



## PCA WILDERNESS TRAIL REGION



Drive 04 – Porsche Club Drive & Wine Tasting – US421 The Snake & Abingdon Vineyards

Date: 03/27/2021

Meeting Point: Sullivan County Clerk in Blountville (3258 TN-126, Blountville, TN)

Meeting Time: 1:15 pm

Route length: 62 miles – 2:00h including two stops

Drive ends at: Abingdon Vineyards

Organizer: Leandro Nascimento (423-440-0805)

RSVP at: <https://wtrpca.org/>

Event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/741963616436038>

Route: <https://goo.gl/maps/x1EHJA7LQw91i2rr7>

This is all you need to know... But if you want to know more, here are some extra details...

### Event Summary

What is a better way to end an exhilarating drive than relaxing with other Porsche enthusiasts and friends, surrounded by nature, enjoying live outdoors live music and relaxing with the sound of the South Holston River in the background, while tasting wine grown locally?

On March 27th, we will meet at 1:15 PM at the Sullivan County Clerk in Blountville (3258 TN-126, Blountville, TN) and drive towards US421 – The Snake. We will make a stop at the Shady Valley Country Store and head towards Mountain City, where we will make another stop at the Amazing Grace Christian Fellowship to regroup before we head towards Damascus via TN-91. Just 8 miles after Damascus we will arrive at the Abingdon Vineyards. This is a rain or shine event.

The total drive is 62 miles – about 2:00 hours counting the stops we will make before arriving at the final destination. For insurance purposes, **the PCA event ends when we arrive at Abingdon Vineyards.**

Don't let the "low miles" of this event fool you. The Snake (US-421) is said to have "489 curves, 3 mountains and 1 valley packed in 33 miles". It is considered by many, better than the legendary Tail of the Dragon and it is ranked #4 among 68 driving routes in Tennessee (according to the "motorcycleroads.com"). The ride goes through the Cherokee National Forest with some great views as you ascend over the mountain ridge on some of the best twists in the area. The climb over the second ridge is as good as the first with more twisting/turning roads that will leave you exhilarated.

Since many of you are familiar with The Snake (US421), let me talk a little bit about Abingdon Vineyards: It was founded in 2001 by retired engineers, Bob Carlson & Janet Nordin. In the summer of 2018, the Gardner Family moved from Napa Valley, California to Virginia to build the legacy. They have 13 acres of grapes and craft incredible wine from the harvest.



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Owner, Loren Gardner, grew up in Napa Valley, studied viticulture and wine making at UC Davis, and built many wineries and vineyards with his construction company. He has embraced the regional grape varietals and created world class wines with a unique terroir.

Vineyard Manager and Cellar Master, Adam Bolt, began his career at Abingdon Vineyards before spending 4 years developing the viticulture program at Nicewonder Vineyards. He is now back at Abingdon Vineyards, which he calls "home."

Owner, Elizabeth Gardner, is a Stanford graduate, Certified Natural Chef, Master Gardener and has a Teaching Credential and Master's Degree in Education. An entrepreneur at heart, she has started and sold two businesses in California.

They are located just a short distance east of the busy I-81 highway, at the confluence of Louse Creek and the South Holston River, in a setting that seems more rural than it really is. The winery buildings lend to that backwoods feel, and it seems a natural destination to snuggle up in front of the fire on a cool fall or winter afternoon. The grounds surrounding the tasting room have been carved out of the surrounding forest. Nevertheless, they are well-groomed and offer ample space to sit along the banks of the creek. Seating is also available on the patio at the rear of the tasting room. There is more than enough space to linger and enjoy the mountain air with a glass of Abingdon wine. They can accommodate comfortably 20 people at the outside heated patio, 24 at the conference room, 20 at the tasting room and many more around the property and picnic tables by the river.

Check their website for more information: <https://www.abingdonvineyards.com/>

Browse around the Google Reviews. They have 4.8/5.0 stars – if you read the comments you will see why I am so excited to take the club there.

### HOUSEKEEPING:

The PCA events ends at the moment that we arrive at the Abingdon Vineyards, and I can't stress this enough: Insurance for this event ends when we arrive there and park our cars.

The way to get to the Vineyard is 100% asphalt paved. Once we get there, there is a parking lot that is also asphalt-paved (before the wooden bridge) and another one that is gravel (after the bridge) if we need more space. I visited them in February, and both parking lots are fine to our beautiful cars.

We were asked to wear a facemask when inside the building and practice social distancing. The outdoor area is beautiful, surrounded by nature and with a special touch from the South Holston River, with plenty of seating and picnic tables. Feel free to bring a lawn chair or a blanket if you want, however they should have seating to accommodate everyone inside and outside. They will have live music from 3:00 to 6:00 (There will be a \$5 charge for the band).



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Cheese, crackers, salami and other snacks are available.

Outside food allowed with wine purchase.

Kids, dogs & kayaks are welcome!

Their wines are top notch! Make sure to take one (or a few) bottles back to your home.

RSVP for this event on our website ([WTRPCA.ORG](http://WTRPCA.ORG))

## GPS Cheat List

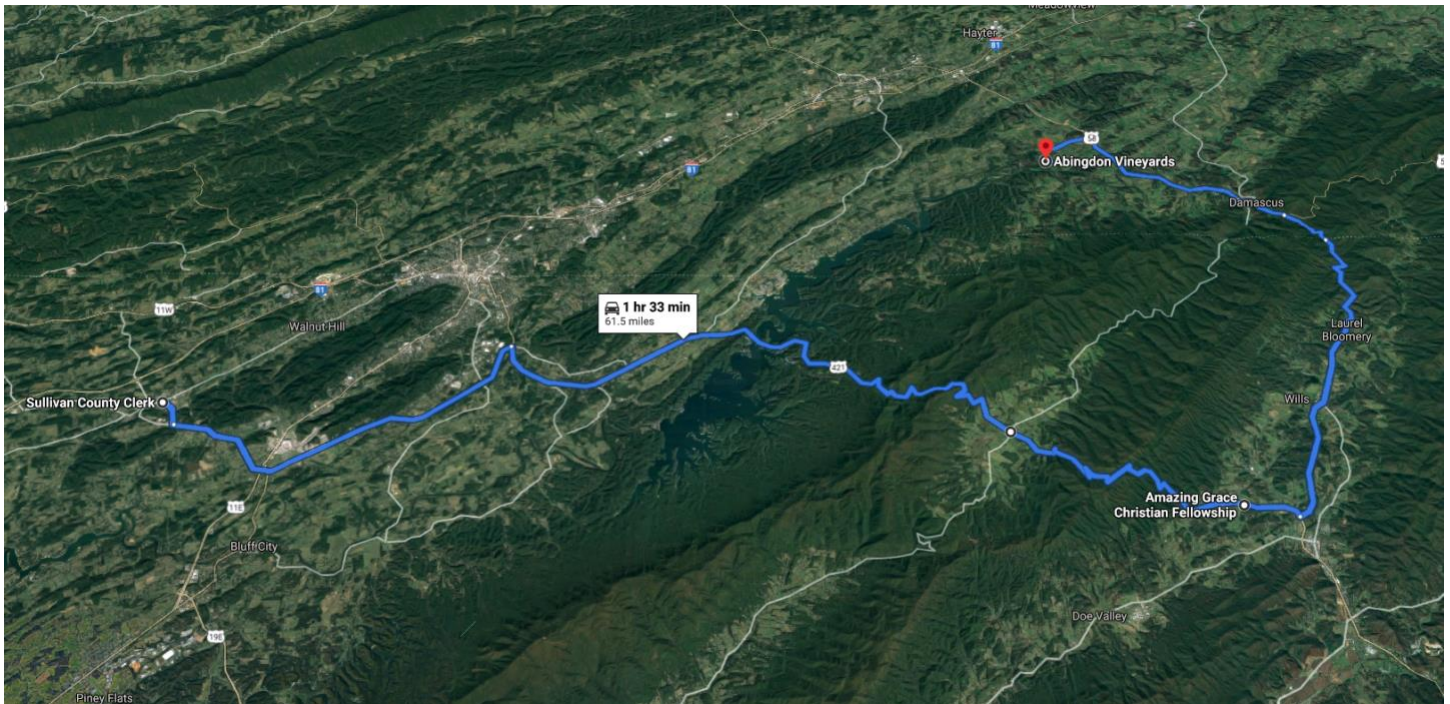
Departure: Sullivan County Clerk, 3258 TN-126 #101, Blountville, TN 37617

Stop at: Shady Valley Country Store, 110 TN-133, Shady Valley, TN 37688

Stop at: Amazing Grace Christian Fellowship, north, 1923 US-421, Mountain City, TN 37683

Arrive at: Abingdon Vineyards, 20530 Alvarado Rd, Abingdon, VA 24211

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/x1EHJA7LQw91i2rr7>





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Bring your WalkieTalkie, we will use channel 5.0. Loaners will be available.

## COVID-19 RULES

Wilderness Trail Region is ruled by Porsche Club of America, aka PCA National. In order to have authorization to this event and an insurance certificate issued, the following rules are applied to this event:

- 1) You will have to **sign** the COMMUNICABLE DISEASE EXPOSURE AND INFECTION ASSUMPTION OF RISK, HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

We will have copies to you to sign, but if you want to make this event as contactless as possible to you, bring your own copy signed (must print with colors). Here is a link to read it in advance, or print the form if you want to bring your own copy:

<https://emailer3.pca.org/UploadFiles/PCACommunicableDiseaseWaiver202005281.pdf>

If you drove with us in 2020, then you already signed this waiver and you don't have to sign it again until May 2021.

- 2) You will have to sign the regular waiver that you used sign on every PCA moving event and you can't bring your own copy signed as this has to be signed in presence of a witness. Bring your own pen if you want to make it as contactless as possible to you and we will bring the form printed to you to sign.

- 3) You will have to comply with **PCA Event Participant Guidelines**. Here is a link to the PCA guidelines:

<https://emailer3.pca.org/UploadFiles/PCACOVID19MemberSafetyguidelines20200527logo21.pdf>

Here is what in PCA's guidelines:

In all things PCA does, first and foremost is the health and safety of our members, employees, sponsors and communities. Federal, State/Provincial and Local guidelines and restrictions supersede these guidelines where there is conflict or ambiguity.



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Take Steps to Protect Yourself and Others:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Stay home if you have been in contact with someone in the last two weeks who has been sick.
- Bring your own personal protective equipment (PPE), including masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and disinfectant.
- Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet between non-cohabitating attendees.
- Wear your face mask when in the presence of others.
- Physical contact is discouraged. Refrain from shaking hands, fist-bumps and hugs.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Refrain from touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue into the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Use best judgement and common sense regarding your fellow members' good health. Region Leadership including the Event Chair have the authority to require you to leave if you cannot comply with these community protection measures.

Note that, the use of face mask is "*encouraged*" but not mandatory by PCA. You must observe any local, state or federal law regard the use of face mask.

We, the organizers, will be taking other precautions to make this event safe to everyone.