



# 21st Maine Mountains Jeep Jamboree

Bethel, Maine

September 30 - October 2, 2010

Trail Rating 3 - 9





## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

**Important note about meals:** This Jamboree is a Classic - catered meals include breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday.

### **THURSDAY, September 30, 2010**

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

**MANDATORY** registration, trail sign-ups and vehicle inspection 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?" on page 5 for directions. Trail sign-ups will take place during registration times on a first-come, first-served basis. Please join us for our "Welcome Reception" from 5:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. **NO LATE REGISTRATION on Friday morning. Also, make sure you have a full tank of gas prior to General Attendance Meeting.**

### **FRIDAY, October 1, 2010**

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

Breakfast catered in the dining room of The Bethel Inn. **Please be sure to pick up your lunch before departure.**

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 available after trail rides on Friday and Saturday and conducted at the Bethel Fire Department located at 9 Mill Hill Road. **Donations will be graciously accepted.**

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

Dinner catered in the dining room of The Bethel Inn.

### **SATURDAY, October 2, 2010**

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

Breakfast catered in the dining room of The Bethel Inn. **Please be sure to pick up your lunch before departure.**

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. Trails 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 at the Conference Center immediately after dinner. GOOD LUCK!** While reasonable efforts will be made to have all Jamboree participants on hand before the drawing begins, Jamboree guests who leave the dinner site early or who are delayed on the trails due to weather or other unexpected circumstances may miss the prize drawing. Share your video camera footage of the day's trail ride with others.

**Thank you for joining us on the 21st annual Maine Mountains Jeep Jamboree – have a safe drive home.**

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

## 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 such as Hotel Rock Trail.**
- **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 highly recommended! Please see below.**
- 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!**

### ***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 in their vehicle. You will also enjoy being able to participate in "trail chatter" with trail guides and your trail leader. Learn interesting facts about the area - history, local plant and wildlife, as well as exciting stories. Cobra brand handheld CBs work well if you don't want to permanently install a CB.

Other important items to consider bringing are: drinking water, trail snacks, chair or blanket for lunch stops, 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.*)

## TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

October brings brilliant fall colors to our trails. Be sure to bring your camera with lots of film or memory cards!

There are a variety of trails available for the Maine Mountains Jeep Jamboree. Trail ratings for some of the scenic trails will range from 2 to 5. These trails are ideal for the novice four-wheeler. Basic skills and techniques will be demonstrated. Several other trails (rated 4 - 9, depending on weather) offer challenges for the intermediate and experienced four-wheeler.

Many of the trails used on the Maine Mountains Jeep Jamboree are located on private property. A few of our trails are old county roads, which were at one time (late 1800's) the primary routes of travel through western Maine. Along one of our trails we will pass a Civil War cemetery site. The county no longer maintains the roads. Keep your eyes open for abandoned gold mines! These trails offer great four-wheeling and beautiful scenery.

**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! Please remember, trails are subject to change or cancellation.**

## 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](http://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](http://www.state.me.us)  
Maine Office of Tourism [www.visitmaine.com](http://www.visitmaine.com)  
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce  
[www.bethelmaine.com](http://www.bethelmaine.com)  
The Bethel Inn [www.bethelinn.com](http://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.

The Bethel Inn has arranged for special rates for our participants. (Kids 11 and under stay free with parents!)

The Bethel Inn 800-654-0125 or 207-824-2175  
Inn at the Rostay 888-754-0072  
Bethel Village Motel 207-824-3341  
Sudbury Inn 207-824-2174  
Chapman Inn 207-824-2657

### 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

## 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](http://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.

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

### **BEFORE YOU LEAVE...**

If you have not sent us a signed waiver yet... 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.

**Event T-shirts are not included in your registration fee. You may pre-order event T-shirts at the time of your registration or up to two weeks prior to the Jamboree date. Shirts will be given to you at Thursday registration. No event T-shirts will be shipped to you or available for sale at the event. Other Jeep Jamboree USA clothing and merchandise will be available onsite, however quantities and sizes are limited.**

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

**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...**

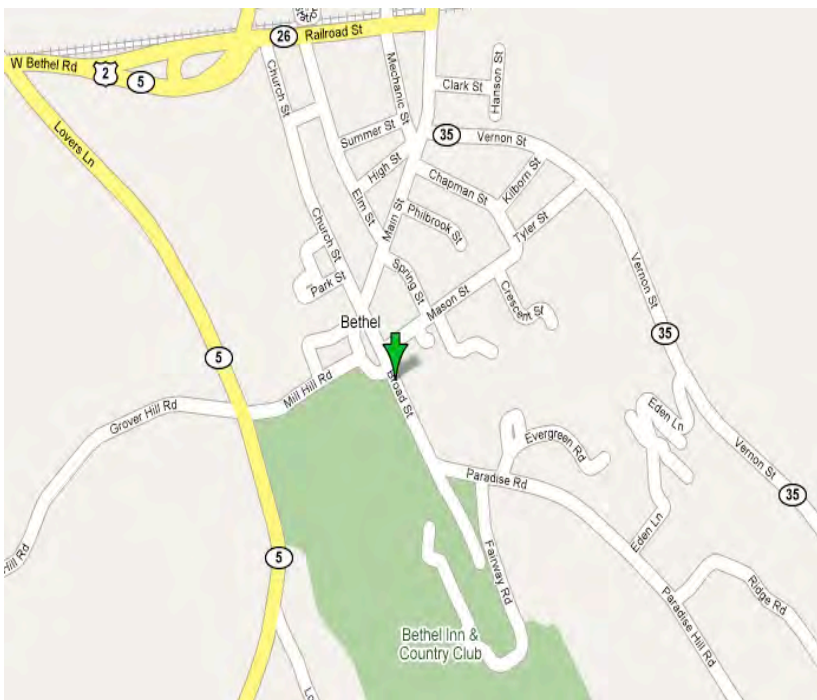
Submit your photos

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! Visit [jeepjamboreeusa.com](http://jeepjamboreeusa.com) 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 COVER?**

Lodging is not included with your registration fee. Your fee covers all necessary permits, experienced guides for the entire trip and breakfast, lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday and a trip plaque. NOTE: Meals vary. Regretfully, no accommodations can be made for dietary restrictions. Your Jeep Jamboree will offer you 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 and no spectators are 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:

<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.

## **SPECIAL THANKS!**

Doug and Jodie Wilson (Local Trip Coordinators)  
Doug and Jodie's Trail Guides  
All Private Land Owners  
The Bethel Inn  
Town of Bethel

## **CONTACT US**

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x18 Registration

x12 Vehicle requirements

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