

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Gateway to the Cumberlands Jeep Jamboree Williamsburg, Kentucky October 22 – 24, 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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## Jeep Jamboree

### Williamsburg, Kentucky

### October 22 – 24, 2015

### Trail Rating 3 – 9

This Jamboree is a "Select" Jamboree – catered meals include dinner on Friday and Saturday. Food and fuel should be taken care of prior to the general attendance meeting on Friday and Saturday.

#### THURSDAY, October 22, 2015

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

Registration, vehicle evaluation and trail sign-ups will be held at the Williamsburg Convention Center (WCC) located at 650 South 10th Street in Williamsburg (800) 552-0530. 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 lunch packed or picked up at the staging area if you pre-purchased it prior to the general attendance meeting. Vehicle evaluation will open at 4:00 P.M in the parking lot of the Williamsburg Convention Center, however, registration and trail selections DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

5:15 P.M.

JEEP JAMBOREE PARTY! Please join us for a FREE cookout, entertainment and much, much more! The fun starts at 5:15 P.M. inside the WCC.

#### FRIDAY, October 23, 2015

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

MANDATORY General Attendance meeting at Hal Rogers Family Entertainment Center (Kentucky Splash Waterpark) 1050 Highway 92 West in Williamsburg, just past the Wal-Mart. (866) 812-1860. Make sure you have lunch packed or picked up at the staging area if you pre-purchased it during registration.

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

A Jeep wash will be available after trail rides. The location of the Jeep wash will be posted at registration. Donations accepted.

5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner at the WCC. Be sure to pack or buy a lunch for tomorrow's trail ride

#### SATURDAY, October 24, 2015

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

MANDATORY General Attendance meeting at Hal Rogers Family Entertainment Center (Kentucky Splash Waterpark) 1050 Highway 92 West in Williamsburg (866) 812-1860. Make sure you have lunch packed or picked up at the staging area if you pre-purchased it during Thursday registration.

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5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Dinner at the WCC. Prize drawing after dinner. Participant must be present to win

Trip questions contact Erin Helms: [erin@jeepjam.com](mailto:erin@jeepjam.com) / 530-333-4777 x11

Vehicle questions contact Glenda Gau: [glenda@jeepjam.com](mailto:glenda@jeepjam.com) / 530-333-4777 x12

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

## TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

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.

### HEAVEN'S GATE (RATED 3 - 4) CB 7

Imagine this...you in your Jeep inhaling fresh air, viewing fall colors and absorbing the serenity of nature's finest country. Once you complete this trail, you will know why we call it Heaven's Gate.

### CLIFFHANGER (RATED 4) CB 4

The trail begins on an incredibly scenic route and includes several challenges. Our adventure continues to a ridge high above the Kentucky-Tennessee line.

### RED BIRD (RATED 4 - 5) CB 10

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'.

### COMMANDO (RATED 5) CB 14

A scenic, colorful logging trail. While climbing mountaintops you will be challenged with tight trails, rocky hill climbs, and wash outs.

### BRIDGE ROCK (RATED 5 - 6) CB 22

This trail takes you over a mountain that offers many challenging hill climbs down in a valley and over another mountain. During our travel, we stop for lunch at Bridge Rock, which is a natural rock formation creating a natural bridge. This trail also includes a river crossing, hill climbs and rocks.

### WURSER (RATED 6 - 7) CB 16

A tight rocky trail with an above average level of difficulty. It will climb out of the old Blue Diamond strip mine up to 3,000 feet. The challenge consists of rocky hill climbs, wash outs and usually very little mud. The tight quarters and large rocks make this trail unsuitable for stock XJ's and Grands. It does offer a breathtaking view with overlooks where you can see as far as your finger can point. From this point on a clear day, you can see Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia. You may see an airplane flying below you at this vantage point! This trail gets its name from a local who describes it like this, "Boys, it just gets wurser and wurser!" **Note: minimum one locker required.**

### ROCKY TOP (RATED 7 - 8) CB- TBD

A scenic wooded ROCKY play area. ROCKS AND MORE ROCKS! We will be crossing a creek or two, climbing some great technical hills and watching others try their skills on the ROCKS. This trail will take you to another level.

**THUNDER ROAD (RATED 8 - 9) CB 20 (Saturday only)** Rocky tight trail with above average level of difficulty. Challenging hill climbs that will test you and your Jeep. Washouts, fallen trees and more hill climbs. **31" tires and at least one locker a must.**

**In addition to these 8 trails listed, there are other trails that we bring on as needed.** All trails are rated a 10++ on the Kodak scale! Do NOT forget your camera!

## LOCAL AREA INFORMATION

The weather this time of year varies. For a 10-day forecast of weather conditions go to [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

### VISITOR RESOURCES

Williamsburg Tourism Commission 800-552-0530  
Kentucky Department of Tourism 800-225-8747

### WEBSITES

State of Kentucky [www.state.ky.us](http://www.state.ky.us)  
Williamsburg Tourism [www.williamsburgky.com](http://www.williamsburgky.com)

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Cumberland Inn 800-315-0286 or 606-539-4100  
Hampton Inn 606-549-3775  
Super 8 606-549-3450

## CAMPING & RV PARKING

Cumberland Falls State Park 800-325-0063  
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 423-784-7958  
143 State Park Circle  
Jellico, Tennessee 37762  
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.

Corbin KOA 606-528-1534  
[www.corbinkoa.com](http://www.corbinkoa.com)

Located 15 miles up Interstate 75, RV spaces with full hook-ups, cabins, lodge or primitive camping available.

## HOW DO I GET THERE?

### REGISTRATION & DINNERS

Williamsburg Convention Center 800-552-0530  
650 South 10th Street  
Williamsburg, KY 40769  
[www.williamsburgky.com](http://www.williamsburgky.com)

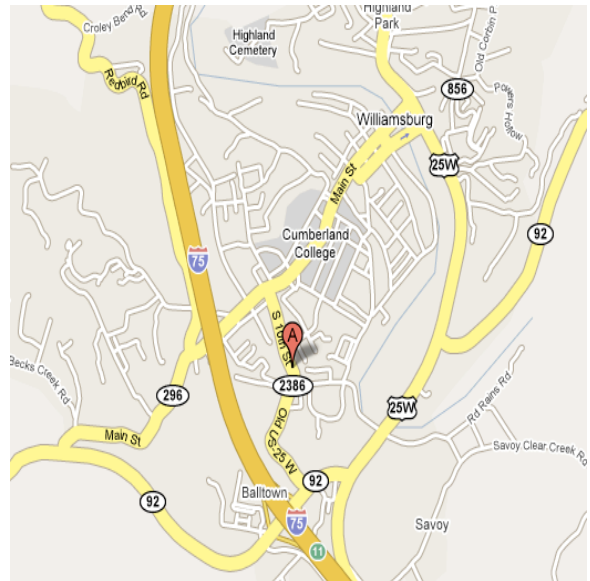
### GENERAL ATTENDANCE MEETING

Hal Rogers Family Entertainment Center 866-812-1860  
Kentucky Splash Waterpark  
1050 Highway 92 West  
Williamsburg, KY 40769  
[www.kentuckysplash.com](http://www.kentuckysplash.com)

Take Interstate 75 to Williamsburg, Exit 11.  
If you are traveling north turn left or if you are traveling south turn right at the traffic light onto Hwy 92 W. The park is located less than one mile on the right.

### SPECIAL THANKS!

Don Ford - Coordinator  
Gateway to the Cumberlands Trail Guides  
Williamsburg Tourism Commission  
Private land owners  
Mayor, Judge and other city officials  
Police who will escort you to the trails



## 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](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 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](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. Regretfully,

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:

<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.**