

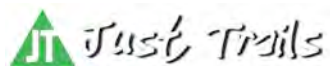


# 17th Cajun Jeep Jamboree

St. Francisville, Louisiana

April 22 – 24, 2010

Trail Rating 3 – 7





## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

### **Important note about meals:**

This Jamboree is a Just Trails Jamboree – catered meals include Friday and Saturday dinners. You are on your own for breakfasts, lunches and snacks. Please remember that this is a “Just Trails” Jamboree. There are many restaurants, delis and markets that will be able to accommodate your needs for breakfast and lunch. It is very important that you allow time for your breakfast before we meet for our general attendance meeting on Friday and Saturday morning. Be sure to have your lunch with you at that time, as there will not be time available after our meeting. We suggest making arrangements for a lunch the night before.

### **THURSDAY, April 22, 2010**

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

**MANDATORY** registration and trail signups will be held in the conference room at the Magnusson Hotel-St Francisville (Formerly the Quality Inn St. Francis Hotel), 225-635-3821, located on Highway 61 at State Highway 10 in St. Francisville. Please refer to “How Do I Get There?” on page 5 for directions. Trail signups are on a first come, first served basis. **Be sure to pack or purchase a lunch for tomorrow’s trail ride. No late registration on Friday morning. Also, make sure you have a full tank of gas prior to the General Attendance Meeting!**

### **FRIDAY, April 23, 2010**

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

Mandatory General Attendance Meeting at the Sports Park, 10226 West Feliciana Parkway 225-784-8447. From St. Francis Hotel on the lake go north on Hwy 61 for approx. 2-3 miles. Turn right 2 streets past the Dollar General Store.

9:00 A.M.

Depart for Trail.

9:30 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.

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

Dinner at the Magnusson Hotel-St Francisville . Bring your video footage to share with others after dinner. **Be sure to pack or purchase a lunch for tomorrow’s trail ride.**

### **SATURDAY, April 24, 2010**

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

Mandatory General Attendance Meeting at the Sports Park.

9:00 A.M.

Depart for trail

9:30 A.M. –1 2:00 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.

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

Dinner at the Magnusson Hotel-St Francisville. Bring your video footage to share with others after dinner. **Prize drawing immediately after dinner. GOOD LUCK!** While reasonable efforts will be made to have all Jamboree participants on hand before the drawing begins, 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.

Thank you for joining us on the 17th annual Cajun Jeep Jamboree. See you next year!

*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.**
- **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!**
- \_\_\_ 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.

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

### **Wilson Trail ~ Green ~ Stock to Slightly Modified ~ Rating 1-2 Dry/2-3 Wet**

These trails will take you over terrain created for your enjoyment on the Ross family's "Spring Hill Plantation". Here we have a little bit of everything when it comes to terrain; small hills, swamps, thick forests, planted timber, coulee, river crossings and the option to find lots of mud! Mother Nature spices up the trails with a variety of plants and wildlife; it's not uncommon to see wild turkey and deer. This trail is perfect for stock to slightly modified vehicles as the trails increase in difficulty throughout the day with the trip across the "Sunshine Bridge" and on to "Tony Woods", a veritable Jeep playground! On your way out you'll ride past one of the ponds to see Joe the alligator in his native environment. He will usually come out to see what all the excitement is about as you leave the trail for the trip back to the hotel and a fantastic dinner.

### **Daniel's Trail ~ Red ~ Stock to Modified ~ Rating 2-3 Dry/4-5 Wet**

The red trail is designed for the off-road enthusiast looking for a way to hone their off-road driving skills. You will learn the feel of knowing the perimeter of your vehicle as you maneuver through the trees and have a chance to negotiate articulation bumps, climb over a log pile, crawl up a steep man made hill and experience a little off camber driving. We have included a few creek crossings, a log pole bridge crossing, a drive through the "Grand Canyon" and much, much more.

### **Tunica ~ Blue and Orange ~ Rating 4-7**

These are two similar trails on the same property in the Tunica Hills. They are tight, turning trails and you will use various off-road techniques as you finesse off-camber hills, climb steep bluffs, downhill dives and roller coaster hills while stretching your off-road abilities. You will also be able to play in the sand as you cross Bayou Sarah, but beware of quicksand that can sink your vehicle to the frame. These trails will keep you on your toes all day. In case of rain, some of these areas will be more difficult and will require some winching and strapping. Good aggressive tires, lockers, a winch and tow strap will be very helpful on these trails.

RAIN MAY INCREASE TRAIL RATINGS 1 OR 2 POINTS

## LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

### WEATHER

The weather this time of year varies. For a 10-day forecast of St. Francisville weather, go to: [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

### VISITOR RESOURCES

Louisiana Office of Tourism	225-342-8100
St. Francisville Tourist Info	225-635-4224
St. Francisville Chamber Of Commerce	225-635-6717

### WEBSITES

Louisiana State Information  
[www.state.la.us](http://www.state.la.us)  
Louisiana Office of Tourism  
[www.louisianatravel.com](http://www.louisianatravel.com)  
St. Francisville, LA  
[www.stfrancisville.org](http://www.stfrancisville.org)

## **WELCOME TO WEST FELICIANA; AUDUBON'S BELOVED "HAPPYLAND"**

The second oldest incorporated town in Louisiana began as a burial ground. Spanish Capuchin Monks established a church in the 1730s across the Mississippi River in Point Coupee Parish, where raging floodwaters often made burial impossible. Soon, they began crossing the river to the dry highland bluffs to bury their dead. The settlement that straggled up around their graveyard took its name from their order's gentle patron, St. Francis.

Late in the 18th century, the King of Spain issued land grants to Anglo-American settlers, men and women from the eastern seaboard looking for riches and a second chance in Spanish West Florida. By 1785, their number led to the creation of the Distrito de Nueva Feliciana. St. Francisville was dignified by charter and plot plan when it was developed around 1804 by John H. Johnson, whose marking of streets and squares on the narrow loessial (wind blown glacial soil) ridge prompts the description "A town two miles long and two yards wide".

Below the bluffs of St. Francisville, a different sort of town grew. Bayou Sara took its name from the creek that gave flat boaters on the river a safe anchorage in colonial days. Steamboats and King Cotton made it the largest port between New Orleans and Natchez by 1850. Its rowdy richness fell before fire, Civil War, flood, the railroad and the boll weevil.

St. Francisville survives and reflects the growth and character of the surrounding plantation country. An oft quoted figure places two thirds of the known American millionaires in the antebellum decade on the plantations of the Great River Road from New Orleans to Natchez. St. Francisville and West Feliciana were home to many of them. A stroll through the town's National Register Historic District of 146 structures awakens a sense of that grand history and also the simpler small town life that came before and after it.

A visit to St. Francisville begins at the Museum of the West Feliciana Historical Society where exhibits interpret local history. Tourist information, brochures and guidebooks are available.

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily except holidays; Sunday  
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. For additional information,  
please call 225-635-6330

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

### **HOTELS**

#### **In St. Francisville**

Magnusson Hotel-St Francisville (Formerly the Quality Inn St. Francis Hotel)  
800-826-9931 (**Jamboree Headquarters**)

St. Francisville Inn (B&B) - Offers a full breakfast  
225-635-6502

#### **In Baker (30 Minutes from St. Francisville)**

Holiday Inn Express 866-603-9330

### **CAMPING & RV PARK:**

Green Acres Campground 225-635-4903

*Be sure to mention the Cajun Jeep Jamboree when making your reservations!*

## **HOW DO I GET THERE?**

### **HEADQUARTERS**

Magnusson Hotel-St Francisville (Formerly the Quality Inn St. Francis Hotel)

US Highway 61 S @ LA-10, St. Francisville, LA 70775

Phone: 225-635-3821

### **DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**

From: Baton Rouge. Take Interstate 110 North to Highway 61 - Natchez exit. Travel north about 23 miles. The property will be on the left just past McDonalds.

From Natchez, MS. Travel south on US Highway 61 for about 60 miles. The hotel will be two blocks past Louisiana Highway 10 on the right-hand side.



## **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. (Refer to sample on waiver form)

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...**

#### **Name Badges / 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 [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 evening meals only on both 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!**

Charlie Adams (local coordinator)  
Cajun Jamboree Trail Guides  
All of our land owners  
The town of St. Francisville

## **CONTACT US**

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