

FAQ Guide for New Drivers

Ferrari Club of America - Empire State Region Track Events



1. What is the Ferrari Club of America Empire State Region (FCA-ESR)?

The Ferrari Club of America - Empire State Region is a community of Ferrari enthusiasts dedicated to the enjoyment, preservation, and celebration of Ferrari automobiles. The region organizes various events, including track events tailored for drivers who want to experience the thrill of driving their Ferrari on a race track. The Empire State Region has been hosting track events for enthusiasts for over 40 years!

2. Who can participate in FCA-ESR track events?

Participation is typically open to Ferrari Club of America members. Non-members may attend with an additional fee. If you attend more than one track event, the difference will cover more than the FCA membership fee.

3. What types of track events does FCA-ESR organize for new drivers?

FCA-ESR track events aim to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for drivers of all abilities. Driving sessions are grouped by driver experience and abilities. Beginner drivers are always paired with an instructor to improve the experience and ensure safety for everyone on track.

4. Do I need a Ferrari or a race car to participate?

No. You DO NOT need to own or drive a Ferrari to participate. We have many drivers who use cars from other marques. Street cars are perfectly fine. But you may find there's no better or safer place to learn and enjoy your Ferrari.. If you do not want to put your car on the track, we can put you in touch with track car rental services so you can just show up and drive a track prepped car.

5. How do I register for a track event?

Visit the [FCA-ESR website](#) or contact the event organizer, Bob Coates (contact info on Registration Form) for information. **Online registration** is also available at www.MotorSportsReg.com. Spaces may be limited, so register early!

6. Is it expensive?

Registration fees vary by track, location, and length of the event. Our fees are a little higher because we limit the number of participants in order to prevent crowding. We also have fewer driving groups so typically each driver will have at least **33% more track time** than most other clubs. So while the registration fee is a bit higher, you get great value. *(insert link to \$/hr track time comparison?)*

7. Is previous track experience required?

No, FCA-ESR track events for new drivers are designed to be beginner-friendly. An experienced instructor will be assigned to guide you through the basics of track driving and help you build confidence. Novice and new drivers to the Club will be checked out by an instructor before driving solo. Unlike other clubs, there is no fee to have an instructor as they will be provided to every novice driver before entering the track.

8. What safety measures are in place during track events?

Safety is a top priority. FCA-ESR adheres to strict safety guidelines, including mandatory helmet use, long sleeve/long pants clothing or tracksuit, vehicle inspections, and rules for on-track behavior. Additionally, professional medical staff and track marshals are present to respond to any emergencies.

8. Can I bring guests or spectators?

Check the event details, most events allow guests or spectators. There might be additional fees or restrictions, so be sure to plan accordingly.

9. What should I bring to a track event?

A valid driver's license, bring a certified helmet (SA2015 or newer), comfortable clothing, closed-toe shoes, and any required paperwork. Check the event-specific guidelines or contact Bob Coates (see registration form) for questions.

10. Are there opportunities for networking and socializing?

Absolutely! FCA-ESR track events often include social gatherings, allowing participants to connect with fellow Ferrari enthusiasts, share experiences, and build lasting relationships within the community.

For more detailed information and registration, check the following links:

- Online Registration via www.motorsportsreg.com
- Upcoming events and printable registration forms (for registration by check and snail mail, *yes we can*, or Zelle and email)
 - [Watkins Glen Spring 5/8/24-5/9/24](#)
 - [Lime Rock Park 6/28/24-6/29/24](#)
 - [Watkins Glen Labor Day 3-Day Weekend 9/6/24-9/8/24](#)
- Track event guidelines (*insert link to Track Events Manual 2024 here, load manual on ESR website*)
- Pre-event Tech Inspection (*link needed*)