

Clemson 4 Wheel Center

Poker Run Directions 2015

Checkpoint # 1, Draw your first card at **Clemson 4 Wheel Center** before departure.

Checkpoint # 2, draw your 2nd card at **Pat's Cash & Carry, 410 Stamp Creek Rd (SC-130), Salem**. Estimated driving time is 25 minutes. Checkpoint will be open 8:30 – 11:30.

1. Head west on US-123/US-76/SC-28 towards Seneca, go 2.8 miles to SC-130 (at Ingles store).
2. Turn right onto SC-130, go 8.7 miles to stoplight at SC-183.
3. Turn right at light to stay on SC-130/Stamp Creek Rd, go 6.0 miles to Pat's Cash & Carry on left.

Checkpoint # 3, draw your 3rd card at **Sapphire Country Store (BP Station), intersection of NC-281 & US-64, Sapphire Valley NC**. Estimated driving time is 30 minutes. Checkpoint will be open 9:00 – 12:15.

1. Head northwest on SC-130, go 22.4 miles to intersection of NC-281 and US-64 (SC-130 becomes NC-281 at the state line). Sapphire General Store is on the corner on your left as you approach the intersection.

Checkpoint # 4, draw your 4th card at **Tunnel Town Express, 6254 Highlands Hwy, Mountain Rest SC**. Estimated driving time is 2 hours 15 minutes. Checkpoint will be open 11:45 – 3:30.

1. Head west on US-64 towards Cashiers. Go 10.1 miles to NC-107 in Cashiers.
2. Turn left onto NC-107 south, go 6.9 miles to Bull Pen Road on right (across from Food City warehouse).
3. Turn right onto Bull Pen Road, go 8.7 miles to Horse Cove Road.
4. Turn left on Horse Cove Road, go 4.6 miles to US-64/NC-28 in Highlands.
5. Turn left onto NC-28 south towards Walhalla, go 13.7 miles to Burrells Ford Road on left.
6. Turn left onto Burrells Ford Road, go 9.6 miles to SC-107.
7. Turn right onto SC-107 south, go 10.1 miles to intersection with SC-28.
8. Bear left onto SC-28 south, go 1.0 miles to Tunnel Town Express on left.

Checkpoint # 5, draw your 5th and final card at **250 Winstead Road, West Union SC**. Estimated driving time is 20 minutes. Checkpoint will be open 12:15 until 4:00. **Final card must be drawn by 4:00 PM**. The optional rock climb is also at the Winstead Road checkpoint, and the BBQ and prize presentation will be held here as well. See parking information below.

1. Head south on SC-28, go 7.1 miles to SC-183 in Walhalla.
2. Turn left onto SC-183, go 2.1 miles to Fowler Rd on right.
3. Turn right onto Fowler Road, go 0.8 miles to Winstead Road on left.
4. Turn left onto Winstead Road, go 0.3 miles to checkpoint # 5 on right.

***** IMPORTANT – This is private property. Please treat it as you would want your own property treated – do not litter, do not spin tires & tear up the grass, etc. As much as is possible, please leave it as you found it. Thanks!! *****

Parking

Participant vehicles must display the windshield decal from your registration packet for access to the participant parking area/rock crawl area. Please display the decal on the driver's side windshield. Parking is available in front yard for non-participant vehicles.

There will be almost more vehicles than there's room for, so please park tightly and be considerate of other vehicle parking needs. **Please do not park on or block any driveways.**

Along the Way

Wigington Road Overlook – A beautiful overlook down onto Lake Jocassee is only 1 mile off your route, and well worth the trip if the weather is not foggy or hazy. After leaving Pat's Cash & Carry (Checkpoint # 2) on SC-130, Wigington Road is 12.7 miles on your left. Take the left and go about 1 mile to the overlook on your left. Return to your route on SC-130.

Whitewater Falls – Probably not enough time for thorough exploration on Poker Run day, but definitely make time to come back for the highest waterfall east of the Rockies. SC-130 becomes NC-281 at the state line, and the entrance is just past the state line on the right.

Cashiers, Highlands, and the forest – The trip between checkpoint # 3 and checkpoint # 4 offers many things. Sapphire Valley, the towns of Cashiers & Highlands, and about 20 miles of forest roads with several picnic areas, rivers & streams, hiking trails, etc. There's shopping, many places for lunch, convenience stores, the list goes on. Bull Pen Road has several picnic areas with tables that are 1st come, 1st served. **Highlands has public restrooms**, when you come into town on Horse Cove Road and reach US-64 (checkpoint # 4, step 4), turn right on US-64 and they're 1 block on your left.

Walhalla State Fish Hatchery – 3.3 miles/8 minutes off your route, tens of thousands of brown, brook and rainbow trout from fingerlings to frying pan size can be seen as they're being raised for stocking area streams. From the intersection of Burrells Ford Road and SC-107 (checkpoint # 4, step 6), turn left on SC-107 and go 1.5 miles to Fish Hatchery Road on your left. Hours are 8 AM until 4 PM daily.

Cherry Hill Recreation Area – Primitive camping, hiking, etc. If you're looking for a nice place to get away, this USDA Forest Service rec. area is easily accessible. On your left on SC-107 about 1.5 miles south of Burrells Ford Road. Check it out online at fs.usda.gov.

Stumphouse Tunnel – Fascinating history, fascinating example of antebellum engineering despite being unfinished, as work was cut short by the war. 1.7 miles from the Tunnel Town checkpoint, as you descend from the mountains towards Walhalla on SC-28, the entrance is on your left just past the ranger station.