

## Red Ball 2024 Bivouac and Ride

This year's Red Ball will be a bit different than previous years. Please read through all the information so you're aware.

We will NOT have a host hotel. You will be responsible for your own lodging. A list of accommodations is below. Our rally point each day will be the Mammoth Springs State Park.

Meals will not be provided except for lunch during the static display at Mammoth Springs Park. See below for more information.

***We will not have a registration form or fee. However, please RSVP so we can have a head count. Please send an email to Marsha Jones-Casey at [00mjones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:00mjones@sbcglobal.net) with the number in your party and when you expect to arrive.***

Here is a tentative schedule for the event:

Thursday 2 May Arrivals begin

Friday, 3 May @ 0930 Departs Mammoth Spring Park for the Mammoth Spring Loop ride. This will be approximately 45 miles. We'll make a pit stop at Cherokee Village. Near the end of the ride will be stop for lunch at a restaurant along the way. We'll then finish the ride back up to the Mammoth Spring Park.

Lunch spot for Thursday's Mammoth Spring Loop ride:

Bob and Sandy's BBQ  
5 Jo Jo Street  
Hardy, AR 72542

Friday, 3 May Afternoon: we'll have a short ride. Final details to be announced but may be a short ride to Missouri Grand Gulf State Park or other nearby attraction.

Saturday, 4 May 1000-1400, Mammoth Spring State Park: Static Display at the Pavilion and/or the ball field area at the park (will depend on the number of vehicles participating).

**The Arkansas MV Travelers will provide grilled hot dogs for Red Ball participants at the pavilion.**

This event will be more relaxed than previous Red Ball events and will not be as tightly scheduled. Please be aware other than lunch on Saturday, you will be on your own for meals. However, we would expect groups to gather for meals at local establishments.

Our hope is this format will allow folks to visit with each other and spend more time together rather than just driving a single loop and then departing.

This is a new format we're trying so please be flexible and bear with us.

Mammoth Spring Lodge>>>> **This is the nearest hotel to the park and is essentially across the street**  
14618 US-63  
Thayer, MO 65791  
(417) 264-3888

Mammoth Springs State Park (Mike Franklin)  
17 US-63  
Mammoth Spring, AR 72554  
(870) 625-7364

**\*The park will have a secure lot to drop your trailer. If you are lodging at a location that is not convenient to leave your trailer there will be a designated place near the park ranger's residence where you can drop your trailer. It will be secure and behind a gate at night. If you need to drop your trailer at the park please contact Mike Franklin or his staff at the park.**

Mammoth Spring RV Park and Cabins>>>> **Small RV park best suited for pop ups and tent Camping and has some small cabins**  
107 US-63  
Mammoth Spring, AR 72554  
(870) 625-7393

Spring River Oak Campground>>>> **Roughly 10 miles from Mammoth Spring Park – 2.25 miles on a gravel road. Can accommodate larger RVs.**  
1868 River Oaks Trail  
Mammoth Spring, AR 72554  
(870) 856-3885  
<https://www.springrivoaks.us/>

Hardy RV Park>>>> **Roughly 16 miles south of the Mammoth Spring Park in Hardy, AR. This park is owned by the town of Hardy.**  
13 Wilburn Bros Blvd.  
Hardy, AR 72542  
(870) 856-2356

Spring River Lodge>>>> **Hotel in Hardy, AR. About 16 miles from the Mammoth Spring Park**  
419 US-63  
Hardy, AR 72542  
(870) 856-4001  
<http://www.hardysspringriverlodge.com/>

There are additional lodgings available in the area if you want to explore those.