



Find Your Line

Aim your tires at rocks and obstacles. Drive over them. Don't widen the trail.



Take It Slow

Enjoy the trail and scenery. After all, it's not a race. Use only enough power to get over an obstacle.



Using Spotters

- Spotters stand outside the vehicle to help guide you over an obstacle.
- Use a spotter if there is any doubt about the situation.
- Your spotter should know the capabilities of both you and your vehicle.
- Always have your spotter stand out of the direct path of where you are driving. Stand uphill of the vehicle in case of a rollover.
- Always make sure all other participants are clear and away from the vehicle when on a difficult obstacle. This includes spectators, children, and pets.



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OFF-HIGHWAY GUIDELINES FOR
4-WHEEL DRIVE
VEHICLES

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Know Where To Go

- Is the trail open and a designated route for your full-sized vehicle?
- Use official agency maps and observe all signs

Do Your Homework

- What types of challenges can be found on the route: rock, sand, stream crossings, ledges?
- Will you be above tree line? Remember to stay off the fragile tundra!
- What's the weather in the area? Don't forget rain gear, jackets, hats, and gloves.

Is Your Vehicle Prepared?

- Properly seal all leaks. No need to mark your territory.
- Have proper tools and a fire extinguisher.
- Fill your fuel tank and bring extra fuel for emergencies.
- Is a winch recommended?
- Are lockers recommended?
- Seat belts are there for your safety. Wear them!

And Never Go 4-Wheeling Alone!



Staging

Pull off the road at the trail head to prepare your vehicle and group. Don't block access to the trail while staging.



Air Down

Air down your tires to a safe PSI before you hit the trail. This allows for better traction and provides a smoother ride on rough trails. Remember to air back up to highway pressures before hitting paved roads.



Flexing Out

Don't drive on rocks or objects at the staging area. It can irritate other users. There will be plenty of opportunities to "flex out" on the trail.



Let 'Em Pass!

Pull over to the side of the trail and stop to let faster vehicles pass. Make sure you choose an appropriate place to minimize vegetation and vehicle damage.



Keep Count

Use hand signals to let others know how many riders or vehicles are behind you. A closed fist means that the final rider of the group has passed.



Pack It Out

Leave the trail cleaner than you found it. It only takes a second to stop and pick up trash. This also includes cleaning up fluid spills and glass.

Winching



Keep fingers away!



Wear Gloves!



Use a tree saver!

- Never put your fingers near the cable or rope on the spool when the spool is actively engaged and rolling... You can lose a finger.
- Use gloves when handling winch cables and ropes to avoid getting cuts.
- Save a tree! When winching to a tree, use a tree saver. Wrapping the cable or rope around the trunk will cut through the bark and kill the tree.
- When winching with steel cable, always have everyone clear the area. If a cable breaks, it can be very dangerous.
- Tie a sweatshirt or jacket on steel winch cable, halfway between the vehicle and winch point. This will help reduce the danger if the cable snaps.

Remember that a winch can be dangerous if not used properly!

Do Your Part!

Visit CTP@staythetrail.org to:

- Report incidents and damage
- Be a part of the on-the-ground education
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