

# **GUIDE TO BONNEVILLE – SPECTATORS**

## **SPEED WEEK 2016**

The Bonneville Speedway is located approximately 88 miles west of Salt Lake City, UT right off Interstate 80. Wendover is the closest town to the salt flats for accommodations, food, casinos & night life. The spectacular scenery and racing conditions at Bonneville make it one of the most popular areas in the world for speed.

Speed Week consists of seven days of racing in August and World Final is four days of racing in October.

ALL vehicles are allowed to run every day, weather and conditions permitting. There are no special days for motorcycles or cars, etc.

There are no special times that any specific class runs, competitors simply pull into the staging lanes and await their turn.

There is no camping ON the salt. EVERYONE must exit the salt at dusk.

Spectators are allowed to walk through the pits, view the vehicles, and talk to the drivers and crew members. Public parking is south of the pit area, on the west side of the race track, outside of the cones.

There will be vendors located on the salt for food, refreshments, eyewear, sunscreen & much more.

Please pick up ALL of your trash and take it with you—**everyday**. There will be dumpsters provided near the pit area.

Be sure to bring a hat, and shade from the sun. If you intend to set up a 'semi-permanent' spectator area, you must secure a tarp as a floor covering on the salt. Don't forget your camera and bring lots of film, because you will want to remember everything you see. Binoculars are also a great idea since the race vehicles are at least 1/4 mile away as they travel down the course.

The colors, excitement, people and smells are some of the reasons we race addicts return to the salt, year after year. Better known as "Salt Fever." **CATCH IT!**

Hotel and accommodation information is available through the Wendover Tourism and Convention Bureau, 1-775-664-3138 or Toll Free 1-866-299-2489.

### **PRESS PASS Info:**

All Press, Photographers, & Videographers must contact JoAnne Carlson @ the SCTA Office BEFORE Speed Week. You can call her at 559-528-6279 or email her at [media@scta-bni.org](mailto:media@scta-bni.org)

### **Ticket Info:**

Day Pass - \$20 (each day) – Available at the Entrance Gate

Week Pass - \$50.00 – Available at the Entrance Gate

\*CASH ONLY – NO CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS\*

\*THERE ARE NO ADVANCE TICKET SALES\*

### **SCTA Store Trailer:**

Make sure you come by and get your souvenirs - Hats, T-Shirts, Posters, Pins, Plaques, Decals, Rulebooks, SCTA Cool Wraps, etc...There is something for everyone. \*CASH & CREDIT CARDS ONLY – NO CHECKS\*

\*If you would like to purchase a SCTA Rulebook before you leave, you can go to the SCTA website and order one from the online store\*

## **Hotel / Lodging Info:**

### **Montego Bay Resort**

[www.wendoverfun.com](http://www.wendoverfun.com)  
100 W. Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
775-664-4800

### **Peppermill Casino**

[www.wendoverfun.com](http://www.wendoverfun.com)  
680 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
775-664-2255

### **Rainbow Casino**

[www.wendoverfun.com](http://www.wendoverfun.com)  
1045 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
775-664-4000

### **Wendover Nugget Hotel & Casino**

[www.wendoverresorts.net](http://www.wendoverresorts.net)  
101 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
800-848-7300

### **Red Garter Hotel & Casino**

[www.wendoverresorts.net](http://www.wendoverresorts.net)  
1225 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
800-982-2111

### **Quality Inn Stateline**

245 E. Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, UT.  
435-665-2226

### **Super 8 Wendover**

245 E. Wendover Blvd.  
Wendover, UT  
435-665-7811

### **Motel 6 Wendover**

561 E. Wendover Blvd.  
Wendover, UT  
435-665-2267

### **Knights Inn Wendover**

505 E. Wendover Blvd.  
Wendover, UT  
435-665-7744

### **Best Western Plus Wendover Inn**

685 E. Wendover Blvd.  
Wendover, UT  
435-665-2215

## **KOA / Camping Info:**

**Wendover KOA – Campgrounds of America**

651 Camper Dr.  
Wendover, NV.  
775-664-3221

**Wendover Nugget RV Park**

101 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
800-848-7300

**\*Free Dry Camping (No Amenities) on BLM Land West of the Salt Near Bend of the Road\***

**Transportation Info:**

**Affordable Rent-A-Car & Sales**

4000 S. State St.  
Salt Lake City, UT  
801-266-7368

**Dollar Rent-A-Car**

601 N. 3800 W  
Salt Lake City, UT  
801-575-2580

**Rugged Rental**

2740 California Ave. #2  
Salt Lake City, UT  
801-977-9111

**Enterprise Rent-A-Car**

404 S. 300 W.  
Salt Lake City, UT  
801-534-1888

**Enterprise Rent-A-Car**

776 N. Terminal Dr.  
Salt Lake City, UT  
801-537-7433

**Hertz Rent-A-Car**

775 N. Terminal Dr.  
Salt Lake City, UT  
801-575-2683

**Hertz Rent-A-Car**

2248 S. Main St.  
Salt Lake City, UT  
801-596-2670

**Le Bus**

542 Delong St.  
Salt Lake City, UT  
801-975-0202

**Restaraunt Info:**

**The Steak House**

1045 Wendover Blvd.

Wendover, NV  
800-537-0207 x-36504

**Romanza – (At the Montego Bay Casino)**

100 W. Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
775-664-4800

**Pancho & Willie's – (At Peppermill Casino)**

680 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV  
800-217-0049

**Rainforest Buffet – (At the Rainbow Casino)**

680 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV  
702-664-2255

**Paradise Grill – (At the Montego Bay Casino)**

100 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV  
800-537-0207

**Oceano Buffet – (At the Montego Bay Casino)**

100 W. Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
775-664-4800

**Paradise Cafe – (At the Montego Bay Casino)**

100 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV  
800-537-0207

**Golden Harvest – (At the Wendover Nugget Casino)**

101 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
775-664-2221

**The Nugget Steakhouse – (At the Wendover Nugget Casino)**

101 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
775-664-2221

**Prospector Café – (At the Red Garter Casino)**

1225 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
775-664-2111

**Over the Rainbow – (At the Rainbow Casino)**

1045 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
775-664-4000

**Nugget Buffet – (At the Wendover Nugget Casino)**

101 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV.  
775-664-2221

**Grand Café & Buffet – (At Peppermill Casino)**

680 Wendover Blvd.

West Wendover, NV  
800-217-0049

**Pizza Hut**

1751 Pueblo Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV  
775-664-4433

**Burger King**

910 Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV  
775-664-2693

**McDonald's**

1120 W. Wendover Blvd.  
West Wendover, NV  
775-664-3633

**Things To Bring:**

Big hat – Most people at the salt don't wear baseball caps unless they are red, blue, or black. Pretty much everybody else is wearing something closer to what a farmer or crocodile wrangler would wear. You want something with a big brim to keep the sun off of your face even when it is low in the morning or evening.

Lots of sunscreen – the sun shines bright every day and is reflected up by the salt like a mirror. Be sure to apply sunscreen to the bottom of arms, nose, and ears. If wearing shorts, apply lots of sunscreen to legs. Women (or men, I suppose) wearing skirts beware that you might find some pink inner thighs at the end of the first day! If you're one of those people that says "I never burn, I'll be fine"...this will be your opportunity to join those of us who are more pigment challenged.

Sunglasses: Those \$200 name brand sunglasses you packed will be worthless once you see how well the sunglasses work that are sold on the salt. We recommend spending the \$20 or so earlier in the week than later. You can purchase these incredible sunglasses is in our vendor area near the Red Flame food concession look for "Squint Sunglasses". Look at all the people who look like experienced racers... see what they are wearing. Yes, \$20 glasses.

Shoes: A lot of people show up in flip flops... this is not a good idea. The salt sticks to EVERYTHING and will dry out your feet something terrible after a day or two. Not to mention the fact that your feet are plopped down horizontally all day catching the suns desert rays... sunburn and salt is not a good combo!

Camera: Inevitably you'll see something you want to take a picture of (whether it's a controversial flathead ignition system or a dog in boots...). I'll post a "lessons learned taking pictures at Bonneville" thread closer to the event date.

Chair: Bring it for camping and take it to the salt with you. You'll do plenty of walking as spectator cars are not allowed in the pits... but you can walk through the pits – which stretch over about three miles. You'll be glad you have chair to plop on between rounds of walking back and forth.

Popup Tent: A popup makes a nice shady place to sit and "holds" your base camp spot for viewing the racing. The winds can get nasty on the salt at times, so if you bring a popup bring plenty of stakes and a hammer ( the salt is slightly softer than concrete ) and bring weights and ropes to tie it down too. If you're leaving it unattended for a while, take the top off and tie it up. There are chairs and tents strewn across the pits every year, and occasionally blown across the course. Don't be that guy! If you don't have a good way to get a popop tent there (i.e. a local racer to is taking a trailer) then don't worry about this. Just plan on spending more time in the econo-box rental car you got. If you want a real insider's tip look at the flat top simple shade structures that the experienced racers erect. This is a real secret. The use of shade cloth (not solid material) allows the air to flow through it much easier and the flat top help to keep it from wanting to fly like the peak top easy-up style shade structures. You will still need to tie them down but they will not trash themselves in moderate wind.

Tent & camping supplies: Some people sleep in their rental cars, some people spend \$300+/night for hotel rooms, some bring RVs, and some people bring tents. The tent option works well if that is your choice. Be sure to bring all of the associated junk (air mattress/mat, PILLOW, etc...). You can camp at the Bend in the Road, and another camp site just down the road for free...

find your own space and set up. There are generally Honey Buckets in these areas. Be warned... if you camp close to the hoard... it can be quite noisy at night... and sometimes ALL night. If it rains and you are camped in the lower campground on the east side of the road, plan on not getting out easily. From what I've heard the dirt is like silt and turns into extremely slick mud. Camping on the west of the road on the hill is advisable for the sensible campers.

Shower/Baby Wipes: you can get a shower at the truck stop on the corner for a couple bucks, but it can be quite a wait during busy times. You can pass your wait time by eating at the Mexican restaurant in the truck stop... also a long wait at times. Regardless of the shower option, bring plenty of baby wipes... salt gets in, on and around everything and it can make your skin sting a little... especially once your first layer of sunburn sets in. Sunscreen is sticky and it sure feels nice to take a quick baby wipe bath and get all the salt off your skin, which is now stuck in the five layers of sunscreen you have on.

Water: Too heavy to ship, easy to throw in the trunk of a rental car. Plan on drinking 5-8 bottles of water per day per person. Don't get dehydrated it still happens to several people each year. A bottle of Gatorade or equivalent drink that has electrolytes in it is also recommended.

Salty snacks: Chips, peanuts, etc... You are going to be sweating a lot

Trash Bags & Duct Tape: Consider just how much money the rental car company will charge you if you bring back their car full of salt. Spend the time and money (don't skimp on cheap duct tape!) and tape trash bags down on the floorboards and in the trunk. It's best to get about 6" above the floor, too. You'll be shocked where this stuff will migrate to.

### **Things To Do Before Leaving:**

Gasoline: If you forget to buy gasoline in Wendover, you could find yourself 35 miles into nowhere with 35 miles to go and on fumes.

Car Wash: You will have to find a pay & spray style car wash (ideally with the bendy elbows on the spray guns) and spend the time to get ALL the salt out. It's a good idea to bring a tarp/poncho or a huge trash bag to wrap yourself up in because you're going to be lying on the ground spraying packed in salt off the bottom of the rental car for an hour. A change of clothes and some more of those baby wipes makes for a nicer flight home after this little exercise. Rental car companies will charge \$500+ to clean cars that have been on the salt.