Events (BTE) has understood that there is limited parking in the area and that it is imperative for fans to understand options for safe and accessible travel to (and from) our events. Here is a listing of what the City of Madison, in partnership with Big Top Events, provide fans every year:

1. Vehicle parking in the surrounding area:
  - a. For all Concerts in 2026, at the expense of BTE, BTE will continue to hire Special Duty Traffic Enforcement officers designated specifically to respond to related traffic and parking enforcement issues in quick order.
  - b. In 2024, BTE, with the support of Alder Rummel, worked with the City of Madison to add and improve upon permanent directional parking signage indicating "Special Event Parking" and pushing traffic towards E Main St. These signs will remain in place in perpetuity.
  - c. BTE is contractually obligated to secure use of 200 motorized vehicle parking spaces for each 1,000 anticipated attendees for each event.
  - d. BTE will provide a plan, outlining specific spots, to the City of Madison prior to each event season.
  - e. Available parking spots are a culmination of public & privately owned spaces, some free, while others are paid parking spots. The 675 spot South Livingston St Parking Garage on Livingston, along with a newly constructed public lot on 12 S. Brearly St with nearly 500 additional spots helped make parking for events at the facility.
2. Specific parking directions, suggestions, and map(s) will be shared via email to attendees of all ticketed events in advance of each event and will always be available at [www.breesestevensfield.com](http://www.breesestevensfield.com), [forwardmadisonfc.com](http://forwardmadisonfc.com), and on the Forward Madison FC app.
3. For all FMFC and major concert events & any other event of over 4,000 attendees, BTE will request that City Traffic Engineering manipulate the timing of the East Washington pedestrian crosswalks to allow for longer crossing times pre & post-event. BTE will share event start and end times as they become known per event.
4. East Washington Ave is a major route for Madison Metro, having multiple stops within three (3) blocks of Breese, on East Washington Ave and East Johnson St. Metro stops will be highlighted on the BSF parking map & encouraged as an alternate way to access the facility. BSF will maintain a web page listing with all available Metro routes for events at the facility.
5. The best way to get to Breese Stevens Field is on a bicycle. BTE will provide free bicycle parking for a minimum of 35 bike parking spaces per 1,000 attendees, located immediately inside the stadium, with permanent bike racks as part of the covered and newly-expanded outdoor bicycle parking, accessible via E Mifflin St, being offered at every major event at the facility. In 2026, BTE plans to install new bike racks to expand the current bike parking footprint to include an outdoor bicycle parking area just inside Gate 8. BTE also hosts multiple BCycle stations on the 10 block of N.



Paterson St and additional off-street bicycle parking by Gate 1. These bike parking locations will be indicated on the parking map(s) referenced above.

- a. Previous modifications that will remain in place for 2025:
    - i. Breese Stevens provides permanent bike parking for 206 (103 spots x 2 bikes each) bikes outside the gates. There are additional permanent bike parking spots in Reynolds Park, adjacent from Breese.
    - ii. Breese Stevens will offer a complimentary bike parking for events with anticipated attendance over 2,000. BSF renovated the existing covered bicycle parking area(s) in 2022 and then extended it to double the original size in 2023. The expanded bike parking features: vertical bike parking (courtesy of Saris), e-bike charging stations, a self-serve bike repair station, parking attendant(s), and free swag at FMFC matches. If covered bicycle parking isn't available or isn't large enough, Breese will expand to include an attended outdoor coral for bike parking.
  - b. Breese Stevens will evaluate anticipated bike parking needed on an event-by-event basis. No event will have bike parking for less than 3.5% of anticipated attendance, and some events may have up to 10%, pending the anticipated bike ridership of the crowd for the event, as determined by BSF. Covered bike parking at FMFC matches averaged over 140 bikes per event & peaked at nearly 250 bikes at one match.
  - c. In 2020 Trek installed 2 B-Cycle hubs at Breese. These will continue to be in operation in 2026.
6. Forward Madison FC, in conjunction with BTE, maintains a "Bike to Breese" campaign to encourage people to bike to games with a focus on developing the most bike friendly environment for any soccer club in the world.
  7. Located adjacent to Breese Stevens Field is the East Mifflin Bike Boulevard, making travel more convenient between Pinckney and Blair St (outer loop project.). This Bike Boulevard will be kept open for all events at BSF. During any road closures,, a 6ft. path will be maintained on both sides of any static barriers, at all times. Barriers will also be staffed and moved as required.