



26th Ouachita Jeep Jamboree

Hot Springs, Arkansas

October 15 - 17, 2015

Trail Rating 3 - 9

NEW FOR 2015

- Participant tires are not to exceed 37" with a combined lift of 6". If you exceed these limits you will be turned away at registration and will not be allowed to attend the Jamboree or receive a refund.
- In order to be able to sign-up for your trails, your Vehicle Evaluation form must be initialed by the Event Staff when you get your registration packet.
- The trail sticker given to you at trail sign-ups needs to be displayed on your windshield prior to leaving for trails on Friday and Saturday.
- Each Participant must wear a nametag and wristband from Thursday at Registration through Saturday until the end of the Jamboree.
- Clothing will only be available at the Jamboree and will not be displayed on the website, except for the Annual Event T-shirt.
- JJUSA Annual Event T-shirts are not trip specific. It is the same for the entire season. Some Jamborees do offer Jamboree specific shirts and merchandise for sale during the Jamboree.
- While the Trail Guides do their best to trim back as much brush as possible, we are limited by Federal, Tribal and Private landowners as to how much "trail maintenance" can be performed.

ALWAYS REQUIRED

- It is mandatory to return a waiver (one per each Jamboree) signed by everyone in your vehicle to the JJUSA office at least two weeks prior to the Jamboree you are attending. A waiver for participant's under the age of 18 years old must be signed by a parent or the minor's legal guardian. . [2015-release-and-waiver.pdf](#)
- A working CB radio (hand held is permissible) with adequate antenna is mandatory for all Jeeps attending a Jamboree.
- In order to provide accurate counts to our caterer for event meals and secure the appropriate land permits: All new registrations of vehicles, adding, deleting or changing passengers must be completed **two weeks** prior to the Jamboree date. Registration prices are per person, not per Jeep vehicle.

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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, October 15, 2015

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Registration, Vehicle evaluation and trail sign-ups will be held at the Hot Springs Recreational Park 2100 Mill Creek Road, Hot Springs, AR 71901, 501-625-3600 under the pavilion. Plenty of trailer parking is available. 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 a packed lunch prior to the General Attendance Meeting.

FRIDAY, October 16, 2015

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Mandatory General Attendance Meeting at the Hot Springs Recreational Park
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
5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Dinner will be served at the Hot Springs Recreational Park
Make sure you have a full tank of gas and a packed lunch prior to tomorrow's General Attendance Meeting

SATURDAY, October 17, 2015

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Mandatory General Attendance Meeting at the Hot Springs Recreational Park
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
5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Dinner served at the Hot Springs Recreational Park
Prize drawing following dinner. Participant must be present to win

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

Registration questions, adding or changing passengers contact Liz Phillips: liz@jeepjam.com / 530-333-4777 x16

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

Trails are subject to change. Please keep in mind that the Ouachita Jamboree may be a bit more challenging than some of our other Jeep Jamborees. Steep hills, lots of rock and mud will be in store for you. Trail assignments will be based on lift and tire size. The size of the rocks will necessitate having more ground clearance from either body or suspension lift. The following trails are a brief description of what **MAY** be available. Due to permitting issues and winter conditions, some trails may not be available once you arrive at the Jamboree. Please join the Discussion Group for the Ouachita Jeep Jamboree to be kept up to date on information pertaining to this Jamboree. The Discussion Groups are a great way to connect with participants, be notified of changes and of trail runs by participants before and after the event. Many come to a Jamboree a day early or linger on a day after the event. You may want to join their group for additional days of touring in the area.

Snake Trail - Rated 3 - 4

This scenic ride is perfect for those who want a challenge and a chance to admire Mother Nature's finest scenery. Winding through the woods, you will encounter hill climbs mixed in with some mild rock crawling. You will be amazed at your Jeeps capabilities (and yours too) while exploring the ravines and rolling hills in the backwoods of Arkansas.

Red Oak Ridge - Rated 4 - 6

This ride has a variety of obstacles and challenges for all Jeepers! Stock to Modified Jeep owners get ready for steep rutted hill climbs that will take your breath away! This trail offers bypasses for the faint of heart. Cameras are a "must have" on this ride. With two jaw dropping overlooks you'll see why.

Rubicon Ridge - Rated 6 - 7

Ever been on a roller coaster? Well, if not, hold on to your Jeep cap! This is it! Plenty of hill climbs and downhill descents. Check out your rear view mirror for the expression on the Jeepers faces behind you.....you'll see the excitement in their eyes, the views on top of each hill are simply awesome! Minimum of 33" tires.

Can Opener - Rated 6 - 7

This ride offers excellent challenges for the experienced Jeepers! There will be more than enough to keep it interesting. You'll be astonished how your Jeep can crawl up and down "The Ravine". "The Ravine" is popular for modified Jeeps. "WOW!" is what you will say when you're at the top of "The Gorge". You and your Jeep made it after the awesome slab rock hill climb. If rock climbing is your desire, then this is it! This

ride is recommended for modified Jeeps. Keep your eyes open for the wildlife along this ride you never know what you might see. Minimum of 33" tires.

Ultimate Adventure - Rated 8 - 9

For those of you looking for some extreme four-wheeling, get ready for this rock crawling adventure! This ride earned it's name somehow. Keep your eyes on the trail guides through the "rough stuff". You will be overwhelmed by what you and your Jeep will do. Must have at least 35" tires.

LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

The weather this time of year varies. For a 10-day forecast of weather conditions go to www.weather.com

VISITOR RESOURCES

Convention & Visitors Bureau www.hotspings.org
Hot Springs National Park www.nps.gov/hosp

ACCOMMODATIONS

CAMPING/RV PARKING

Hot Springs Recreational Park 501-625-3600
www.orvpark.com

RV campsites with electrical and water hook-ups, primitive tent camping sites, restrooms/shower house, plenty of parking for trailers

Bartee Meadow RV Park & Camping	501-262-9100
Camp Lake Hamilton	501-525-8204
Cloud 9 RV Park & Camping	501-262-1996
Gulpha Gorge National Park	501-624-3383
Hot Springs National Park KOA	800-KOA-5903 or 501-624-5912
Hot Springs RV Park	501-623-5559
J&J RV Park	501-321-9852
Lake Catherine State Park	501-844-4176
Mill Pond Village	501-525-3959
Wagon Wheel RV Park	501-767-6852

MOTELS

Headquarter Hotel

The Clarion on Lake Hamilton	501-525-0336
4813 Central Ave, Hot Springs, AR	
The Comfort Inn & Suites	877 682-4442
3627 Central Ave, Hot Springs, AR	
Knights Inn	501-624-4436
1871 E Grand Ave, Hot Springs, AR	
Rodeway Inn	501-624-3321
1125 E Grand Ave, Hot Springs, AR	
Traveler Inn	501-624-4681
1045 E Grand Ave, Hot Springs, AR	

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Registration and Staging

Hot Springs Recreational Park
2100 Mill Creek Road, Hot Springs, AR 71901
501-625-3600 www.orvpark.com

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Hot Springs Recreational Park is just five miles from downtown Hot Springs. Take Magic Springs Exit on Hwy 70 and drive North on Mill Creek Road. The Hot Springs Recreational Park is located approximately 3.2 miles on Mill Creek Road North, right past Panther Valley Ranch.

The Clarion on Lake Hamilton

I-30 N or S to U.S. 70 W, 27 miles to Hot Springs. Go thru 4 traffic lights, take a left on Central Ave, 7 miles to hotel on left.

SPECIAL THANKS!

John Felgate Coordinator
Ouachita Trail Guides
Hot Springs Recreational Park
Lip Smakin Good Caterers

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COORDINATOR

We are looking forward to sharing the Ouachita (Wa-cha-ta) Jeep Jamboree with you. We are constantly improving our Jamborees to provide for the most memorable adventure imaginable.

We are excited that you will be sharing it with us.



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.

- **Participant tires not to exceed 37" and combined lift of 6". If you exceed these, you will be turned away at registration and will not be allowed to attend the jamboree or receive a refund!**
- **If you do not have tow points, you may be turned away at registration without a refund.**
- **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 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 to stay hydrated

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 working 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

Some Jamborees 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. Also, please note that while we trim back as much brush as possible, we are limited by Federal, Tribal and Private landowners to the amount acceptable by each entity.

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 to the JJUSA office at least two weeks prior to the Jamboree you are attending. This helps 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.

REGISTRATIONS, ADDING OR CHANGING PASSENGERS:

In order to give accurate counts to our caterer for the meals, pay for land use and permit fees: All new registrations of vehicles, adding, deleting or changing passengers must be completed **two weeks** prior to the Jamboree date. We will no longer be able to accommodate onsite registrations or adding passengers. 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 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. 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 jeopardize 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

NO OCCUPANTS OF VEHICLE WILL POSSESS OR CONSUME ALCOHOL WHILE ON THE TRAILS. DOING SO MEANS IMMEDIATE EXPULSION.

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.