



## Red Ball 2024

### General Information

After reading through this and deciding you will participate please:

Email Marsha at: [00mjones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:00mjones@sbcglobal.net) (that's zero zero) or call us at 479-846-4977 (leave a message if we don't pick up). Please let us know your headcount.

As you'll see by the schedule below this is much less rigid and more relaxed than previous Red Ball Convoys.

The convoy is open to all military vehicles of any era and any nationality but must be military.

We will **NOT** be charging a registration fee or issuing registration forms.

We will **NOT** be providing meals or a scheduled after-convoy dinner. A List of restaurants follows. I expect groups of folks will gather at various restaurants or we can "plan that as we go".

We **WILL** be providing lunch on Saturday (hence the request for a headcount) during the static display. This will be a simple lunch of hot dogs grilled at the park's pavilion along with the fixin's. The public is invited and welcome to come to the static display and the Mammoth Springs Park is advertising our vehicles so please **DO** set up your vehicle at the static display. Lunch at the pavilion will be for participants only. Please try to be at the Pavilion area between 0915-0945 to set up. The Static display hours are from 1000 to 1400. Bring lawn chairs if you like.

**Hotel:** We will not have a host hotel. The nearest hotel is the Mammoth Spring Lodge. Their number is: 417-264-3888 / <https://www.mammothspringlodge.com/>

There are other accommodations nearby. If you need assistance with a list we suggest you call the Mammoth Springs Visitor's Center (located at the park) at: (870) 625-7364

## **General Schedule**

### **Morning Run (Mammoth Springs Park to Cherokee Village, Hardy and return)**

#### **Friday 3 May**

Thursday, 2 May: arrivals are expected

Friday, 3 May (0900): Rendezvous at the Mammoth Springs Park/Visitor Center

0930: Depart the park on the morning route (see the route maps that follow)

#### **The route is as follows:**

- Straight through the traffic light onto Hwy 9/Main Street
- 1 mile and turn left onto Hwy 289 S/S 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- Approximately 18.2 miles turn left onto Hwy 175/Cherokee Rd
- Approximately 8 miles turn right to continue on Hwy 175/Cherokee Rd
- Approximately 3/10 mile we'll stop at the Cherokee Village City Hall
  - This will be a pit stop to stretch your legs and a relief stop if needed
  - We'll spend a little time here so you can relax
- Less than 1/10 mile turn left onto Hwy 175 N/Cherokee Rd
- 1.6 miles turn left onto US 412
- 1.4 miles turn left and go up to Bob and Sandy's Beach Club BBQ. Turn left at the Rebel Station sign
  - This is where we'll have a lunch break
  - There is also the Spring River Draft House and Grill for those who want to go there
- Depart Bob and Sandy's and return to Mammoth Spring Park (about 16 miles)

Total mileage is about 45.4.

When we return we likely will go to the park's pavilion so we don't fill up their parking lot.

Once we return to the park we'll have a quick gathering of drivers to discuss the next run and set a time. You should have some time to explore the park, relax or just hang out.

### **Afternoon Run (Mammoth Springs Park to Grand Gulf State Park and return)**

#### **Friday 3 May**

- Departing we'll turn right onto Hwy 63 N
- 1.5 miles at the traffic light, turn left onto MO-142 W/BUS 63
  - Look for the Dairy Queen as land mark
- .9 miles remain on MO-142 (bear left) just past the Bumper to Bumper parts store
- 4.7 miles turn right on to CR 377

- This is the Paul Harless, Joe Allison, Gary Cross memorial gravel road section!!
- 2.6 miles turn left on to W
- .5 miles enter Grand Gulf State Park
  - Park in the circle drive and pack them in tight please

### **Departing Grand Gulf State Park**

- Turn left out of the park (CR 378) turns into Hwy W
- 5.9 miles turn right onto MO 19 (turns into Hwy 63
- .9 miles turn right onto Hwy 63 (at the Dairy Queen)
- 1.5 miles back to Mammoth Springs Park

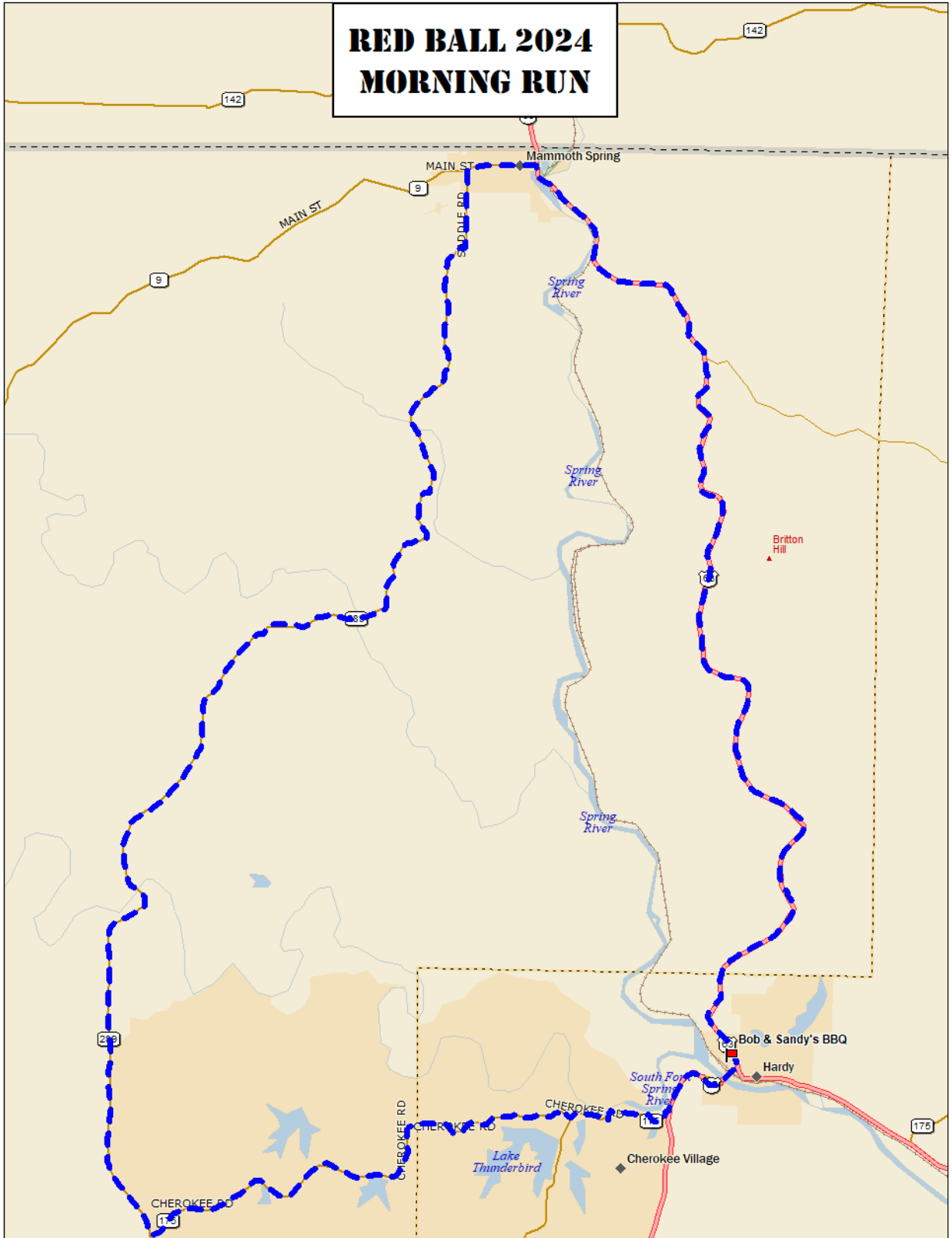
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### **Saturday**

#### **4 May**

Static display at Mammoth Springs Park- near the pavilion and baseball field.

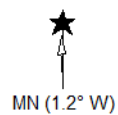
# RED BALL 2024 MORNING RUN



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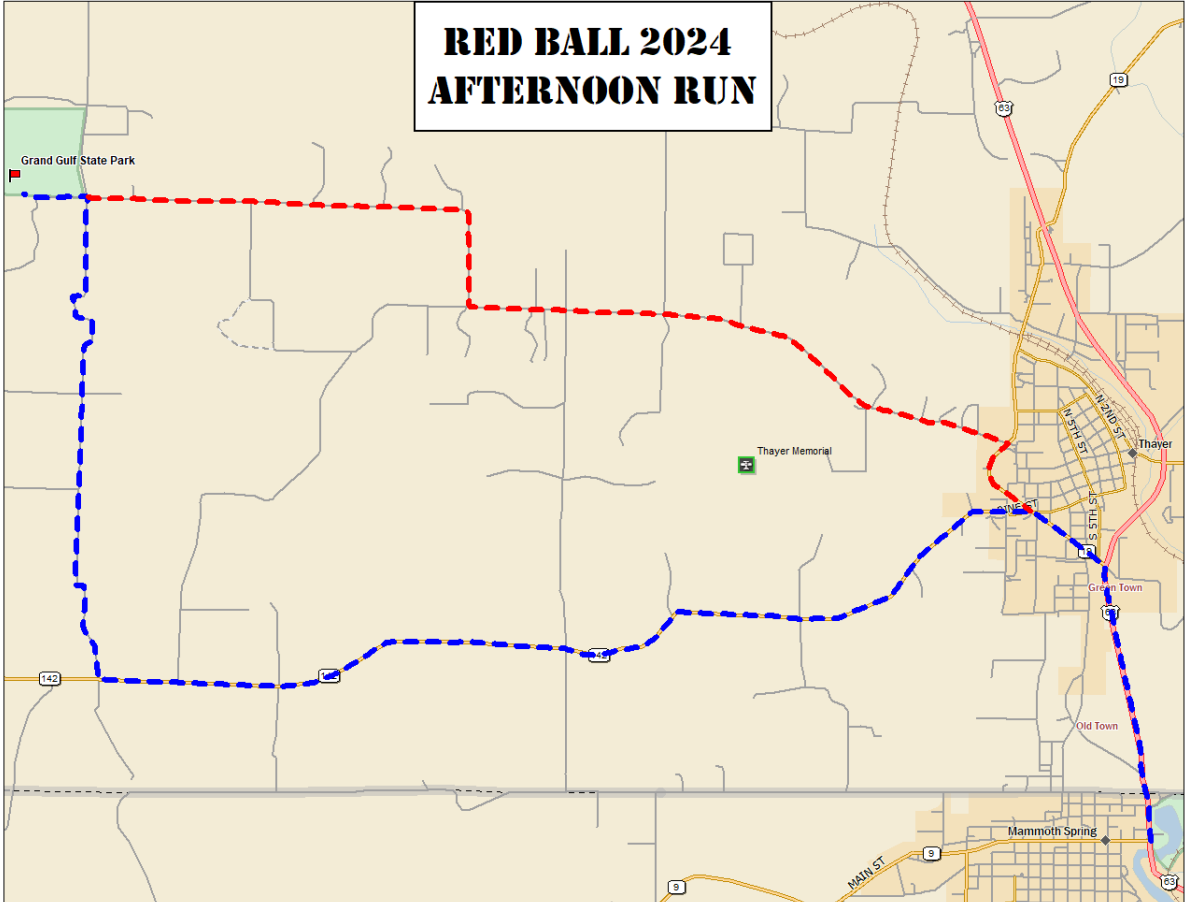
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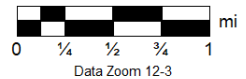


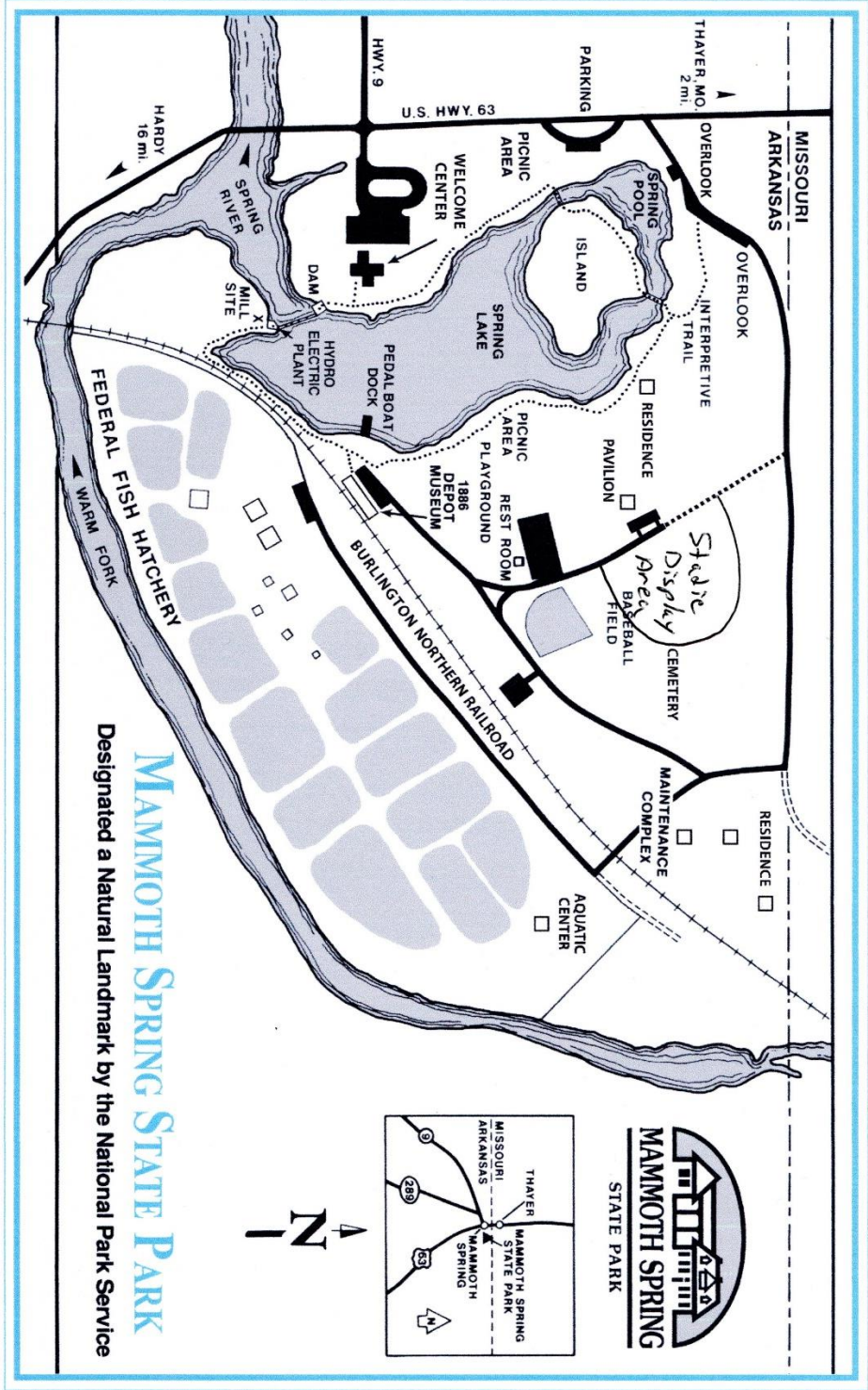
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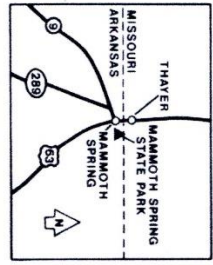


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## AREA RESTAURANTS

### Mammoth Spring

- **Fred's Fish House**. 2<sup>nd</sup> & Main, on right.  
Mon/Thurs 10 am-8 pm; Fri/Sat 10 am-8:30 pm; Sun 11am-2pm.  
870-625-7551
- **Wood's Riverbend**. Main Street on left, overlooking Spring River.
- **Sonic** Hwy 63, 870-625-7770
- **Penny Loafers** 131 S. 2nd St.  
870-710-1341 Tues-Friday 8-2 pm.
- **Goodman's Back to Eden**  
746 Hwy 63 S.  
870-625-1000  
Mon – Saturday 7-7 pm  
Delivery ✓
- **KC Bar B Que**  
438 63 S. Suite 4  
South on 63 for a mile  
417-280-1408

### Thayer

- **Country Cottage**. North on 63, left at first light. Hwy 19/142, on right. 417-264-3443  
Open 6 a.m-2 p.m. Closed Sundays  
Serving Spring Dipper Ice Cream
- **Dairy Queen** N. on 63, left at first light. 10 am – 10 pm  
417-264-2138.
- **McDonald's** N. on 63, right at second light.  
417-264-2712
- **Pizza Inn** North on 63, left at first light.  
417-264-3800
- **Subway** N. on 63, right at 2nd light. Open 7-10 417-264-2047
- **Casey's Station** N. on 63, left at first light.  
24/7 Deli/doughnuts.417-264-2788
- **Harps** N. on 63 to 2<sup>nd</sup> stoplight. Deli/Bakery  
417-264-3621
- **Stateline Plaza**  
14650 US 63 Thayer MO 65791  
417-821-1006
- **Mac & Tags Cup & Cone**  
200 Risner St.  
Thayer, MO 65791  
417-264-6161
- **Cielito Lindo**  
210Risner St.  
Thayer, MO 65791  
417-264-3301

### Hardy

- **Bluff Steak House** S. on 63 on right. Call for hours.  
870-856-4718
- **Corner Booth** 106 W Main, 6:30 am -2 pm  
7 days.  
870-856-2920
- **McDonalds** S. on 63 to Hardy. At stoplight on left  
870-856-3377
- **Spring River Draft House**  
S. on 63 to Hardy. At stoplight take right on 62\412  
Destination on right.  
870-856-6004
- **Hardy Hotdog and Blues Station**  
302 E. Main Street  
Hardy, Arkansas 72542  
(870) 847-5168
- **Smokin' Rick's BBQ**  
3844 Hwy 62/412  
Hardy, Arkansas 72542  
(870) 751-0970
- **Carol's Lakeview**.  
Hwy 175, near town center, Cherokee Village.  
870-257-3595
- **Artasia Main Bistro/Twilight Apothecary**  
112 E. Main St.  
Hardy, AR 72542  
(870) 209-7606