



23rd Maine Mountains Jeep Jamboree

Bethel, Maine

September 27 – 29, 2012

Trail Rating 3 - 9

EVENT SCHEDULE

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

THURSDAY, September 27, 2012

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

Vehicle evaluation will take place in the parking lot behind the Bethel Fire Station. The fire station is located at 9 Mill Hill Road. Vehicle evaluation is **MANDATORY PRIOR TO** trail sign-ups. Registration and trail sign-ups will be held at the Conference Center of The Bethel Inn located at 12 Broad Street in Bethel, 207-824-2175. Please refer to "How Do I Get There?" for directions. Trail sign-ups are on a **first-come, first-served basis**. **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 meetings! Please join us for our "Welcome Reception" on Thursday evening.

FRIDAY, September 28, 2012

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

Breakfast catered in the dining room of The Bethel Inn.

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

Mandatory general attendance meeting at the Casablanca Cinema.

Directions will be given at Thursday registration

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

Trail ride

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Lunch along the trail

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

Trail ride

A Jeep wash will be conducted by the Bethel Fire Department on Friday and Saturday at the bus garage. The bus garage is near our trail sign up area.

Donations are encouraged and accepted.

6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner catered in the dining room of The Bethel Inn

SATURDAY, September 29, 2012

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

Breakfast catered in the dining room of The Bethel Inn.

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

Mandatory general attendance meeting at the Casablanca Cinema

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

Show & Shine Jeep parade down Main Street in Bethel. Trail rides begin immediately after parade

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Lunch along the trail

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

Trail ride

6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner catered in the dining room of The Bethel Inn

Prize drawing after dinner.

Participant must be present to win.

Trip & Vehicle questions contact Glenda Gau: glenda@jeeppjam.com / 530-333-4777 x12



ARE YOU READY?

VISIT DRIVEOFFROAD.COM FOR ALL YOUR TRAIL NEEDS



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.

Please check out the products we offer to upgrade your Jeep® and make your trip more fun.

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

We also proudly support *Tread Lightly!* and have become a Platinum sponsor for 2012.

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LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

WEATHER

The weather this time of year could be cold with rain or warm and sunny. The mornings are usually exceptionally cool. Please be prepared for inclement weather. For a current 10-day forecast, please go to www.weather.com. This will assist you in planning and packing for your trip.

VISITOR RESOURCES

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce 207-824-2282
Maine Department of Tourism 207-287-5710

WEB SITES

State of Maine www.state.me.us
Maine Office of Tourism www.visitmaine.com
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce www.bethelmaine.com
The Bethel Inn www.bethelinn.com

ACCOMMODATIONS

MOTELS

We are headquartered at The Bethel Inn, a 200 acre full-service resort in the heart of Bethel, Maine. Registration, breakfasts, dinners and evening activities all occur at The Bethel Inn.

Inn at the Rostay 888-754-0072
*2011 prices were \$69 plus tax
The River View Resort 207-824-2808
2011 prices were \$93.00 plus local tax - 3 room suites
Sudbury Inn 207-824-2174
Chapman Inn 207-824-2657
The Bethel Inn 800-654-0125 or 207-824-2175
*2011 prices were select room \$159 plus 18% resort fee and local tax.

CAMPING/RV PARK

Bethel Outdoor Adventure Center 207-824-4224
1 mile from The Bethel Inn
Pleasant River Campground 207-836-2000
Stoneybrook Recreation 207-824-2836

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TRIP COORDINATOR

The Maine Mountains Jamboree sells out each year. We are pleased that you will be joining us for this event. Our trails, the beautiful New England fall setting and the trail guides are just a few of the reasons why this event is so popular. We hope you take the opportunity to get to know other participants, trade emails for picture exchanges and perhaps future contact down the road.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

HEADQUARTERS:

The Bethel Inn
21 Broad Street, On The Common
Bethel, Maine 04217
800-654-0125 or 207-824-2175
www.bethelinn.com

Once in Bethel:

Follow Route 26 to the top of Main Street. Turn left at the stop sign onto Broad Street. The Bethel Inn is located on the right behind the town common.

Portland, ME

Approx. 1 hour and 15 minutes. Take Maine Turnpike to Exit 63, then Route 26 North to Bethel.

Boston, MA

Approx. 3 hours and 15 minutes. Take Route 1 North to I-95 North to the Maine Turnpike. Exit 63 to Route 26 North to Bethel

Manchester, NH

Approx. 2 hours and 30 minutes. Take I-93 North to Exit 35. Route 3 North to Twin Mountains. Route 115 North to Jefferson to Route 2 East to Bethel.

New York City, NY

Take I-95 North to I-91 North to I-84 East to I-90 East to I-495 North, then follow directions from Boston.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Doug and Jodie Wilson (Local Coordinators)
Doug and Jodie's Trail Guides
All Private Land Owners
The Bethel Inn
Bethel Fire Department
Lee Auto Mall
Town of Bethel

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 Gau if you have further questions at 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.

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.jeeppjamboreeusa.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. Regrettably, 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

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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:

| <u>Days Prior to Trip Date</u> | <u>Penalty</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 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.