34TH ANNUAL

GATEWAY TO THE CUMBERLANDS

DATES	LOCATION	TRAIL RATING	STYLE
OCT 14 – 16, 2027	WILLIAMSBURG, KENTUCKY 36.7274716, -84.1753899	3 – 9	A Select Jeep Jamboree. Friday and Saturday dinners included. You are responsible for breakfast and lunch.

FOLLOW THE FLOW WHEN YOU ARRIVE

STEP 01
VEHICLE EVALUATION
Thursday at Kentucky Splash

STEP 02
REGISTRATION
Bring your completed waiver

STEP 03
TRAIL SIGN-UP
First come, first served

Evaluation and registration are mandatory before sign-up. Trails fill first come, first served — your guides will match you to a trail based on your Jeep and your comfort level. Registration may open early to suit local conditions; there is no late registration Friday morning. Bring your signed waiver: link.jeepjam.com/waiver — and don't worry, there are extras at the event if needed.

THURSDAY OCT 14

4:00 p.m.	Vehicle evaluation, registration and trail sign-ups at Hal Rogers Family Entertainment Center (Kentucky Splash Waterpark), until 7:00 p.m. Be sure to fill your tank for tomorrow!

FRIDAY OCT 15

8:30 a.m.	Mandatory General Attendance meeting at Kentucky Splash Waterpark.
9:00 a.m.	Trail ride until 5:00 p.m., with lunch along the trail around noon. Lunch time varies based on trail progress.
5:30 p.m.	Dinner in the Williamsburg Convention Center, until 7:30 p.m. Be sure to fill your tank for tomorrow!

SATURDAY OCT 16

8:30 a.m.	Mandatory General Attendance meeting at Kentucky Splash Waterpark.
9:00 a.m.	Trail ride until 5:00 p.m., with lunch along the trail around noon. Lunch time varies based on trail progress.
5:30 p.m.	Dinner in the Williamsburg Convention Center, until 7:30 p.m. Awards and prize drawings following dinner.

WHERE TO GO

KENTUCKY SPLASH WATERPARK

1050 Highway 92 West, Williamsburg, KY 40769

Hal Rogers Family Entertainment Center. Vehicle evaluation, registration and trail sign-ups Thursday; General Attendance meetings Friday and Saturday. www.kentuckysplash.com

link.jeepjam.com/waterpark

WILLIAMSBURG CONVENTION CENTER

650 South 10th Street, Williamsburg, KY 40769

Dinners Friday and Saturday, with awards and prize drawings Saturday. www.williamburgky.com

link.jeepjam.com/convcenter

A NOTE ABOUT THE TRAILS AT GATEWAY TO THE CUMBERLANDS

The trails on the Gateway to the Cumberlands Jeep Jamboree offer many spectacular views of waterfalls, cliff-lines and rivers. We recommend that you bring your camera and binoculars in order to capture these sights.

In the mornings you may see low-hanging clouds that skim the tops of the mountains. Perhaps we will see some wildlife along the trails. Wildlife native to this area include white tail deer, beaver, elk and wild turkey.

Trail ratings range from 3-9. Trail sign-ups are held during registration hours. Your trail guides will be at registration to assist you with trail selection.

Our trails are located on private lands and county roads. Please respect these properties by staying on designated trails. For your safety and the safety of others, please follow the guidance of our trail guides.

FALLS ADVENTURE TRAIL

Rating 4

Barely rated a 4 on the 1 to 10 scale, unless it rains.... This trail is exactly what many Jeep owners dream about on a Sunday drive with their family. The highway turns to gravel, the gravel turns to dirt, the dirt turns to rocks and ledges, with mud holes and tight turns in the woods. You will eventually end up at the "Niagara of the South", The Cumberland Falls. This is where we will stop for lunch. On the return trip from the falls, you will test your skills by climbing "The Rock" on the Kentucky Adventure Trail. If time permits, you will have the opportunity to drive down to another small waterfall. There are many photo opportunities along this approx. 65-mile trip.

RED BIRD

Rating 4–5

The Red Bird trail traverses through scenic backwoods. The terrain includes several hill climbs and descents, creek crossings, and rock climbs. Be sure to have your camera ready for our stop at a natural bridge that spans over 50'.

ROCK BOTTOM

Rating 5

A short ride from the water park leads us through rolling hills and beautiful countryside. From improved roads to semi improved roads to gravel roads and eventually our trail head. Rock Bottom is a long series of solid rock creek bottom. Boulders from 1 foot to 16 foot. Many of the more difficult obstacles do have a bypass but you are sure to flex your suspension and test the limits of your tires flexibility. We stop in a beautiful clearing for lunch and continue up the creek for more beating and banging on that rocky creek bottom until the end of the creek where we will get off the creek and do a steep hill climb. We will climb approximately 700 feet up and make a hard turn and do a hill descent. You're guaranteed fun. You're guaranteed fellowship with Jeepers like yourself and your trail guides can help you out or through just about anything. We finish our day with a group picture and ride back into town. No rock climbing except for one obstacle affectionately called "Short Bus Rock." The rating is a fair rating for the trail and along the line we will all be out of our Jeeps in the water helping each other. It's just the nature of Jeeping. Take plenty of pictures of creation and feel free to share.

DELIVER US

Rating 5–6

Deliver us is a fun trail with nice views. It stops on top of a large plateau with a 360 degree panoramic view. You can count seven cell phone towers from this location.

INDIAN CREEK

Rating 5–6

The most asked question is "What is the difference between Indian Creek 1 and ?" The answer is simple, Indian Creek 1 leaves the parking lot first, and Indian Creek 2 leaves last. We offer two opportunities to enjoy one of the most popular trails we have. Indian Creek is a solid 4.5 when dry and can climb up quickly when wet. The first stop at the gas tanks where we all get out, meet each other, and discuss the day. The first challenge is a hill climb around 9:30 with the sun glaring into your windshield and the guides telling you on the radio "Go! Go! Go!" and you're thinking, "I can't see where I am going!" After successfully climbing the first hill, you will then have an off camber turn to the right. Just remember gravity is your friend. We will then travel across the V-notch and work our way over to the climb to lunch. Did you really think we would just let you go to lunch without a challenge? The climb to lunch will be a series of ledges that will be a fun little lift to lunch. Lunch is in a beautiful meadow with great views of the mountains. After lunch, we travel back down the ledges into Indian Creek. We will travel through the creek washing out the underside of your Jeep and making several memories. You may even want to attempt the Goal Posts with their 25 degree lean to the driver's side before the creek then opens into the picture spot. After pictures, we'll stop at two grave sites of some very young Kentucky pioneer and the foundation remains of the old grist mill before our journey back to dinner through picturesque mountain roads.

CUMBERLANDS

Rating 6

Cumberlands trail travels mostly on logging trails and through old coal strip pits. There are a few hill climbs along the way to make it interesting.

MONKEY ROCK

Rating 6

Monkey Rock is the Monkey wrench of jeep trails it fits all sizes and has many different uses . From the beginning, steep challenging climb and ledges to the maze of mud holes on the side of a mountain. Even those with short attention spans are kept in awe by the breath taking views once arrived at the top. Not to mention the technical ride through the creek bottoms back to civilization. All in all not a bad way to spend a day in the woods.

MOONSHINE RIDGE

Rating 6

Moonshine ridge is a great trail that includes hill climbs and descents, tight and twisting turns through the woods and a few mud holes. There are a few rocky ridges that must be navigated as well.

ROUGH AND READY

Rating 6–7

A 70 mile fun expedition trail around a mountain, it will take you through the diverse terrain unique to the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky and Tennessee. It starts through windy gravel roads following the creek. Once the trail head is reached, the adventure begins by weaving in and out of the creek multiple times before reaching the Play Ground. From there the trail continues and quickly changes to scattered mud holes and rocky hill climbs. Up the mountain it goes where Jeep and driver skills will be challenged on the muddy rut hill climb. Near the mountain top, the open field serves as a great quiet lunch spot. A little more climbing takes you to the top of the mountain referred to as the Hole on the Earth, where beautiful views await. The trail continues through mountain ridges and beautiful views on both sides. Along the way, some driving challenges appear to keep you alert. On the way down the mountain, the expedition becomes Rough through a descending rock garden, but are you Ready for the adventure? After you feel that you had enough bouncing on the rocks, the trail smooths out to a beautiful wooded area along the creek. More mud is encountered on the way to the beautiful meadows that will make this long expedition all worth it at the end, and in like any great expedition, this one also has creaky bridge. It is Rough, but are you Ready?

AREA 51

Rating 6–7

Area 51 is a trail with a little bit of everything. You will cover a lot of ground on this trail. It starts with about a mile of mud holes that you have to navigate. There are rocky hill climbs, long rides through wooded trails, and pretty scenery. The group stops for a short break at a one room church that was built in the 1800s.

ALCATRAZ

Rating 7–8

Alcatraz is a tight trail with a lot of obstacles to get through such as rocks and roots.

TEST AND TUNE

Rating 7–8

Test and tune starts with a nice cruise through the woods. Then you eat lunch and get ready for the test. This is a nice rock section. The rocks get bigger the farther you go. However, there are three exits along to way, so you can get out if you want. The trail ends with a short ride through the woods.

TWRA TRAIL #1 PERMIT REQUIRED

Rating 7–8

Trail description coming. A permit is required for this trail and will be provided at sign-up.

THUNDER ROAD 2.0 HARDEST

Rating 9

This trail will not disappoint those looking for bigs rocks and rough terrain. Thunder Road 2.0 is a nice mix of the original Thunder Road, Test and Tune, and Alcatraz.

BEFORE YOU GO

REQUIRED

Missing any of these means you are turned away at registration, without a refund.

- Tow points: frame-mounted tow hooks with grade 6 or 8 bolts, draw bars and receiver hitches, or aftermarket bumpers with a manufacturer-installed clevis or D-ring.
- A working GMRS-compatible radio. Guides call out upcoming obstacles, plus local history and wildlife.
- A full-size spare tire.
- Seat belts for all occupants, worn on the trail.
- Street legal, registered and insured, with a license plate.
- STRICTLY ENFORCED Tires no larger than 40". Suspension lift no more than 6". No exceptions.
- Roll bars on all open-topped vehicles, including CJs, Scramblers and Willys.
- A rated tree saver and soft shackle if you run a winch.
- No buggy-style Jeeps and no snowplow frames.

PACK LIST

Bring these with you — for registration, and for the trail.

- Signed waiver for every occupant; a parent or legal guardian signs for passengers under 18.
- Photo ID for the driver of record — the name must match the registration.
- Name badge, worn all weekend. It is your admission to trails and meals.
- Basic tool kit, first aid kit, tire gauge, rain jacket, clothing for all conditions.
- An ice chest of non-alcoholic drinks. Stay hydrated.
- Trail snacks and a chair or blanket for the lunch stop.
- Insect repellent, sun block, medications, hand sanitizer, flashlight, camera, binoculars.
- Toilet paper and zip-lock bags for tissue disposal.

Recommended: a tow strap with looped ends (metal hooks are not allowed), a fire extinguisher and first aid kit. Consider removing running boards and steps for higher-rated trails. Questions about your Jeep? Contact your Adventure Consultant before the event.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Registrations, and adding, deleting or changing passengers, close 14 days before the event.
- Check a 10-day forecast for every location listed here; conditions differ sharply between them.
- Drones require permission from your trail guides, and many landowners and agencies prohibit them outright.
- Alcohol and non-prescription drugs on the trail mean immediate expulsion without a refund.
- Pets are strongly discouraged; a pet waiver is required at registration.
- Trail access may be granted to guided Jamboree groups only — returning on your own violates our land use agreements.

TRAIL RATING SYSTEM

1–2

Relatively easy terrain. In optimum conditions some trails may not require continual use of 4WD.

3–5

Moderately demanding; a challenge for novice drivers. Mud holes, boulders, streams. Requires 4-LO.

6–7

Demanding at most skill levels. Deeper mud, larger boulders, steeper climbs. Requires 4-LO.

8–9

Very demanding. Getting stuck is likely and rock climbing is arduous. Lifts and lockers help.

Ratings describe the overall trail, not one or two tough spots. Rain, even from days prior, can raise a rating one or two points, especially on street tires. All vehicles are subject to a check before trail departure, and higher-rated trails are more likely to result in vehicle damage. When in doubt, ask a guide.

LODGING & CONTACTS

CAMPING & RV PARKING

Williamsburg Tourist Center	606.549.6045
Cumberland Falls State Park	800.325.0063
Indian Mountain State Park · 143 State Park Circle, Jellico, TN	423.784.7958

Williamsburg Tourist Center: camping available at the Water Park where we do Vehicle Staging. Contact Diane Bruer for reservations. Cumberland Falls State Park: 20 miles from Williamsburg, has improved campsites with restrooms and showers in addition to plenty of primitive camping. No reservations needed - first come, first serve basis. Limited RV parking is available with water and electricity and limited space with no hook-ups. Indian Mountain State Park: 13 short miles down I-75 into Tennessee. There are 49 sites with paved pads to serve both tent and RV campers. The sites have water, electricity with 30-amp breakers and a dump station. All sites have picnic tables, and grills. A modern bathhouse with restrooms and showers is available to campers.

HOTELS / MOTELS

Holiday Inn Express · 30 KY-92, Williamsburg	606.549.1300
Hampton Inn · 530 KY-92, Williamsburg	606.549.3775
Holiday Inn Express · 1973 Cumberland Falls Hwy, Corbin	606.523.4000
Days Inn by Wyndham · 1417 5th Street, Jellico, TN	423.818.3090

Call the hotel and ask for the Jeep Jamboree rate.

QUESTIONS

Trip or Jeep questions: Shawn Gulling, shawn@jeepjam.com

Registration: registration@jeepjam.com

Passengers, changes and cancellations: jeepjamboreeusa.com/my-account

Radios and gear: link.jeepjam.com/radios

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