



Snowbird

1st Snowbird Jeep Jamboree

January 24 – 26, 2019

Bartow, Florida

Trail Rating 3–7

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Polices & Reminders For All 2019 Jeep Jamborees

2019 Event Waiver

You are required to complete a Release of Liability Waiver for all occupants of your Jeep 4x4. You must bring it with you to on-site registration (Thursday). A printed, signed and dated Release of Liability Waiver is required for each participant attending a Jeep Jamboree USA event. All passengers in your Jeep 4x4 must sign a Release of Liability Waiver. A parent or the minor's legal guardian must sign and date a waiver for participants under the age of 18 years old. If you forget your signed Release of Liability Waiver, all occupants of your vehicle must be present at registration to sign a new waiver before you can receive your event credentials.

On-Site Registrations Will Not Be Accepted

All new registrations of vehicles, adding, deleting or changing passengers must be completed (2) two weeks prior to the Jamboree date. Please refer to the refund and transfer policy on your registration form, event itinerary or the official Jeep Jamboree website jeepjamboreeusa.com

Maximum Tire Size

Participant Jeep tire size is not to exceed 37". If you exceed the tire limitations you will be turned away at registration and will not be allowed to attend the Jamboree or receive a refund.

CB Radios Are Required

A working CB radio with adequate antenna is mandatory for all Jeep Jamboree events. Handheld CB's are not recommended.

Vehicle Evaluation → Registration → Trail Sign-Up

Your Vehicle Evaluation must be stamped by a Jeep Jamboree Event Staff during on-site registration **before** you are permitted to sign up for off-road trails.

Name Badge

Each participant must wear their name badge throughout the entire Jamboree.

Trail Stickers

Trail stickers provided at trail sign-ups must be displayed on your windshield prior to departing for any off-road trail ride.

Trail Conditions

Trail conditions can vary widely between trails and even on the same trail on different days. Factors such as weather, other Jeeps and the line you choose all have an effect on the trail and how your Jeep will traverse it. Rainfall, even from days prior, may increase trail ratings 1 or 2 points. When in doubt, ask a Jeep Jamboree Trail Guide for guidance.

Special Notes For Snowbird

Event T-Shirts

Jeep Jamboree USA Event T-shirts are not trip specific and are the same for the entire season. Event t-shirts are included in your registration fee and must be ordered at the time of your registration. Please list desired sizes during your online registration or while registering over the phone.

Weather Conditions

Weather conditions can be dynamic at a Jeep Jamboree. We recommend you look at a 10-day forecast of weather conditions at weather.com or a similar site.

1st Snowbird Jeep Jamboree

Snowbird is a Classic Jeep Jamboree.

Your catered meals include breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Friday and Saturday.

Thursday, January 24, 2019

12:00 p.m. Arrive early to chat with vendors, try your Jeep on the obstacle course and more.

2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration, vehicle evaluation, and trail assignments will take place at
Clear Springs Ranch
Ledley Ware Road
Bartow, FL 33830

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 serve 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 your lunch picked up prior to the General Attendance Meeting.

Friday, January 25, 2019

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast served at Clear Springs Ranch

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Mandatory General Attendance meeting. Please have your trail sticker on your windshield and wear your name badge.

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Trail ride

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (lunch time varies based on trail progress)

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Trail ride

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Dinner at Clear Springs Ranch

Saturday, January 26, 2019

6:30 – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast served at Clear Springs Ranch

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Mandatory General Attendance meeting. Please have your trail sticker on your windshield and wear your name badge.

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Trail ride

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (lunch time varies based on trail progress)

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Trail ride

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Dinner at Clear Springs Ranch. Sponsor prize drawing and Coordinator Choice Awards will take place after dinner.

A message from your Snowbird Coordinator...

Want a chance to see the Florida wilderness as it was back in the 1800's? Then the Snowbird Jeep Jamboree is for you. The Clear Springs Ranch was originally owned by old Polk County families and their family graveyard on the ranch can still be seen with tombstones from the 1800's. The property was later sold to IMC to mine phosphate, making this private property one of the best properties for offroading in the state.

In the late 1800's and early 1900's Kissengen Springs was a favorite place for people to swim and come for recreation. There was a dock in the springs and several buildings. Later, the Boy Scouts used the area as a camp and used the spring. There are people that say there are several D8 bulldozers buried on the property that fell into the mines and were never recovered. Clear Springs gets its name from the Springs at Kissengen Springs. The 18,000 acres was bought by the present owner in 1995 for \$500 per acre, but he had to buy the entire 18,000 acres. When he bought the property he had to fence it. The ranch currently has 62 miles of five strand barbed wire fence which took six months to build. There are two thousand head of cattle on this active ranch and they are still worked by cowboys on horseback using four different sets of cow pens throughout the ranch.

Clear Springs also has an active 500 acre blueberry farm that sells blueberries throughout the southeast United States. On other parts of the ranch they grow strawberries and watermelons. The ranch is also home to alligators that nest around the ranch. Alligator eggs are harvested and sold to alligator farms at anywhere from \$40 to \$50 per egg. There are deer, turkey, wild hogs, and coyotes on the property as well. The Peace River runs through the middle of the ranch and, when the river is low, there are caverns along the bank that a person can walk into. There is also a sink hole called "gator sink" that appears to have no bottom. Trees have fallen into it and have disappeared. Don't miss your chance take a step back in time and see the real Florida as it was meant to be.

How Do I Get There?

Headquarters - Clear Springs Ranch

Ledley Ware Road

Bartow, Florida, 33830

GPS Coordinates: [27.8776022,-81.7782252](https://www.google.com/maps/place/27.8776022,-81.7782252)

Clicking the GPS Coordinates link above will take you to the gate of Clear Springs Ranch

Directions from Holiday Inn Winterhaven

- Head West on Cypress Gardens Blvd to Highway 17
- Turn left on Highway 17 and proceed 0.8 miles to Highway 655
- Turn right on to Highway 655 and proceed 5.7 miles to Highway 60
- Turn right on to Highway 60 and proceed 2.25 miles to 80 Foot Road
- Turn left on to 80 Foot Road and proceed 2.1 miles to Cox Road
- Turn right on to Cox Road / 655A and proceed 1 mile to the end of Cox Road, then follow the road to the left as it becomes Ledley Ware Road. The Clear Springs Ranch main gate will be on your right.

Directions from Homeland, FL

- Head east on Homeland-Garfield Road / 640 for 3.7 miles
- Turn left on 80 Foot Road and proceed 2.0 miles to Mud Lake Road
- Turn left on Mud Lake Road, which will become Ledley Ware Road
- Follow Ledley Ware Road for 2.75 miles. The Clear Springs Ranch main gate will be on your left.

Lodging Information

Hotels

Headquarters Hotel – Holiday Inn Winter Haven
200 Cypress Gardens Blvd
Winter Haven, FL 33880
863.292.2100

A variety of other hotels and motels are available in both Winter Haven and Bartow.

Camping & RV Parking

Dry camping and dry RV parking are available at the Clear Springs Ranch for \$20 per night. Please email Jennifer at jjenkins@clearspringsco.com to make arrangements. You'll be staying on the ranch which means you'll be close to all activities. Spaces available on a first come, first served basis.

There are several full service RV Parks and campgrounds, all within 15 miles of Clear Springs Ranch.

Visitor Resources

State of Florida

www.visitflorida.com

Central Florida Tourism

www.visitcentralflorida.org

JAMBOREE USA

Special Thanks!

Chris Plaisance - Coordinator

Snowbird Trail Guides

Clear Springs Ranch

Doug Tanner

Patrick Carroll

Important Information

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, front and rear lockers, skid plates, rock rails and an aftermarket rear differential cover.

Rubicon Trail Jeep Jamboree is limited to TJ, JK, JL and JT models only without prior approval. Jeep Renegade, Patriot, Compass, Liberty, Cherokee, Grand Cherokee, or Commanders are not allowed.

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.

Waivers are required!

Waivers will be collected at the Jamboree during registration. Please read, sign and bring the completed waiver with you. All passengers in your Jeep vehicle must sign and date this waiver. A waiver for participants under the age of 18 years old must be signed and dated by a parent or the minor's legal guardian.

Registrations, adding, deleting, or changing of 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 of passengers must be completed (2) two weeks prior to the Jamboree date. We will no longer be able to accommodate any on-site registrations. This is for both adding of Jeeps or passengers. Please note that registration prices are per person, not per Jeep vehicle. Event T-Shirts are included in your registration fee. You must pre-order event T-Shirts at the time of your online or phone registration. Pre-ordered shirts will be given to you during on-site registration.

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.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements for my Jeep?

- **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.*
- **A CB Radio is MANDATORY!** Handheld CB's are not recommended. There are many safety issues regarding upcoming obstacles transmitted over the CB radio by your trail guides. It is required that each vehicle has a working CB radio. You will also learn interesting facts about the area - history, local plant and wildlife, as well as exciting stories.
- Participant Jeep tire size shall not exceed 37". If your tires exceed 37 inches, you will be turned away at registration, will not be allowed to attend the Jamboree, or receive a refund!
- Snowplow frames are not allowed.
- We recommend removing running boards and steps (both factory and aftermarket) if you are planning to participate in higher rated trails.
- All open-topped vehicles, including older models (CJs, Scramblers and Willy's), are required to have roll bars.
- A tow strap with looped ends is recommended. **Straps with metal hooks are not allowed.**
- A full-size spare tire (or comparable) is mandatory! A space-saver spare (donut) just won't do.
- Your Jeep must be street legal with a license plate.

Will my Jeep be going through water?

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.

When driving in deep water, **go very slowly!** If your engine gets wet and stalls, **do not** try to start it as you may cause serious engine damage.

For additional tips on water crossings, please refer to your copy of *Mark A. Smith's Guide to Safe, Common Sense Off-Road Driving*, which is available for download on jeepjamboreeusa.com.

What should I bring?

- A basic tool kit is recommended.
- A First aid kit recommended!
- A Tire gauge recommended!
- An ice chest full of your favorite non-alcoholic beverages. It is important to stay hydrated!
- A full tank of gas prior to General Attendance Meeting! You will not have time to fuel up after the meeting.
- Trail snacks and a chair/blanket for the lunch stop.
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Insect repellent and sun block
- Medications
- Toilet paper and Zip-lock bags for tissue disposal
- Hand sanitizer
- Rain jacket and warm clothing.

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 Jeep Jamboree 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.

Trail Conditions

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.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the Jeep Jamboree fee cover?

- Your fee covers all necessary permits, land-use fees, experienced guides for the entire trip, an event t-shirt and three meals on both Friday and Saturday (“Select” Jamborees include evening meals only). Please note that meals vary for each Jeep Jamboree. Regretfully, no accommodations can be made for special diets or dietary restrictions.
- Also included are an official Jeep Jamboree USA Dash Plaque and access to some of the finest trails in America – many of which are only available through this program. Each jamboree also features a giveaway for chances to win great prizes from our sponsors.
- All participants must be officially registered. Partial trips or “meal only” options are not offered. There are no spectators allowed.

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 during registration.

Name Badges

When you register on-site, you will be given one name badge per participant. Please wear your name badge while at the event as it is verification of your registration.

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 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.

Can I bring my Jeep Liberty, Cherokee, Grand Cherokee, Renegade 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.

Where do I sleep on a Jeep Jamboree?

Participants are responsible for arranging their own lodging. A list of accommodations is included in this event itinerary. Be sure to mention you're attending a jeep jamboree when making your reservation.

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 is 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. You are required to sign a waiver form.

Are Jeep Jamborees safe?

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.

What is the policy on 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.

What payment methods are accepted ?

Each Jeep Jamboree offers an assortment of clothing and gear for you and your Jeep. We accept both cash and credits cards on-site, but checks are not allowed.

What are the rates for 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.

Can I pay for my Jamboree on-site?

Please note that all registrations must be paid in advance. C.O.D.'s are not permitted and we cannot accommodate new on-site registrations of vehicles or adding, deleting, or changing of passengers.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the refund policy?

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:

Days Prior To Trip Date

Reservation to 60 days

59 Days to 30 days

29 Days to 15 days

14 Days to trip date

Transfer fee*

Cancellation Fee

\$125 Classic

\$75 Select

50% of registration fee

75% of registration fee

no refund

\$100

**Transfers from one trip to another must be done in the same calendar year and at least 14 days prior to the event.*

Can I attend for one day or just purchase meals?

- Registrations are for the **same person (driver or passengers) for both days.**
- Passengers may not be swapped (for example, one person on one day; another person another day).
- We base our name badges, meals and waivers on the same person for both days. We do not permit partial (one-day only) registrations (refunds are not 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.