

OZARKS JEEPTHING

February 2022



In 2013, Jeep launched their Badge of Honor program. Badge of Honor is an online community that encourages and rewards those that embrace the challenges of taking their Jeep off-road. As many of you are probably aware, one of our local parks has two trails that are on this list.

Southern Missouri Off-Road Ranch, aka SMORR, hosts both Guardrail and Pee Wee's Crossing. For many of us, these are the first two badges we obtain because they are both within a day's drive, and because they are both moderate trails. Once we have these two, the questions arise: "Where can we go next?" "What other badges can we get!?"

To find the answer to these questions, you can easily download the Jeep Badge of Honor app on your smart phone and view the map to see where all of the trails are located. You can search by state, or pan around the map to see where all of the map pins are located.

Another way to answer these questions is to ask one of our local badge experts right here in Ozarks Jeepthing. Mr. Eddie Popovits has had the privilege of visiting 25 different trails! Yes, you read that right: 25!! On his Jeep, you will see badges from MO, AR, CO, UT, AZ, and CA. He says that his favorite trail so far is The Rubicon Trail, located in Lake Tahoe California. He calls it his "prized one" due to the trail being iconic, his most difficult trail to date, most scenic, and his favorite thus far. This summer, he hopes to visit Windrock, TN and then in the fall go back to UT for the Golden Spike badge and AZ to collect the Backway to Crown King badge. Yes, he has been to Utah and Arizona before, but these two trails are new to the Badge of Honor program.

Badges cont.

I would also consider Brandi Sissel an expert in badge trails. She and her jeep Tree Hugger, have conquered 22 trails together. She proudly displays badges from UT, CO, AR, TN, MO, and AZ on her Jeep. Her favorite trail for difficulty was Pritchett Canyon in Moab, Utah and her favorite trail for the views was Trail #16 in Windrock, Tennessee.

Two more members of OJT who have obtained a significant number of badges would be Brittney Middleby and Kirk Hoskins. Brittney has visited 18 trails throughout MO, AR, CO, and UT and Kirk has 15 badges from AR, UT, MO, CO, and AZ.

If you have an interest in starting your own collection, but you are not sure where to start, feel free to contact any of the above mentioned members. I am confident that they will happily tell you about each trail they have visited and where they hope to go next. Once you have visited a few, you have the freedom to choose where and how you display them.

Get out there
and go Jeepin'!





**Plan now to attend our
March 3rd OJT meeting
Voting for President,
Secretary & Treasurer**

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Vendor of the Month



IRON BEAR CUSTOMS

"The strongest Bumpers on the Planet"

Please plan on attending our February meeting to participate in a trivia game to win swag from Iron Bear Customs

Contact Tim Plaster
Located in Pacific,
MO



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Moonlight Back Roads Run
Saturday, February 19th
5 pm at Flat Creek
Leave approx. 7:30 pm



February 22nd Meet & Greet
Roccos Italian Kitchen
250 US-60 E
Republic MO 65738

SNOW=JEEP PLAYTIME!!



PICTURE POKER RUN CHALLENGE #4

This photo can be taken at the 4th location in our "Picture Poker Run" challenge.

Here is your clue:

"This tiny little settlement is now a ghost town but back in the day, this place became a distributor for the Phillips 66 brand"

If you know the location of this photo, please submit a photo of your Jeep in this exact spot with the date on it so that you can get your next Poker card at the meeting on March 3rd.

