



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

Monticello, New York

September 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> 2014

Trail Rating 5 – 9

**33" tire minimum and a rear locker required**

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### Important note about meals:

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

### THURSDAY, September 18, 2014

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Vehicle check, registration and trail sign-ups 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 check 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 19, 2014

6:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. Breakfast at Mr. Willy's Restaurant - Be sure to pick up your lunch before leaving the restaurant.

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. **Mandatory** General Attendance Meeting in Mr. Willy's 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

Bring your laptop into the restaurant and share your journey or keep warm around the campfire at Mr. Willy's

### SATURDAY, September 20, 2014

6:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. Breakfast at Mr. Willy's Restaurant

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. **Mandatory** General Attendance Meeting in Mr. Willy's 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, adding or changing passengers contact Joelle Seibel: [register@jeepjam.com](mailto:register@jeepjam.com) / 530-333-4777 x18

## **TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS**

**Please note:** Not all of the trails listed below will be available at sign up; however, a representation of all difficulty levels will be available to choose from.

### **Avon Lodge - Rated 5**

No longer available. Local development is taking place.

### **Rivas Farm - Rated 5**

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.

### **Whispering Woods - Rated 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 5-6**

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.

### **Purdue Valley - Rated 5-6**

The lush Neversink River Valley near which was once known as Deniston's Ford lies the Purdue Valley Trail. This 500 acre parcel winds along steep outcroppings of rock ledges with the infamous Purdue 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 Purdue offers.

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

12 Step wanders around the grounds of the former Capital Inn Resort that found its 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 Cohection Turnpike. Steep hills, ledges, high probability of swampy mud and the infamous 'stairs' await jeeps 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 33" 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 the faint of heart.

## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TRIP COORDINATORS**

The trails on the Catskill Mountains Jeep Jamboree range in difficulty from 5 to 9. 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 Mountains 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 check. 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. First time participants are encouraged to stay on the lower rated trails.

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, this Jamboree will offer some of the most enjoyable, scenic and challenging trails on the east coast!

## **LOCAL AREA INFORMATION**

### **WEATHER**

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**

Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce  
[www.catskills.com](http://www.catskills.com)

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

The town of Monticello is excited to add The Sullivan Hotel and Event Center for your lodging needs. The Sullivan is located on Route 17 at exit 209, 283 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, NY. Be sure to tell them you are with the Jeep Jamboree. Limited rooms are available here due to a wedding during the same time as our event.

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Best Western Monticello for Jeep Jamboree participants. Be sure to mention that you are with the Jamboree.

### **Motels**

The Sullivan	845-796-3100
Best Western Monticello	845-796-4000

## **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. A shower is provided as a courtesy. There is only one. For more amenities consider another camping location or one of the local hotels.

### **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 six/ 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 METAL 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.**
- **CB Radio MANDATORY!**

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

- \_\_\_ 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

**New for 2014: CB radio is MANDATORY!** There are many safety issues regarding upcoming obstacles transmitted over the CB radio by your trail guides. It is required that 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, flashlight, 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 vehicle check 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

It is **mandatory** to 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 participant's under the age of 18 years old must be signed by a parent or the minor's legal guardian.

New registrations, adding or changing passengers: It is very important to register new vehicles, add or change 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.

### GET CONNECTED

Join the discussion group for just one or multiple Jeep Jamborees on facebook. This is a great way to start conversing with fellow participants and trail guides before you even get to the Jamboree. Ask questions, share information and photos before, during and after your great adventure. Click on [discussion groups](#) on the Jeep Jamboree USA homepage and join for FREE.

### WHILE YOU ARE THERE

#### Name Badges and Wristbands

When you register on-site Thursday evening, you will be given one nametag and a wristband per participant. 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 to us. 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. Bringing pets is strongly discouraged. If your pet must attend, you must submit a pet waiver prior to event.

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

Participants are responsible for arranging their own lodging. Included in this event schedule is a list of 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 from our sponsors. 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 instructions given by trail guides, spotters, and Jeep Jamboree USA. However, there's the possibility of damage to your vehicle when traveling rough terrain. Any damage is the owner's responsibility. Jamborees with higher difficulty ratings are more likely to encounter terrain that may contribute to vehicular damage. Participants are required to sign a waiver form.

## **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 60 Days	\$75
59 days to 30 days	50 %
29 days to 8 days	75 %
7 days to trip date	NO REFUND
Transfer Fee	\$50

Should you choose to transfer from one trip to another trip in the **SAME** calendar year you may do so for \$50 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.**