

While we are all here to enjoy the event in an informal setting, there are some basic trail rules that we all need to follow. These are for everyone's safety and enjoyment, so please follow them.

1. No Alcohol

No consumption of beer, wine, liquor, etc, will be tolerated on the trail. Violation of this rule will result in immediate exclusion from the event.

2. No Littering

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find places to wheel without having more shut down due to mistreatment of the environment. Please take your litter with you.

3. Follow the Trail

Follow the trail and do not wander off the trail, do not create new bypasses around obstacles. Keep the vehicle behind you in sight at all times. Do not attempt to pass the vehicle in front of you while on the trail unless instructed to do so and obviously no speeding. We travel as a group, so please be considerate to others and keep up with the group.

4. Obstacles

Do not start to tackle an obstacle unless you are comfortable doing so. If you require a spotter or assistance request it before starting the obstacle. Wait for the vehicle in front of you to complete an obstacle, (including steep descents or ascents) before you start to tackle it. Once clear of an obstacle move forward enough to allow all vehicles to clear it. Do not park at the top or bottom of an obstacle or hill. While waiting to tackle an obstacle ensure you and your vehicle are a safe distance from it and out of harms way.

5. One Stuck, All Stuck

If someone gets stuck, then the group needs to stop until a plan is formulated to recover the vehicle. If someone is stuck, stop and render assistance, do not leave them there. Do not try and drive around stuck vehicles unless instructed to do so.

6. Recovery Gear

There is very little gear you need for going off-road, but there are some essentials that every vehicle should have.

Fire Extinguisher
Shackles (2)

Tow Strap
First Aid Kit

Leather Gloves
Communications Device (FRS or CB)

7. Children and Pets

Children or pets that are allowed to run loose on the trail endanger both themselves and the drivers of other vehicles. Please keep your children and pets adequately supervised at all times.

8. Participation

You are not on a guided tour, but are partaking in a group sport. This requires you to assist with spotting, recoveries, and generally assisting your fellow travelers. If you see someone experiencing trouble, offer assistance, if you feel you are not experienced enough, ask for assistance from a Trail Guide.

9. Seat Belts

Seat belts are to be worn at all times by all vehicle occupants. When tackling obstacles keep arms, hands and legs inside the vehicle. When tackling difficult obstacles it is strongly suggested that any small children be removed from the vehicle.

10. Safety

Do not turn a blind eye to rule infractions. Either address them yourself or report unsafe conduct to the nearest Trail Guide or HXC official, the life you save could be yours or a loved ones.

Trail Basics:

- Ask for assistance if you need it
- Drive as slow as possible, but as fast as necessary
- Do not park or stop at top or bottom of hills
- Keep an eye ahead to avoid surprises
- When in doubt, get out and look
- Drive directly up and down hills
- Do not turn around when on a hill
- Air down if necessary
- Cross ditches and logs at an angle
- Avoid spinning the wheels
- Minimize use of brakes, use low range and 1st gear
- Do not over steer or over correct
- Steady progress through water creating a "bow wave"

Trail Etiquette:

- Stay on the trail
- Give way to vehicles going up hill
- Avoid "digging" holes with your tires
- Always keep the vehicle behind you in sight
- Drive responsibly and protect the environment
- Give way to hikers, bikers, horse riders, etc
- Do not park so as you block the trail
- Do not tail gate the vehicle in front of you
- Keep out of the way of vehicles tackling obstacles
- Give aid to anyone in distress or stuck
- Do not litter
- No alcohol on the trail
- Be patient