



# 23<sup>rd</sup> French Lick Jeep Jamboree

French Lick, Indiana

October 4 - 6, 2012

Trail Rating 3 - 7

## EVENT SCHEDULE

This Jamboree is a Classic - catered meals include breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday

### THURSDAY, October 4, 2012

2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Registration, vehicle evaluation and trail signups will take place at The Wilstem Guest Ranch, located at 4229 US Highway 150 West (State Road 56) between French Lick and Paoli, (812) 936-4484. Driving events and games for the kids will also take place during this time, so come and join the fun! Please refer to "How Do I Get There?" for driving directions

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Trail sign-ups will take place during registration and are on a **first come, first served basis**. Vehicle evaluation is **MANDATORY PRIOR TO** trail sign-ups. **NO LATE REGISTRATION on Friday morning**. Make sure you have a full tank of gas (and lunch packed and/or picked up) prior to the general attendance meeting. Vehicle evaluations will open at 2:00 P.M. however, Registration and Trail Selections **DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 5:00 P.M.**

### FRIDAY, October 5, 2012

6:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.

Breakfast at The Wilstem Guest Ranch

8:00 A.M. SHARP!

Mandatory general attendance meeting at The Ranch

9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Trail ride

12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Return to the barn for lunch

1:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Trail ride

5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner at The Wilstem Guest Ranch, bring your video footage from the day's trail ride to share with others over dinner.

### SATURDAY, October 6, 2012

6:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M.

Breakfast at The Wilstem Guest Ranch

8:30 A.M. SHARP!

Mandatory general attendance meeting at The Ranch

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Trail ride

5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner at The Wilstem Guest Ranch

**Prize drawing after dinner.** Participant must be present to win

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Vehicle questions contact Glenda Gau: [glenda@jeeppjam.com](mailto:glenda@jeeppjam.com) / 530-333-4777 x12

Registration questions contact Joelle Seibel: [register@jeeppjam.com](mailto:register@jeeppjam.com) / 530-333-4777 x18



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Drive Offroad proudly supports the Jeep Jamboree program and we're glad to see that you will be attending one of the nationwide events.

Some of our team have been participating in Jeep Jamboree events for almost 20 years and we "get it".

The fun is in the journey. Meeting new friends and seeing new scenery. Jeeping is a lifestyle.

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We all want to have a good day on the trail...

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## TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

Trail leaders will be available at the Vehicle Evaluation Checkpoint to answer any questions you may have.

When you are assigned to your respective color group, you will receive a colored sticker. Place the sticker on your windshield. You will be lining up by your color at the designated line up area. The trail leaders will be there to direct you to your group. You will be required to stay in your color group for both days of trail riding.

Seven groups will be offered this year. Three groups will be designated as Beginner Stock to Novice Stock. Two groups will be designated as Modified Stock (larger and more aggressive tires and/or lift). Two groups will be designated as Experienced Modified (lockers, winch, lift, 32 inch tires are ALL a must).

The Experienced Modified group will run special trails created especially for this aggressive group.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual French Lick Jeep Jamboree offers rocky hills, ravine crossings and a scenic tour of the area.

Also several new trails have been added. You will have the option of challenging off-highway trails for the beginner and novice 4-wheelers with stock vehicles, as well as the more experienced 4-wheeler with modified vehicles.

The trails for the Beginner Stock and Novice Stock groups are rated 2-5 dry\*.

The trails for the Modified Stock group are rated 2-6 dry\*.

The trails for the Experienced Modified group are rated 6-8 dry\*.

Each group will have a maximum of 20 Jeeps on a 1st come basis.

**\*RAIN WILL DEFINITELY INCREASE THE TRAIL RATINGS!**

## LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

For a current 10-day forecast, please go to [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com). This will assist you in planning and packing for your trip.

### VISITOR RESOURCES

French Lick West Baden 812-936-2405

Chamber of Commerce

Indiana Department of Tourism 800-800-9939

### WEB SITES

State of Indiana [www.state.in.us](http://www.state.in.us)

French Lick West Baden Chamber of Commerce  
[www.frenchlick-westbadenc.org](http://www.frenchlick-westbadenc.org)

## HISTORY

The Wilstem Guest Ranch is located on more than 1,000 acres of rolling hills in Orange County. In 1919, the lodge was built to be a private retreat for Ed Ballard, a local casino operator, and his elite guests. Ballard later purchased the famous West Baden Springs Hotel. Ballard constructed five lodges on what was then called Castle Knoll Farm. The main lodge is the only one still standing, although vestiges of the others still remain. On the trail ride, you will be lunching at the site of the old-line cabins that were built for linemen working for Mr. Ballard at Castle Knoll Farm.

Al Capone toured the area, under the protection of his bodyguards. You will drive past areas where Al Capone is believed to have secured private resting places for particular individuals, as well as underground holding facilities for the old slot machines used during the 1920 - 1930's era. You will drive through a railroad trestle on which the railroad tracks were laid in the early 1900s for trains traveling to the French Lick area. On the other side of the railroad trestle, is the site of an old still where moonshine was made. This is a summary of just a few of the points of interest you will be seeing during your two day scenic driving experience through the hills of The Ranch.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### MOTELS

The Wilstem Guest Ranch 812-936-4484  
(Headquarters)

4229 West US Hwy 150

Paoli, IN

[www.vostheranch.com](http://www.vostheranch.com)

Please visit the website for information on things to see and do at The Ranch!

Big Splash Adventure Hotel 877-936-3866

8505 West State Road 56

French Lick, IN

[www.bigsplashadventure.com](http://www.bigsplashadventure.com)

Comfort Suites (IN304) 812-936-5200

9530 West State Road 56

French Lick, IN

[www.comfortsuites.com](http://www.comfortsuites.com)

French Lick Resort 888-936-9360

8670 West State Road 56

French Lick, IN

[www.frenchlick.com](http://www.frenchlick.com)

West Baden Springs Hotel 866-990-9491

8538 West Baden Avenue  
West Baden Springs/French Lick, IN  
<http://www.preferredhotels.com/hotel.aspx?id=sdfwb&src=2605338>

Beechwood Inn B&B 812-936-9012  
8513 W State Road 56,  
French Lick, IN

Crazy Horse Ranch & Lodge 812-936-9199  
6000 W. County Rd. 250 N.  
West Baden, IN  
[www.crazyhorser.com](http://www.crazyhorser.com)

### CAMPING/RV PARKING

The Wilstem Guest Ranch 812-936-4484  
\*Primitive camping and limited hook-ups (electric only)  
Lane Campground 812-936-9919  
Patoka Lake 812-685-2464

### HOW DO I GET THERE?

#### HEADQUARTERS

The Wilstem Guest Ranch 812-936-4484  
4229 US Highway 150 West (State Road 56)  
French Lick, IN 47432  
[www.vostheranch.com](http://www.vostheranch.com)

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** The Wilstem Guest Ranch is located between French Lick and Paoli, Indiana on U.S 150 and State Road 56. For visitors coming via French Lick, we're 6 miles east of town. For those driving from Paoli, we are about 3 miles west of the Orange County Courthouse Square. The Wilstem Guest Ranch is located approximately 90 miles from Indianapolis and 50 miles from Louisville.



### SPECIAL THANKS!

Dale Doty and Debby Gilliatt (Co-Coordiators)  
George Thomas (Trail Coordinator)  
The French Lick Jeep Jamboree Trail Guides  
The Fat Boys Jeepers  
The Ranch staff

### VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Tow points are MANDATORY! Tow points may include, tow hooks properly mounted to the frame with grade eight bolts according to official Mopar installation procedures, draw bars, receiver hitches, or aftermarket bumpers with manufacturers installed clevis or d-ring anchor. **If you do not have tow points, you may be turned away at registration without a refund.**

- **No body lifts or suspension lifts over 6" combined.**
- **No tires over 37".**
- **No snowplow frames.**
- **We recommend removing running boards and steps both factory and aftermarket if planning to participate in higher rated trails.**
- **All open-topped vehicles, including older models (CJs, Scramblers and Willys), must have mandatory roll bars.**
- **Tow strap recommended (with loops—NO HOOKS).**
- **Full-size spare tire or comparable size mandatory! A space-saver spare (donut) just won't do.**
- **Must be street legal with license plate.**

Please contact Glenda if you have further questions at [glenda@jeepjam.com](mailto:glenda@jeepjam.com) or 530-333-4777 ext. 12.

### WHAT TO BRING

- \_\_\_ **CB Radio**
- \_\_\_ Basic tool kit recommended!
- \_\_\_ First aid kit recommended!
- \_\_\_ Tire gauge recommended!
- \_\_\_ Ice chest full of your favorite non-alcoholic beverages
- \_\_\_ **Full tank of gas prior to General Attendance Meeting!**
- \_\_\_ **LOTS OF FLUIDS** – The temperature can be hot

#### ***We HIGHLY recommend that you bring a CB radio!***

There are many safety issues regarding upcoming obstacles transmitted over the CB radio by your trail guides. It is important for each vehicle to have a CB radio. Learn interesting facts about the area - history, local plant and wildlife, as well as exciting stories.

Other important items to consider bringing are: drinking water, trail snacks, chair or blanket for lunch stops, flashlights, camera/video camera, binoculars, insect

repellent, sun block, hat, hiking boots, toiletries & medications, toilet paper and zip-lock bags for tissue disposal, hand sanitizer, rain jacket and warm clothing.

## TRAIL USAGE AND INFORMATION

### WATER CROSSINGS

We may have water crossings and water holes. Many of these crossings and holes offer a bypass if you decide to “go around”. It is very **IMPORTANT** to watch and listen to your trail guide. Please be sure your air intake is disconnected. Your trail guide can help you with this if needed. When driving in deep water, GO VERY SLOW! If your engine gets wet and stalls, DO NOT try to start it as you may cause serious engine damage. After the Jamboree, please be sure to reconnect your air intake. For additional tips on water crossings, please refer to your copy of “Mark A. Smith’s Guide to Safe, Common Sense Off-Road Driving”.

### A NOTE ON LAND USAGE

Many Jeep Jamboree USA events are held on private lands with the consent of landowners, or on public lands through special use permits. In some cases, Jamboree trail groups are granted access to trail areas, which are closed to all other vehicular access during the year. Please be aware that access to these trail areas is allowed only by guided JJUSA groups during the scheduled Friday and Saturday trail rides. Individual Jamboree guests returning later to drive in these areas on their own do so in violation of JJUSA’s land use agreements and endanger future Jamboree usage of these restricted trails as well as being removed from the Jamboree without a refund. Thank you for your cooperation in assuring Jamboree access to some of America’s most spectacular backcountry.

### PLEASE TREAD LIGHTLY!

**Travel responsibly** on designated roads and trails or in permitted areas.

**Respect the rights** of others including private property owners and all recreational trail users, campers and others to allow them to enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

**Educate yourself** by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes, and knowing how to use and operate your equipment safely.

**Avoid sensitive areas** such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams, unless on designated routes. This protects wildlife habitat and sensitive soils from damage.

**Do your part** by leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species, restoring degraded areas, and joining a local enthusiast organization.

## TRAIL RATING SYSTEM

Every Jamboree trail is rated from 1 (easiest) to 10 (the most difficult). These ratings are based on the overall trail, not just on one or two tough spots. Rain can increase ratings by one or two points. Please remember, all vehicles are subject to inspection prior to trail departure. Numerically higher rated Jamborees are more likely to result in vehicular damage.

**1-2 Obstacles and terrain are relatively easy to navigate.** In optimum weather conditions, some trails may not require continual use of four-wheel drive (4WD).

**3-5 Moderately demanding.** Challenge for novice drivers. Obstacles may include: mud holes, boulders, and streams. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

**6-7 Demanding.** Challenge for most skill levels. Mud holes get deeper, boulders get larger, and climbs get steeper. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

**8-9 Very demanding.** Likelihood of getting stuck is high. Mud holes may be deep and rock climbing is more arduous. Lifts and lockers are helpful. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.

**10 Extremely demanding.** Reserved for the toughest off-road trip in the U.S.A. – the Rubicon Trail. Requires 4WD with 4-LO (*Not recommended for Jeep Patriot, Compass, Liberty, Cherokee, Grand Cherokee, or Commander.*)

During registration Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the trails, their driving experience and vehicle capabilities with the trail guides. Guides will work with participants for trail placement.

*RAIN MAY INCREASE TRAIL RATINGS 1 OR 2 POINTS, ESPECIALLY WITH STREET TIRES.*

## FRIENDLY REMINDERS – Before, During, After Your Trip

### BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Please return a waiver form signed by everyone in your vehicle (by mail, fax or email) to the JJUSA office as soon as possible. Your registration **IS NOT COMPLETE** until we receive a completed waiver. This helps you to prevent delays in processing your registration and avoid longer wait times during registration. A waiver for participants under the age of 18 years old must be signed by a parent or the minor’s legal guardian.

New Registrations and Adding Passengers: It is very important to register new vehicles and/or passengers **at least two weeks** prior to the Jamboree date. This will enable us to give an accurate count to our caterer for the meals. Please note that registration prices are per person, not per Jeep vehicle.

Event T-Shirts are not included in your registration fee. You may pre-order event T-Shirts at the time of your registration. Shirts will be given to you at Thursday registration. Other Jeep Jamboree USA clothing and merchandise will be available onsite and online however quantities and sizes are limited.

## **WHILE YOU ARE THERE...**

### **Name Badges and Wristbands**

**When you register on-site Thursday evening, you will be given one nametag and a wristband. Please wear both of these while at the event. They are verification of registration. Those without a wristband will not be served meals or allowed on the trails.**

## **WHEN YOU RETURN**

Submit your photos

Jeep Jamboree USA is proud to continue the Photo of the Month & Photo of the Year Contest. We know many of you take great pictures as you explore America's backcountry while on a Jeep Jamboree; and now it's time to share those photos with other Jeep Jamboree enthusiasts! The best part is, you could win a Jeep Jamboree USA trip for two anywhere in the United States. So if you've been taking pictures at Jeep Jamboree events you might be holding the winning photo – just check your camera! Please visit [www.jeepjamboreeusa.com/photos](http://www.jeepjamboreeusa.com/photos) for details on how to submit your photos.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **WHO CAN I BRING?**

Whoever you want! As long as they each have a required seat belt in your Jeep 4x4 and have completed registration, waiver and payment. Bringing pets is **strongly** discouraged. If your pet must attend, be sure to contact the Jeep Jamboree USA office for specific requirements.

### **WHERE DO I SLEEP ON A JEEP JAMBOREE?**

Participants are responsible for arranging their own lodging. Included in this itinerary is a list of nearby accommodations. Be sure to mention you're attending a Jeep Jamboree when making your reservation.

### **WHAT DOES THE JAMBOREE FEE COVER?**

Your fee covers all necessary permits, land-use fees, experienced guides for the entire trip, three meals on both Friday and Saturday ("Select" adventurers include evening meals only). NOTE: Meals vary. Regretfully, no accommodations can be made for special diets or dietary restrictions. Also included is an official Jeep Jamboree dash plaque and access to some of the finest trails in America — several of which are only available through this program. Each Jamboree also features a giveaway for chances to win great prizes. Sorry, no partial trips are offered or meal only options and no spectators allowed. All participants must be officially registered.

## **CAN I BRING MY JEEP LIBERTY, CHEROKEE, COMPASS, PATRIOT, GRAND CHEROKEE, OR COMMANDER?**

Of course! All new Jeep 4x4 vehicles with a 4-LO transfer case are Trail Rated® and are tested on demanding 4x4 trails. Vehicles without 4-LO may **ONLY** use trails rated 1-2. Your Jeep four-wheel-drive vehicle is required to be in good condition, with good tires, brakes, and seat belts. In addition, we require prior approval for larger Jeep 4x4s, such as Grand Wagoneers and J-Series Pickups. Jeep Jamboree USA reserves the right to refuse participation to any applicant whose vehicle exceeds size restrictions.

## **COULD MY VEHICLE BE DAMAGED ON A JAMBOREE?**

Every effort is made by Jeep® Jamboree USA to make the trails as safe as possible. Participants are advised to closely follow the instructions given by trail guides, spotters, and Jeep Jamboree USA. However, there's the possibility of receiving damage to your vehicle.

## **WHAT TO EXPECT**

You will travel over rough terrain. Any damage is the owner's responsibility. Remember, Jamborees with higher numerical difficulty ratings are more likely to encounter terrain that may contribute to vehicular damage. Weather conditions may also increase the trail rating difficulty.

## **JEEP JAMBOREE USA POLICIES**

### **SAFETY**

Our trail guides are trained to put your safety first. If they ask you to refrain from any activity, to avoid specific trails or areas, which jeopardizes you or your fellow participant's safety, or is not authorized for our use, please follow their directions. JJUSA does not authorize or promote any night runs. AS AGREED TO IN YOUR WAIVER ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO WEAR HIS OR HER RESPECTIVE SEAT AND SHOULDER BELTS. IF A TRAIL GUIDE ASKS YOU TO WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT AND YOU DO NOT COMPLY, VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE JEEP JAMBOREE — MONEY WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, AND THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE BANNED FROM ALL FUTURE JEEP JAMBOREES.

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY TRAIL RIDE. VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE JEEP JAMBOREE — MONEY WILL NOT BE REFUNDED, AND THOSE INVOLVED WILL BE BANNED FROM ALL FUTURE JEEP JAMBOREES.

### **REFUND POLICIES**

We realize that unexpected events such as work conflicts, mechanical problems and illnesses may cause you to cancel your trip. However, we have many business partners that we pay deposits based on

a preliminary participant count, therefore in order to limit the impact of cancellations the following penalties apply to your refund should you choose to cancel:

<b><u>Days Prior to Trip Date</u></b>	<b><u>Penalty</u></b>
Reservation to 21 days	\$35
20 days to 8 days	50%
7 days to 1 day	80%
Trip date and beyond	NO REFUND

Should you choose to transfer from one trip to another trip in the **SAME** calendar year you may do so for \$35 per transfer.

### **CHILDREN 5 & UNDER**

Children 5 and under are not charged to participate with you in a Jamboree. Complimentary meals for children 5 and under will be provided.

### **ONSITE PURCHASES AT JAMBOREE**

If you purchase JJUSA merchandise at the event, please be aware that we can accept payment by check or cash only; sorry no credit cards!

### **NO C.O.D.S**

Please note that all registrations must be paid in advance

### **NO PARTIAL DAYS OR MEALS ONLY REGISTRATIONS**

Registrations are for the SAME person (driver or passengers) for BOTH days. Passengers may not be swapped; i.e. one person on one day; another person another day. We base our nametags, meals and waivers on the same person for both days. We do not permit partial (one-day only) registrations (no refunds are given for days not used), nor do we sell a "meals only" option for those who are not on the trail but wish to join participants for meals.

**Due to unforeseen circumstances all trips, events and trails are subject to change or cancellation without advance notice.**