



# Forza Horizon

Accessibility Score: ★★☆☆☆

Forza Horizon isn't just a racing game — it's an open-world festival of cars, music, and exploration. Sighted players thrive on its colorful landscapes, but blind drivers turn it into a world of soundscapes, engine tones, and road feel. Your GPS? Your ears. Your map? Your memory. Your freedom? Unlimited.

## Get to Know Your Sound-Based World

- Start in Safe Zones — Use the festival hub or a quiet road to get used to your car's sound and control without distractions.
- Audio Landmarks — Bridges, tunnels, crowds, and even livestock have distinct sounds — treat them as checkpoints.
- Count Your Turns — On familiar roads, use timing between turns. Example: "5 seconds straight, slight right, 3 seconds straight, sharp left."
- Surface Awareness — Asphalt, dirt, gravel, and water crossings all have unique tones and vibrations — they're key for staying on track.

## Pick the Right Ride

- Beginner Vehicles — Start with lower-powered cars that accelerate smoothly and handle predictably.
- Engine Personality — Choose a car with a strong, clear engine note so you can track speed and gear shifts without strain.
- Transmission Choice — Automatic helps you focus on steering and navigation early on; manual gives more precise control once you're comfortable.

## Master the Music and Road Noise Combo

- Radio On or Off? — Music can add atmosphere, but if you're new, turn it off to focus on road sounds and cues.
- Wind & Engine Mix — Higher wind noise means higher speed; a steady hum means you're cruising straight.
- Crowd Reactions — In events, crowd noise grows louder as you approach key points like checkpoints or finish lines.





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## Open World Driving Without Sight

- Guided GPS Calls — Use the in-game GPS voice navigation for route instructions. Count seconds after each callout to anticipate turns.
- Crash Recovery — When you hit an obstacle, listen for the engine's idle tone, reverse slowly, and reorient based on GPS or road surface sound.
- Event Navigation — Circuit races have repeating lap sounds; point-to-point races have changing audio cues from the environment.

## Racing Smart

- Slipstream Awareness — You'll hear the engine of the car ahead getting louder when drafting; use it to set up overtakes.
- Brake Cues — Tire screech means you're braking too hard or too late — smooth braking wins races.
- Boost and Skill Chains — Listen for sound effects tied to drifting, near-misses, and jumps — they confirm you're racking up points.

## Practice in Controlled Modes

- Free Roam — Perfect for memorizing routes, testing different cars, and practicing corner timing without time pressure.
- Short Sprints — Pick short events to quickly learn braking and acceleration patterns.
- Same Car, Same Route — Repetition is your best friend for building muscle memory and timing.

## Pro Tips for Blind Horizon Drivers

- Stereo Headphones Are Essential — They give you full 3D awareness of other cars, obstacles, and environmental features.
- Force Feedback Wheel — A good racing wheel lets you feel bumps, grip loss, and turns without visuals.
- Custom Audio Mix — Lower music volume, boost engine and tire sounds for maximum navigational feedback.

## Learn More

[Blind Driver Behind the Wheel: Forza Motorsport Blind Accessibility review](#)

