

Shortest Distance Rally Primer (Using Hurdle as an example)

Hurdle format is a shortest distance rally. After a brief odometer check, you will get a map of Connecticut and a sheet of questions. The objective is to find as many answers as possible in the fewest miles. GPS is not allowed, however, any paper maps are. I suggest getting maps books for Litchfield County, Fairfield County, and Hartford County Connecticut. No special safety equipment or lighting is needed. All you need is a properly registered and insured vehicle. General Instructions should be posted on www.ner.org in advance of the event and will also be given to you at registration. They serve as the rules for the event. The event is also governed by the 2007 NER/SCCA RoadRally Regulations as amended (<http://www.ner.org/rally/rdral/rules-and-regulations>), however, these regulations deal more with Time-Speed-Distance events (like Big Lap, Frost Heaves, and Covered Bridge)

What to bring: Pens, pencils, highlights, paper copy of local maps.

What to expect at the start: When you arrive at the start, come inside and sign event and minor waiver forms. After that, you get your odometer check form and route. Go to the starter (usually me standing by a telephone pole) and zero your trip odometer. Starter will start you off on odometer check. After about 20 minutes of driving, the odometer check route takes you back to the starter, facing in the opposite direction. Starter will record your finishing mileage on the odometer check form, do not zero trip odometer unless instructed to do so. Park car and return to the registration table. Hand in odometer check form and you will receive an envelope containing a map and question/answer sheet. Questions reference locations on the map, so you will spend the next hour locating them on the map. After locating all the questions, plot the route/question order that you believe will be the shortest and head out to find the answers. You will have approximately 8 hours to find as many answers as possible and make it to the finish location. The event organizers will record your final mileage and score your answer sheet.

Finding the Answers: Navigating to the location on the map is the first challenge. The second challenge is finding the answer to the question once you get there. Answers can be found on many types of objects; however, they may not be obvious. You will have to search the area to find the answer (i.e. you have to get out of the car and walk around). Answers can appear on signs, plaques, and monuments. They may be found on permanent notices or rules posted at the site. They can be found on park benches. What they are located on may be large or it may be small. And don't forget to look up, down, left, and right, plus on all sides of a sign or object.

Sample GTA Rally

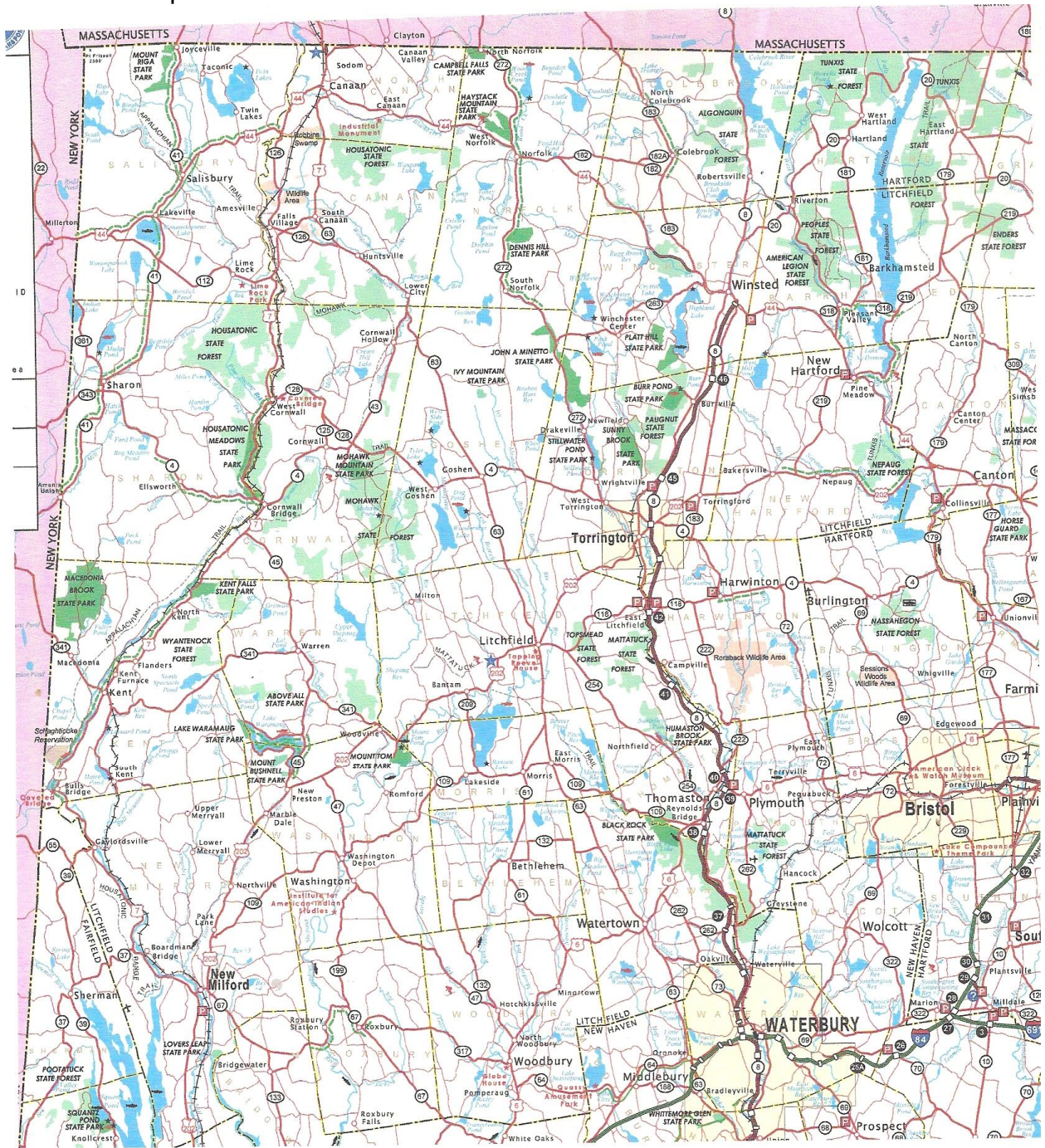
The following questions were taken from Hurdle 2007 GTA

1. At the Industrial Monument, how many Salamanders have
_____ been discovered at the site? _____
2. Who built Boardman Bridge? The _____

3. At the Eastern most Non-Commercial Airport, who was
_____ the first man to fly? _____ When? _____

4. Along a 2 lane route in Pleasant Valley, you will find
_____ the Pleasant Valley Drive In. What F.M. frequency
should you tune into to hear the movies? _____
5. Along the Barkhamsted Reservoir, you will find the
_____ Saville Dam. In what year was the dam and reservoir
completed? _____
6. At the northernmost Point of Interest, when was the
_____ first Catalan Forge built? _____
7. Who is the town of Warren named for? _____
_____ Where was this person slain? The
_____ of _____

This is the map that was used:



Here's the Key/Index for the Map

