

Subaru Forester...

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And while the Forester can go just about anywhere, it can do so with a lot of cargo in it. Cargo capacity remains generous at 28 cubic feet with the back seats up and 69 cubic feet when they are lowered. And loading is super-easy with the large liftgate.

As much as there is to like with the Forester, the one thing to knit pick about is its acceleration or rather lack of it. So far, in my initial drive of the 2026 Forester, I find it still lacks power. I haven't driven the Hybrid version yet, but I have a feeling those extra 14 horses will be a nice welcome. Power aside, the Forester still impresses me with how quiet and comfortable it is for its occupants. The suspension is nicely tuned to absorb bumps, and the ride is very supple.

Today's Forester continues to do what it was originally intended to do. It has a great ride, is comfortable, has plenty of cargo room and features great visibility. The Forester delivers the versatility and confidence drivers need, and as long as you don't yearn for any high-performance acceleration, the 2026 Subaru Forester should make any owner very happy.

- Christopher A. Randazzo



By The Numbers:

2026 Subaru Forester Wilderness

Base Price: \$38,385.00
 Price as Tested: \$42,035.00
 Layout: front-engine / all-wheel drive
 Engine: 2.5 liter horizontally-opposed 4-cylinder
 Transmission: CVT automatic
 Horsepower: 180 hp
 Torque: 178 ft-lbs torque

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