



Overview

(changes from last year are in bold letters)

Anyone interested in driving or learning more about driving is welcome to attend this event. We gather each year for some informal sharing of driving tips and tricks and to socialize with others who are passionate about driving llamas. If you are new to driving, **please call or e-mail Barb to see what you can do BEFORE the Drive-in to maximize your time there. If you want to learn how to teach your llama to drive, there are things you can do before this event to give your llama a head start in the learning process.**

Location—Drive 24 miles north of Coeur d’Alene on Hwy 95. Turn east on Hwy 54 at Athol. Go four more miles to entrance of Farragut State Park. From the entrance, take the first left at North Road, then the next right. Drive past the water tower on your left and the model air field on your right. Take the next right into Thimbleberry. Park anywhere in the meadow.

When You Arrive—If arriving before 3:00 p.m., stop at the kiosk next to the Visitor Center to tell them you are with the llama group camping in Thimbleberry. You will be required to purchase a vehicle pass (\$5 for each day in the park for the first motorized vehicle, and \$5 per day for a second vehicle, if any). If you get there after 3:00 p.m., but before 8:00 p.m., stop at the Visitor Center to buy a vehicle pass. If you arrive at the park entrance after 8:00 p.m., drive directly to Thimbleberry Campground, and you can get your vehicle pass in the morning at 8:00 a.m. by going back to the visitor center. Each participant is responsible for their own vehicle passes which must be displayed on the driver side of the windshield. Rangers will be coming around checking for them.

Cost— **Total cost for the weekend is \$30 per adult**, and \$5 each for spouse and kids over 7. Kids 7 and under are free. This includes camping fees, access to all demonstrations, and participation in all events. It does not include the vehicle passes, see paragraph above.

What to Bring—Camping equipment, food, potluck dishes, plates, cups, utensils, napkins, appropriate clothing. Food, water buckets, tethers or pens for the llamas. BBQ grills will be available for everyone to grill your own meat at each meal. All evening meals will be potluck as we gather at the center of the meadow to socialize under the shelter next to the grills and fire pits. **This year we have a new, one-piece, 18’ x 27’ shelter under which to gather, eat, and visit!**



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Housekeeping - We want to keep a clean camp so as not to tempt the bears that live in the park to pay us a visit. We ask that all your pot luck items be cleared from the picnic tables each evening and kept under hard cover. There are also squirrels and prairie dogs that may get into any food left unattended. Please throw llama pellets under a bush, scatter any bits of hay before you leave, and deposit all garbage in the cans. **No smoking allowed in the restrooms.**

Facilities—Thimbleberry has a large meadow to park in and tether llamas. The ground is extremely hard, so you may want to set up a corral, or tether to your trailer. Heavy duty stakes and tethers will be available for purchase from Llama Hardware. There are 4 refurbished corrals that are available to use on a first come basis, but they are not suitable for intact males. You are welcome to camp in the meadow next to your llamas, or there are campsites in the trees, some with fire pits and picnic tables. There are large modern restrooms with cold running water and flush toilets. Showers are available in nearby Waldron campground. There are two outside water spigots for the llamas. A convenience store and fast food are about four miles away for those who don't want to prepare their own meals.

Farragut State Park used to be a naval base in WWII and has miles of paved roads with little traffic. Many footpaths through the trees are also available which we will be sharing with the occasional hiker or horseman. The hills are gentle and most of the terrain is flat. If you would like to get familiar with the park beforehand, here's a link to the map of the park:

http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/assets/content/docs/Farragut_State_Park9_29_07%5B1%5D.pdf

Weather - The weather is likely to be in the 60's, 70's, or even 80's with sunshine, clouds, rain, or wind, so come prepared. Nights may dip into the 40's.

Dogs—We all love our dogs, and Farragut welcomes them ON A LEASH. Please respect the rules; keep them tied up and pick up after them. Dogs caught running loose may subject their owners to a fine.

Studs - If you're bringing an intact male, it is your responsibility to make sure he is secure at all times. There will be many open females in the meadow, and we don't want any breeding to take place during the weekend. We recommend using portable panels, a tether with a locking snap and securely fastened to your trailer, or closing him in the trailer overnight.

Grooming - We suggest that you shear and groom your llamas before arriving, as we may get some hot weather, and it's easier to blanket a llama at night than to deal with heat stress during the day. The weekend is about all things involving driving llamas, and is not intended for maintenance procedures.

Activities—Saturday at 8:30 a.m. there will be a short meeting to go over the park rules and explain how to read the map and how the Treasure Hunt works. A brown bag lunch drive is scheduled to start around 9:30 a.m. and a group photo will be taken just before heading out on the trail. The eight-mile trail that the rangers have built for buggy traffic will be explored. Those who want to take a shorter drive will have the option of following a different path. Maps will be given out to each participant. The potluck will be at 6:30 p.m. each evening with a camp fire following.

Any participant who has llama-related stuff to sell is welcome to bring a table to display and sell their wares. There is no charge for this.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE THERE!