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RALLY GUIDE 1

the OVERMOUNTAIN RALLY TENNESSEE
19 - 21 SEPTEMBER, 2025

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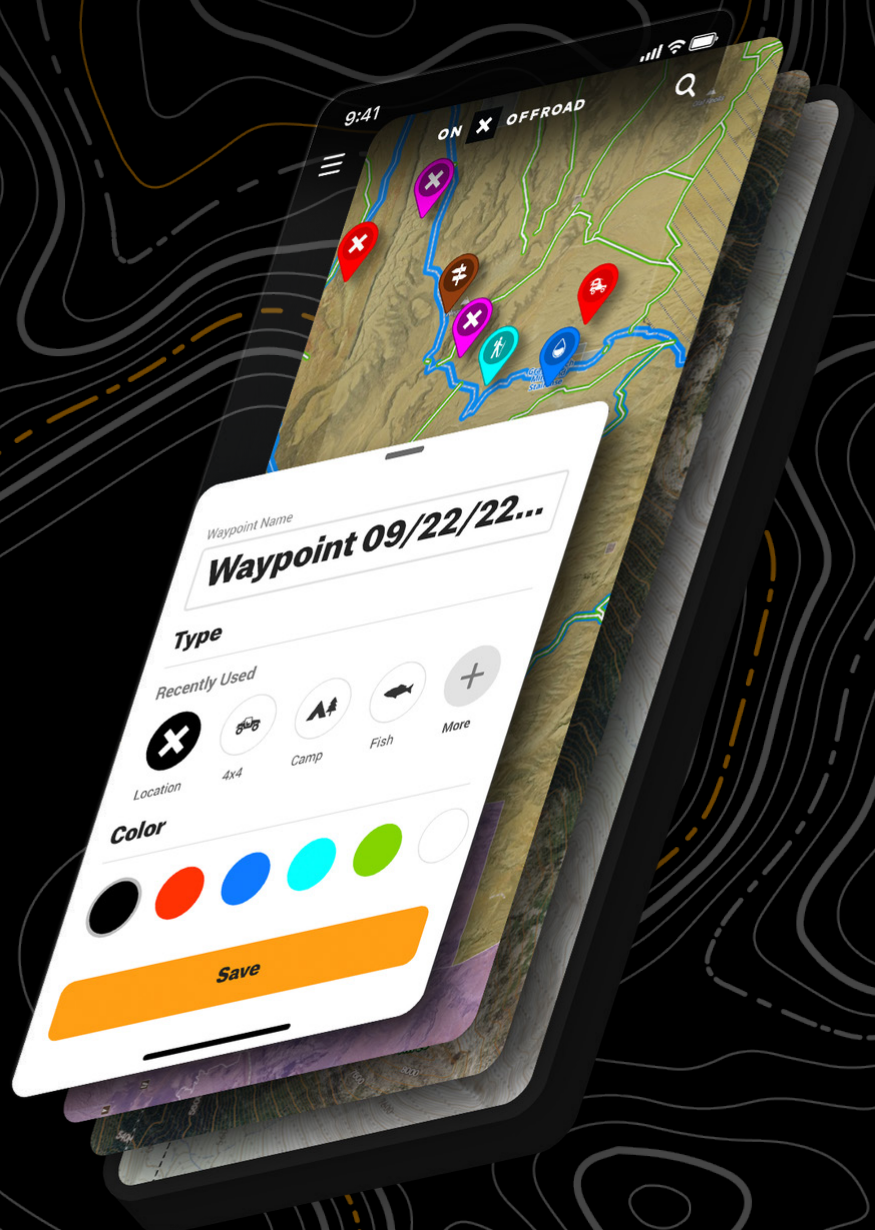


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1 INTRODUCTION AND EVENT DESCRIPTION

This document has no regulatory power – for information only.

This Rally Guide has been created to aid competitors in pre-event planning. We hope that you find this early information useful in planning your trip to the Overmountain Rally Tennessee. All contents are subject to correction in the Supplementary Regulations.

Clerk of the Course
Andrew D. Frick

1.1 FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome!

We're glad that you're interested in competing in the 2025 Overmountain Rally Tennessee! This event is a test of skill and endurance as you attack the gnarly gravel stages of Southern Appalachia. We have taken competitor feedback into account and have made some changes for this year.

The rally is now based in Newport, TN with a single service area and fan zone at Newport Speedway. Competitors from last year will remember Newport Speedway from the head-to-head Super Special Stage (which will be returning!). Service load in is Friday with teardown on Sunday – no moving service locations. Camping will also be available at the Speedway for all competitors and crew, and scrutineering will take place in the infield tech building.

With the addition of a fan zone at Newport Speedway, we are happy to offer activation space for National entries and their sponsors. If your team is interested in participating in the sponsor activation zone, please fill out the form which will be made available on the event Sportity.

The physical distance between the stages has been reduced, allowing for a more compact recce schedule which can be completed entirely on Friday. We are also allowing recce on Thursday afternoon, but crews will be limited to two passes on each stage regardless of recce day. So, there is limited competitive advantage to arriving *extra* early. The purpose is to accommodate as many competitors and individual schedules as possible and shorten the duration of the rally.

If you're a social media type, please tag [@ara_rally](#) and [@9lakeeasttn](#) in your posts, and remember to use the hashtags [#ARARally](#), [#OVRMTN25](#) and [#OvermountainRally](#) so we can all follow along!

We hope you enjoy the changes to the event for this year and the new stages! See you this fall!

Chairman
Dave Matheson



1.2 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

This event will be held under the current General Competition Rules, Rally Technical Rules, and Rally Competition Rules of the American Rally Association (ARA). The 2025 American Rally Association Rules and Regulations can be found at <https://www.americanrallyassociation.org/rulesandbulletins>.

1.3 INTRODUCTION

Name of the event: Overmountain Rally Tennessee
 Place of the event: Newport, TN \ Cherokee National Forest
 Date of the event: September 19th – September 21st 2025
 Time Zone of the event: Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-4)

1.4 TITLE FOR WHICH THE RALLY COUNTS

ARA National Championship
 ARA East Regional Championship

1.5 ROAD SURFACE

Packed Gravel 65% / Dirt 30% / Tarmac 5%

1.6 ROUTE OVERVIEW

	National Entry	Regional Entry
Total Distance of Course	402.56* miles	353.36* miles
Number of Special Stages	16	15
Total Distance of Special Stages	100.04* miles (25%)	90.54* miles (26%)

* Mileage is estimated; final route mileages will be released in the Supplementary Regulations

2 ORGANIZATION

2.1 ORGANIZING GROUPS

Name of the organizing body: **Appalachian Rallysport LLC**

2.2 ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFO

Appalachian Rallysport LLC	
Mail	179 Frank Hilbert Rd. Jonesborough, TN 37659
Phone	423.747.3040
Email	Chairman@Overmountain-Rally.com

2.3 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chairman	David Matheson	Chairman@Overmountain-Rally.com 423.747.3040
Clerk of the Course	Andrew Frick	Andrew.d.frick@gmail.com 864.735.5301

2.4 STEWARDS OF THE MEETING

ARA Steward	Justin Pritchard	justinpritchard550@gmail.com 614-348-0394
Event Steward	TBD	

2.5 SENIOR OFFICIALS

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Chief Scrutineer	Walter Clark	WalterClark171@gmail.com 781.540.9134
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Rescue Team Coordinator	Chief Cody Keys	Ckeys606@gmail.com 423.415.6656
Chief Medical Officer	TBD	TBD
Chief of Controls	Maegan Burkart	Littlepatchalpacas@gmail.com 513.708.6848

2.6 ARA OFFICIALS

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Safety Delegate	Lee Sorenson	lsn6sti@gmail.com
Safety Delegate	Dave Carapetyan	

2.7 LOCATION OF RALLY HEADQUARTERS

[See Supplementary Regulations]

2.8 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

There will be no physical notice board. All official documents, bulletins, start orders, provisional results, inquiries, and responses will use the Sportity App.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE APP](#)

ENTER PASSWORD: OVRMTN25

Links to desktop versions of the notice board:

<https://overmountain-rally.com/competitors>

<https://webapp.sportity.com/channel/OVRMTN25>



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3 SCHEDULE

3.1 SCHEDULE BEFORE RALLY WEEK

All times and dates in the schedule below are estimated and subject to change.

All times are Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-4)

MONDAY AUGUST 4			
12:00		Regular Entry Opens	www.enterrally.com
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1			
00:00		Late Entry Opens/ Regular Entry Closes	www.enterrally.com
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3			
Advance Information available on or before this date			Sportity
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8			
00:00		Entry Closes	www.enterrally.com

3.2 SCHEDULE DURING RALLY WEEK

All times are Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-4)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14			
Provisional Leg 1 Start List Published			Sportity
19:00	21:00	Novice Competitor Virtual Meeting	Online Teams Meeting
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17			
19:00	20:30	Competitor Check-in (Testing participants only)	Best Western Newport Inn – Newport TN
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18			
9:00	12:00	Open Test Session	Test Location – Bluff City, TN
12:00	14:00	Competitor Check-in	Best Western Newport Inn – Newport TN
14:00	20:15	Reconnaissance	Special Stages
18:00	21:00	Competitor & Crew Check-in	Best Western Newport Inn – Newport TN
21:00		Late check-in	Contact Registrar
23:30*		Start Order Finalized for Leg 1 & Leg 2	Sportity

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19			
7:00	19:15	Reconnaissance	Special Stages
8:00		Service Park Gates Open	Service Park – Newport Speedway
10:00	18:00	Scrutineering (by appt)	Service Park – Newport Speedway
18:30		Cars present in Parc Exposé	Service Park – Newport Speedway
20:00		Crews present in Parc Exposé	Service Park – Newport Speedway
20:30*		Super Special Driver’s Safety Meeting <i>Delivered by CoC</i>	ARA Podium Trailer
21:00*		FCO – Start Leg 1	Newport Super Special
21:02*		FCI – End Leg 1	Service Park – Newport Speedway
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20			
9:30		Cars must be present in Parc Exposé	Service Park – Newport Speedway
10:15*		Driver’s Safety Meeting <i>Delivered by ARA Steward</i>	ARA Podium Trailer
10:00		FCO – Start Leg 2	Service Park – Newport Speedway
18:11*		FCI – End Leg 2	Service Park – Newport Speedway
21:30*		Start Order Finalized for Leg 3	Sportity
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21			
8:30		Cars must be present in Parc Exposé	Service Park – Newport Speedway
9:00		FCO – Start Leg 3	Service Park – Newport Speedway
17:30*		Regional Scores Posted/ Podium	Sportity
20:00*		National Scores Posted/ Podium	Sportity
17:00*	22:00*	After Party and BBQ!	Service Park – Newport Speedway
*Denotes approximate time			
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22			
10:00		Service Park Gates Close	Service Park – Newport Speedway

4 ENTRIES

4.1 TITLES FOR WHICH THE RALLY COUNTS

ARA National Championship
 or
 ARA East Regional Championship

4.2 ENTRY PROCEDURE

Entry and payment must be made online at www.enterrally.com. ARA will send an email blast to ARA license holders announcing the opening of entry. For assistance with online event registration, contact ara@ara-rally.com or the event registrar. Entry payments cannot be accepted at the event.

4.3 NUMBER OF ENTRANTS ACCEPTED

Due to the nature of the event and limited space, the number of **entrants will be capped at 60**. Entries after the cap can be placed on a first-paid-first-in waitlist. Waitlisted competitors who are not allowed entry will receive a full refund.

4.4 DATES AND FEES

Including Optional Organizer’s Advertising	Regular	Late
Regional Championship Entry	\$1200	\$1300
National Championship Entry	\$1600	\$1700
Not Including Optional Organizer’s Advertising	Regular	Late
Regional Championship Entry	\$2200*	\$2300*
National Championship Entry	\$2600*	\$2700*
Recce Participation Only	Regular	Late
Includes all printed materials	\$300	\$300

Early and Late dates are in the [Schedule](#)

*See Section 9

All entries include recce participation, tulip route book, printed Supplementary Regulations, printed Service Crew Packet elements as defined by RCR 7.1.5, and use of a single, standard service site.

National Championship entries also include reserved sponsor activation space in the Fan Zone. See Section 5.6 for more information.

4.5 EVENT CANCELLATION

The organizer reserves the right to cancel the event for any reason up to the end of the Late Entry period or up to the day of the rally due to force majeure. Registered competitors will be given a full refund.

The organizer reserves the right to raise the number of entries accepted.

4.6 WITHDRAWAL POLICY AND REFUNDS

Entrants may revise or withdraw their entry prior to the closing date by completing the Entry Update/Withdrawal form available on the Sportity app in the Registrar folder. Withdrawal policy and refunds per ARA GCR Section 4.9.

Refunds Policy:

Withdrawal before the end of Early Entry Period: Full

Withdrawal after the end of Early Entry Period: Entry fee less \$500

No refunds will be made after entry closes. See [Schedule](#).

Withdrawing during the event can be actioned by completing the online NCE/RAR/Withdraw form that will be in the Sportity inquiry folder.

5 SERVICE PARK

5.1 LOCATION

Newport Speedway

GPS Location: [36.017782, -83.207620](#)

5.2 ACCESS TIMES

Gates Open: 08:00, Friday, September 19th

Gates Close: 10:00, Monday, September 22nd

Camping will be available on site for competitors and crew members; see Section 11.3 for more details. The service park will be accessible for the duration of the event. All crews must be packed up and off site before the gates close on Monday.

5.3 FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS

- General security
- Restrooms with running water
- Waste containers
- Concession stands
- Camping; see Section 11.3

5.4 SURFACE AND SIZE

All service area assignments will be on packed gravel or pavement. Standard service areas are 20 feet by 40 feet per race vehicle. An additional, connected standard service area can be reserved during the online registration process for \$200.

5.5 SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

[See Supplementary Regulations]

5.6 FAN ZONE – SPONSOR ACTIVATION SPACE

National entrants will be provided with sponsor activation space in the Fan Zone at Newport Speedway. Space is limited, so please fill out the information form on the event Sportity. Reach out to the event Chairman with any questions. Further information will be provided for participating teams.

6 TWO-WAY RADIOS

6.1 REGISTRATION AND PROCEDURE

The use of Amateur Radio frequencies is governed by the FCC. For details, see [FCC.gov](https://www.fcc.gov).

7 FUEL AND TIRES

[See Supplementary Regulations]

8 PARC EXPOSÉ

[See Supplementary Regulations]

9 ADVERTISING

9.1 ORGANIZER SUPPLIED

The Overmountain Rally Tennessee will use the optional organizer’s advertising space allowed by the current ARA rules. Teams may refuse the optional organizer’s advertising at any point before TC0 by contacting the event Chairman and paying a \$1000 fee. This can be completed during online registration by choosing the “Not Including Optional Organizer’s Advertising” entry.

All ARA series advertising must be properly displayed on competition cars.



- 1 Door Placards: 24" w x 10" h
- 2 Event Sponsor: 24" w x 10" h
- 3 Rear Window Decals

10 COMPETITOR CHECK-IN

[See Supplementary Regulations]

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1020 Cosby Hwy.
Newport, TN 37821

6.8
Miles from
Speedway
Holiday Inn
(888) 465-4329
1022 Cosby Hwy.
Newport, TN 37821

6.8
Miles from
Speedway
Best Western
(423) 623-8713
1015 Cosby Hwy.
Newport, TN 37821

17
Miles from
Speedway
**Cocke County Cosby
Creek Cabins**
(423) 487-3333
4376 Cosby Hwy.
Cosby, TN 37722

17
Miles from
Speedway
Moore's Cabins
423-487-5615
4406 Liberty Rd.
Cosby, TN 37722

19.9
Miles from
Speedway
**Smoky Mountain
Skycamp**
828-712-8956
2302 S. Highway 32
Cosby, TN 37722

4.8
Miles from
Speedway
KOA Newport
423-608-6042
240 KOA Lane.
Newport, TN 37821

Campgrounds/RV

19
Miles from
Speedway
Hidden Stills
423-353-8450
224 Stonebrook /way
Cosby, TN 37722

22
Miles from
Speedway
Roamstead
423-487-5534
4946 Hooper Highway
Cosby, TN 37722

22
Miles from
Speedway
Shoestring Creek
423-237-7764
6035 Shoestring Way
Cosby, TN 37722

13
Miles from
Speedway
Triple Creek
423-465-3060
141 Lower Bogard Rd.,
Cosby, TN 37722

Bed & Breakfasts

13
Miles from
Speedway
**Whisperwood Lodge/
Creekwalk Inn**
423-487-4000
166 Middle Creek Rd.
Cosby, TN 37722

18.9
Miles from
Speedway
French Broad Outpost
800-995-7678
461 Old River Rd.
Del Rio, TN 37727

• WHERE TO EAT •

Big Boys/Country Cooking • Open 7 am-9 pm
708 Cosby Highway, Newport, TN 37821 • 423-532-8132

China One -Chinese • Open 11-9
133 Western Plaza Way, Newport, TN • 423-237-6865

Fox and Hound/American Cuisine • Open 11-9
127 Fox and Hound Way Newport, TN 37821 • 423-623-9161

The Grease Rack/Steaks & Burgers • Open 4:30-9:00 Wed-Sat
555 Morrell Springs Rd. • 423-623-9279

Itako/Japanese Grill • Open 11-9
132 Newport Towne Centre, Newport, Tn 37821 • 423-532-7157

La Caretta/Mexican • Open 11-10
119 Western Plaza Way, Newport, TN 37821 • 423-623-0485

Milanos- Italian • Open 11-9
465 W. Broadway, Newport, TN 37821 • 423-625-3472

Neighborhood Beer House/Breakfast, Burgers & More • Open 8AM - 9
237 E. Broadway, Newport TN • 423-237-6067

Monterrey/Mexican • Open 11-10
130 Newport Towne Centre, Newport TN 37821 • 423-623-0104

Portofinos/Italian • Open 11- 9:30
115 Epley Dr., Newport, TN 37821 • 423-720-9011

Ruby Tuesday/New American • Open 11-9
1005 Cosby Highway, Newport, TN 37821 • 423-613-0769

Simpl Café/Breakfast & Lunch • Open 8 am-2
386 E. Main St., Newport, TN 37821 • 423-720-9067

Snowbird/Coffee House • Open 8am-5
237 E. Main St., Newport TN 37821 • 423-415-5688

For more resources log on to yallvisittthesmokies.com

11 HOTELS AND CAMPING

11.1 OFFICIAL RALLY HOTEL

The event has partnered with the **Best Western Newport Inn** to offer exclusive discounted rates: **\$89/night on weekdays and \$99/night on weekends.**

To book, call 423-623-8713 and mention you're with The Overmountain Rally TN, or use this direct link:

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM ONLINE](#)

11.2 OTHER HOTELS

Other hotel options are available within Newport. Please be sure to tell them you are with The Overmountain Rally TN when you book.

[CLICK HERE TO EXPLORE MORE PLACES TO STAY](#)

11.3 CAMPING AT NEWPORT SPEEDWAY

Primitive camping (no electricity or water hookups) will be available on-site at Newport Speedway. The campground is within walking distance of the service area, and motorhomes/ travel trailers are allowed. Campsites are limited; costs and details on how to reserve campsites will be available in the Supplementary Regulations.

Competitors and crews will also be allowed to camp in their assigned service area Friday through Monday during the access times in noted in Section 5.2. Motorhomes and campers are not allowed in the service area. Additional costs for camping in the service area will be available in the Supplementary Regulations.

12 RECONNAISSANCE

Monitored 2-pass reconnaissance will be available on the dates and times specified in the [Schedule](#).

[See Supplementary Regulations]

13 SCRUTINEERING

Scrutineering will take place in the infield tech shed at Newport Speedway. This location is adjacent to the service area. Scrutineering will be by appointment only.

[See Supplementary Regulations]

14 SHAKEDOWN AND TESTING

14.1 TESTING

Pre-event testing will be provided for an additional \$300 entry fee payable during online event registration. Reference [Schedule](#).

[See Supplementary Regulations]

14.2 TESTING LOCATION

The test stage is located in Sullivan County, TN. The road is representative of the competition stages and has been used in previous rallies.

15 START PROCEDURE

[See Supplementary Regulations]

16 FINISH PROCEDURE

[See Supplementary Regulations]

17 PR ACTIVITIES

[Available in Later Guides]

18 MEDIA

18.1 SERIES MEDIA CONTACT

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18.2 ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE / CRITERIA AND DEADLINE

All media accreditation is completed through ARA. Media applications will open on July 1st and CLOSE on September 15th. The media application and procedure for applying is available on the Media page of the ARA Website. Please make sure to read the ARA policies and procedures for the event.

<https://www.americanrallyassociation.org/media>



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