



# 15<sup>th</sup> Catskill Mountains Jeep Jamboree

Monticello, New York  
September 20 - 22, 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 20, 2012

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Vehicle evaluation, registration and trail signups for Friday and Saturday's trails will be held at Mr. Willy's, 3695 Rt. 42 South, Monticello, NY. Please refer to "How Do I Get There?" for driving directions. 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 have picked up your lunch prior to the general attendance meeting.

### FRIDAY, September 21, 2012

6:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. Breakfast at Mr. Willy's  
8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Mandatory general attendance meeting at Mr. Willy's in the parking lot  
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  
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Dinner at Mr. Willy's Restaurant  
7:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Trail signups for Saturday's trails at Mr. Willy's  
8:00 P.M. Bring your video footage into the restaurant and share your journey or keep warm around the campfire at Mr. Willy's.

### SATURDAY, September 22, 2012

6:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. Breakfast at Mr. Willy's  
8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Mandatory general attendance meeting at Mr. Willy's in the parking lot  
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  
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. Dinner at Mr. Willy's Restaurant  
**Prize drawing after dinner.** Participant must be present to win

Trip & Vehicle questions contact Glenda Gau: [glenda@jeepjam.com](mailto:glenda@jeepjam.com) / 530-333-4777 x12  
Registration questions contact Joelle Seibel: [register@jeepjam.com](mailto:register@jeepjam.com) / 530-333-4777 x18



## TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

### **Avon Lodge - Rated 3-4**

This trail wanders over 1,500 acres of what was once the Avon Lodge Resort. This turn of the century Catskills Boarding House grew over the decades to accommodate thousands of tourists until its demise in the late 1960's. Cornelius Stackhouse used the spring water in his "Cure All That Ails You" medicine in the late 1800's. This trail offers great scenery, challenging mud holes, moderate rock sections, and challenging runs on a closed ski area where the lifts are still visible in the trees as you wheel up & down the hills.

### **Rivas Farm - Rated 3-4**

This trail starts in pastures of a century old farm surrounded by huge stone walls. Trails twist through the woods where you will find mud and moderate rocks. This trail is good for the beginning Jeep or as a refresher course for those that haven't tried off roading in a while.

### **Parker Ridge - Rated 4-5**

This trail cuts through the legendary Concord Resort Hotel, a huge resort that was the destination for thousands of vacationers from the early 1900's. The Concord closed its doors a few years back, but continues to let us use the area. The trail was once used to log hardwood trees that the resort finished in their own sawmill. Much of this trail is bordered by giant stone walls that were part of the County's "Poor Farm" where welfare recipients were required to work in the late 1800's. Winding hills, a brook crossing & washed out rocks provide for a challenging trail.

### **Whispering Woods - Rated 4-5**

This trail winds through a huge parcel of land that was once a planned development. This trail borders the 9 mile Swinging Bridge Reservoir, which is home to many bald eagles, deer, bears and plenty of terrible terrain. Trail includes tricky hill climbs, moderate rocks, stream crossings and plenty of mud if mother nature cooperates with rain.

### **Bushville Road - Rated 4-6**

This trail starts at the Rivas farm and wanders near the Mongaup River Valley to the former town of Bushville, whose last inhabitants moved out in the late 1930's. Challenging hill climbs, plenty of rock sections, gooey mud and if weather permits, the possibility of circling the Keifer Marsh (Swamp Loop). This will be a good opportunity for the moderate off-roader. There will be lots of challenges.

### **Perdue Valley - Rated 4-6**

The lush Neversink River Valley near which was once known as Denistons Ford lies the Perdue Valley Trail. This 500 acre parcel winds along steep outcroppings of rock ledges with the infamous Perdue Brook, offering Jeep pilots a serious challenge. Moderate rocks, good hill climbs, plenty of gooey mud and lunch along the banks of the Neversink is what Perdue offers.

### **12 Step Program - Rated 6-7**

12 Step wanders around the grounds of the former Capital Inn Resort that found it's fiery demise in the 1940's. This trail runs over a large tract of land

between two old mill towns. Nothing remains of this once grand resort except a huge foundation in the ground atop a hill near the former Newburgh Cochection Turnpike. Steep hills, ledges, high probability of swampy mud and the infamous 'stairs' await jeepers on this challenging trail.

### **White Lake Brook - Rated 6-8**

This challenging trail is on the same parcel as Whispering Woods along Swinging Bridge Reservoir. This trail takes you over the Moscoe Road, which leads to the now flooded hamlet of Starlight that was sacrificed to make this electric producing body of water. Six hundred acres of wilderness allows this trail to offer a wide variety of terrain that includes some great hill climbs, river crossings, plenty of rock and plenty of mud if nature cooperates. Trail geared towards the more experienced Jeep. At least one locker and 32" tires advised.

### **Hummel Hollow - Rated 6-8**

Legend has it during prohibition, a small riverside grain mill, (Shady Brook Mill) doubled as a moonshine distillery that serviced many Catskill resorts with illegal "hooch". This trail offers challenges for the more experienced and equipped Jeeps with a creek crossing, hill climbs, rocks and mud.

### **Gilroy Hill - Rated 8-9**

In the late 1800's, the Gilroy family emigrated from Ireland to the U.S. where they ended up in the Monticello area. This trail weaves through much of the land they settled along the fertile banks of the Mongaup River Valley.

This trail offers the experienced Jeep a variety of terrain, including rocks, mud, hill climbs and did we mention more rocks and more mud?

### **Devils Tombstone - Rated 9**

Not for the faint of heart, this trail utilizes much of the land that the Avon Lodge trails use - but much worse terrain! Dried up stream beds, nasty hill climbs, technical maneuvering, seasonal mud and some of the worst rock the glaciers could have dumped along the ridge line of a steep mountain is what "the Devil" throws at you. This trail is aimed for the experienced Jeep that wants a serious challenge on some great terrain. 33" tires, 2 lockers and 3" min. lift required. Winch highly advised.

### **Snake Bite - Rated 9+**

You asked for harder, so here it is! Not to say too much about this trail, but we've done the actual Rubicon Trail with an open differential TJ and we believe this trail is realistically twice as hard! While on the same land as Whispering Woods, we take some real bad turns off the beaten trail through some of the worst rock gardens the glaciers dropped us, two creek beds with some running water cascading down at your Jeep and a sick hill climb that has claimed some serious carnage to our own guides! This one is for the very experienced Jeep with a serious vehicle.

35" tires are recommended, 2 lockers, 3" lift min, winch required. This one is not for sissy's or the faint at heart.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TRIP COORDINATORS

The trails on the Catskills Jamboree are diverse, ranging in difficulty from 4 to 9, offering challenges for both the first time Jamboree participant to the experienced off-road driver. These trails include a mix of rocks, water holes, stream crossings, hill climbs and some of the most beautiful scenery you could ask for. **To see some of our trails and become acquainted with the Catskill Mountain trail guides go to: [www.catskillsjeepjamboree.com](http://www.catskillsjeepjamboree.com)**

Please take the time to speak with the trail guides Thursday evening during trail signups and vehicle evaluation. Our trail guides can help you decide which trail best suits your vehicle and experience level. Your guides will recommend trails to help make your trip more enjoyable and safe, while minimizing the risk of possible damage to your Jeep.

Trail signups for Friday's trails will be held Thursday evening. Friday night, from 7:30-8:00, you can make your trail selection for Saturday. While some participants may want a more difficult trail, others may choose to take it easy. Trail conditions and ratings can increase or decrease 1 to 2 points depending on the weather. CB Radios are crucial to our ability to provide each of you with a great off road experience. This is your best way to ask for assistance, hear directions and learn interesting information about the history of the area you are trail riding in. Participants without a CB radio can and do slow down the flow of the trail ride. Please have a CB radio with you.

Whatever the weather, the Catskill Mountains Jamboree offers some of the most enjoyable, scenic and challenging trails on the east coast!

## LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

### WEATHER

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

### VISITOR RESOURCES

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce

845-794-2211

New York State Travel Information Center

800-225-5697

### WEBSITES

New York State

[www.state.ny.us](http://www.state.ny.us)

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce

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

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Motels

Best Western Monticello

845-796-4000

**Must mention Jeep Jamboree USA to receive discounted room rate**

### Bed & Breakfast – Country Inn

The Inn at Lake Joseph

845-791-9506

### Camping & RV Parking

Mr. Willy's

As a courtesy, our headquarter host is allowing primitive camping on site for self contained tent and RV parking. Portable toilets & a hot water shower will be available. Please note this does not have all of the amenities that an actual campground would have. Sites are first-come, first-served. No hook ups.

Neversink Campground

845-434-8926

Approximately 25 minutes from Monticello

Morningside Park

845-434-5877/7337

Approximately 35 minutes from Monticello

## HOW DO I GET THERE?

### HEADQUARTERS

#### Driving Directions to Mr. Willy's

**From NYC/NJ/New England:** State Route 17 West. Exit 104/Monticello. 1st traffic light: Turn left onto Jefferson Street. Continue past Exxon and Sunoco Stations on right. After one mile, turn right at "T" on Broadway/State Route 42 South. Follow Route 42 (makes a sharp curve to the left) 2 miles to Mr. Willy's (on your right hand side).

**From Upstate NY:** Route 17 East. Exit 104/Monticello. Straight through 1st traffic light onto Jefferson Street. Continue past the Exxon and Sunoco Stations on your right. After one mile, turn right at "T" on Broadway/State Route 42 South. Follow Route 42 2 miles to Mr. Willy's (on your right hand side).

**From PA/Port Jervis, NY area:** Route 97 North from Port Jervis, NY (off I-84). Go 4 miles and turn right on State Route 42 North. 22 miles to Monticello. Mr. Willy's is located on the left just after Sackett Lake Road. (Mr. Willy's is before the village of Monticello)

## SPECIAL THANKS!

Adam Rivas and Mike Taylor (Co-Coordiators)

Catskill Mountains Trail Guides

All of the land owners

Bill and Bobby Sipos

Mr. Willy's Restaurant staff

Sullivan County Sheriff Department

Salt and Pepper the Kitchen

The Town of Monticello

## 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](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

### ***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.jeeppjamboreeusa.com/photos](http://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. 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:

<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.**