



21st Pine Barrens Jeep Jamboree

Hammonton, New Jersey

March 27 – 29, 2014

Trail Rating 3 – 5

EVENT SCHEDULE

This Jamboree is a Select Jamboree – catered meals include dinner on Friday and Saturday. There are restaurants, deli's and markets that will be able to accommodate your other meal needs. Food and fuel should be taken care of prior to the general attendance meeting on Friday and Saturday.

Thursday, March 27, 2014

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

MANDATORY vehicle check, registration and trail signups will be held at the Econolodge Hotel located at 308 S. White Horse Pike in Hammonton, NJ, 609-561-5700. 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 lunch packed prior to the general attendance meeting.

Friday, March 28, 2014

8:30 A.M.

MANDATORY general attendance meeting at the **Batsto Historic Site Entrance** of the Wharton State Forest. Please refer to "General Attendance Meeting" for directions

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

Trail ride

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

Enjoy your lunch along the trail

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

Trail ride

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

Dinner served at the "Never There Gun Club"

8:00 P.M.

After dinner, make the short drive back to the Howard Johnson Hotel and share your videos or watch others of the day's trail ride! Be sure to pack a lunch in your cooler for tomorrow's trail ride

Saturday, March 29, 2014

8:30 A.M.

MANDATORY general attendance meeting at the Wharton State Forest, **today at the Fire Tower**. Please refer to "General Attendance Meeting" for directions

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Dinner served at the "Never There Gun Club"

Prize drawing following dinner. Participant must be present to win. After dinner, make the short drive back to the Howard Johnson Hotel and share your videos or watch others of the day's trail ride!

Trip questions contact Erin Lara: erin@jeepjam.com / 530-333-4777 x11

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

Registration questions, adding or changing passengers contact Joelle Seibel: register@jeepjam.com / 530-333-4777 x18

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

Situated in the southern central part of New Jersey's Burlington County, Wharton State Forest is in the heart of New Jersey's Pine Barrens. Home to many rare and endangered species of plants and animals, the State Forest is open to the general public for recreation all year long. Miles of sand roads cross pine forests, cedar swamps and fresh water streams. The water flows from the Kirkwood-Cohansey Aquifer. The aquifer, one of the largest on the continent, holds an estimated 17 trillion gallons of water. Cranberry bogs, leased by private parties, abound throughout the park.

Wharton State Forest trails are some of the most picturesque in the state. Trail conditions vary greatly within the park, but expect water everywhere. A variety of trails will be available during the Pine Barrens Jeep Jamboree. Trails wind through low-lying forest and swamps which consist of predominately sandy soil. Some of these trails are old non-maintained local roads and some are fire roads. The fire roads were installed to provide access to Wharton State Forest in the event of a forest fire.

Keep your eyes open for the wide variety of birds native to this forest such as bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, pine warblers (yellow and green) and the barred owl. The barred owl is active during the day (unlike other species) and has a call that sounds like "WHO COOKS FOR YOU".

The timber rattlesnake (the only poisonous snake in the forest) and the pine snake (black and white) also call the Wharton State Forest home.

Cranberries are cultivated in sand-covered bogs that can be flooded or drained at will. Flooding protects the vines from frosts and freezing weather and destroys insect pests. We will pass cranberry bogs along the trail.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Headquarters

The Econolodge Hotel	609-561-5700
308 S White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ	
Red Carpet	609-704-1000
700 S White Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ	
Green Terrace Motel	609-704-0008
1005 Black Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ	
Pine Crest Inn	609-567-4800
1409 Black Horse Pike, Hammonton, NJ	

CAMPING & RV PARKING

Please call early to check if areas may have be closed for the season.

Wharton State Forest 609-561-0024

Buttonwood Hill 609-561-0024

2 miles from BATSTO entrance. 25 person max campground. \$2 per person per night. If this area is full when you call, you can ask for other campgrounds available.

Indian Branch Park Campground 609-561-4719

HOW DO I GET THERE?

HEADQUARTERS:

The Econolodge Hotel 609-561-5700
308 White Horse Pike
Hammonton, NJ 08037
www.hojo.com/hotel/01907

From Philadelphia

Take the Atlantic City Expressway to Exit 28, Hammonton. At the bottom of the exit ramp turn left onto Route 54 North. Travel Route 54 North approximately 3 miles until you reach the traffic light at the intersection of Route 30. Turn right (east) onto Route 30. The Econolodge Hotel is approximately 1 mile ahead on the right.

From the NJ Turnpike

Take Exit 7 on the turnpike to Route 206 South. Travel south on Route 206 for approximately 45 minutes. Turn left onto Route 30 East at the junction of Route 206 on 30. Stay on Route 30 East. The Econolodge Hotel is approximately 1 mile ahead on the right.

Garden State Parkway South (from north of Exit 129)

Take Exit 129 off the Parkway to get on the New Jersey Turnpike South (Toll Road). Take the NJ Turnpike South to Exit 7 (Route 206 South). Travel south on Route 206 for approximately 45 minutes. Turn left onto Route 30 East at the junction of Route 206 on 30. Stay on Route 30 East. The Econolodge Hotel is approximately 1 mile ahead on the right.

Garden State Parkway South (from south of Exit 129)

Take Exit 44. Turn right off of exit. Proceed through two traffic lights (approximately 15 minutes). At the third traffic light (Route 30), make a right. The Econolodge Hotel is approximately 15 minutes on the left side.

Garden State Parkway (From North)

Take the Garden State Parkway to Exit 38. Proceed onto the Atlantic City Expressway West towards Philadelphia. Take the expressway to Exit 28 (Hammonton). Bear right to Route 54 North. Travel on Route 54 North for approximately 3 miles. When you get to the traffic light at Route 30, turn right onto Route 30 East. The Econolodge Hotel is approximately 1 mile on the right.

LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

WEATHER

For a current 10-day forecast, please go to www.weather.com. This will assist you in planning and packing for your trip.

VISITOR RESOURCES

Hammonton Chamber of Commerce 609-561-9080
Greater Atlantic City 800-262-7395
Chamber of Commerce

New Jersey Department of Tourism 800-537-7397

WEB SITES

New Jersey State www.state.nj.us
Jersey Shore Guide www.shorepoints.com/visitor.htm
Atlantic City/Absecon www.iloveac.com

INTERESTING FACTS

Contrary to its name, the Pine Barrens is rich in natural resources. Covering the better part of Burlington County, the Pinelands consist of sandy roads, cedar swamps, meadows, forests and an abundance of fur-bearing animals.

The Pine Barrens stretch northward to Monmouth County and southward to Cape May County. Encompassing one million acres, the Pine Barrens take up nearly 20% of the state's land area.

The Pine Barrens' most remarkable feature is the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer, an underground body of water, with a storage capacity of 17 trillion gallons. The aquifer links the various subsystems from the dry sandy uplands, where the water table is more than two feet below the surface, to the soggy wetlands where it can rise above the surface.

The existence of unusual plants and animals is an important feature of the Pine Barrens and has prompted many protection efforts.

In 1978 the Federal Government designated the Pine Barrens as the country's first "National Reserve", a protected area in which much of the land remains in private ownership, but is subject to government review regarding its use.

Today's primary use of the Pine Barrens is recreational. Park Rangers and the Pineland Commission are responsible for the protection of this natural resource. Current problems range from illegal use of lands to illegal dumping. As supporters of the Tread Lightly! program, this concerns us in our effort to educate the public in ethical land use.

Agriculture plays a large part in the eco-structure of the Pine Barrens. Today, large cranberry bogs are prevalent throughout the park. Blueberries, in season, dot the landscape with flashes of color and even pinecones are gathered for various uses.

The Pine Barrens, often depicted as uninhabited, has actually been the home for a cross-section of American life. Before the arrival of the Europeans, the original inhabitants, the Lenape Indians, used the Pine Barrens primarily as their hunting and fishing territory. A reservation created for the Lenape Indians in the early 1700's is now known as Indian Mills. Unable to subsist in this small area, the Indians migrated west.

The people of the Pinelands are descendants of the Dutch, Germans, and English Quakers. These "PINEYS" labored in a number of resource-based industries like lumbering, iron mining, forging and glassmaking.

GENERAL ATTENDANCE MEETING

Please allow 20 minutes driving time. Please be prompt!

Friday Morning

Directions To Wharton State Forest Staging Area from Econolodge Hotel. From parking lot, turn right on Rte 30. Then left onto Rte 542 North (Pleasant Mills Road). Continue on Route 542 for approximately 10 minutes then turn left into **Batsto Historic Site Entrance** of Wharton State Forest (County Hwy 643). Proceed 0.3 miles and turn into the Visitor Center Entrance.

Saturday Morning Use the same directions; however, rather than turning into the Visitor Center Entrance, continue another 0.4 miles to the **Fire Tower**, which is on the left.

The following are the directions to the Dinner location (**Never There Gun Club**) on 7th St. in Hammonton.

- Leaving The Howard Johnson turn right out of the parking lot.
- Travel on Rt. 30 for 1.4 miles.
- Turn slight right onto Weymouth Rd. (Rt. 640).
- Stay on Rt. 640 for 1 mile. You will pass Macrie Fruit Produce. Shortly after passing Macrie's farm turn right onto 7th St. Continue on 7th St. for 1.2 miles crossing over 2nd rd.
- Turn left into parking lot.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Jim Justnes - Co-Coordinator
Joe & Darlene McNamee - Co-Coordiators
Pine Barrens Jeep Jamboree Trail Guides
Pinelands Commission
Wharton State Forest
Econolodge Hotel
Never There Gun Club

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@jeeppjam.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.jeepjamboreeusa.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:

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