

Technical

Below are some helpful tips for every trail run. For more detailed technical information about club requirements please select an item in the Information menu on this page.

Tips on “Leading a Club Run”:

- Post the run in advance in the Trail Runs / Events forum:
 - Set the expectation based on the club Trail Rating System.
 - Designate a meeting location, meeting time, and departure time.
 - For club related runs remind drivers to sign a Club Waiver Form.
 - Include any additional vehicle requirements beyond the club minimum vehicle requirements.
 - Minimum driver age is 18.
 - Check the weather.

 - Before departing on the run have a drivers meeting:
 - Give an overview of the run including location and objective. (Trail Run vs Maintenance Run)
 - For club related runs ensure drivers have signed a Club Waiver Form.
 - For USFS related runs ensure everyone has signed the sign-in sheet.
 - Verify that all vehicles meet the requirements for the run. If available, a Club Officer can assist.
 - Designate a lead vehicle and tail vehicle.
 - Choose a CB channel. Vehicles without a CB should remain between other vehicles with a CB.
 - Remind drivers to keep the vehicle behind them within sight.
 - Remind drivers not to tailgate or speed.
 - Remind drivers to turn on headlights if weather is poor.
 - Remind drivers that they are responsible for their own safety and to choose a spotter they are comfortable with if they need a spot in a section of the trail they are not comfortable with.
 - Remind everyone to have plenty of water (important for runs at high elevation).
 - Remind everyone to have fun!
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Trail Etiquette and Safety Tips:

- Be courteous and considerate of others on the trail.
- Know your vehicle and be sure your vehicle is in good mechanical condition.
- Know your own limits as well as the limits of your vehicle.
- Be prepared for the unexpected and carry the minimum items needed for the terrain you are traveling.
- Keep the driver behind you in sight, and do not tailgate the driver in front of you.
- Maintain communications with others in your group while on the trail.
- Be aware of the weather forecast, especially ice and snow conditions.
- Always yield to uphill traffic, and stay to the right when passing.
- Ride only where permitted and never venture out alone.
- Do NOT modify a trail in any way that would change its difficulty level or change its path.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Full tank of full is recommended as is spare gas.
- Carry out what you carry in.
- Keep hands and arms inside the vehicle. You are not strong enough to support the vehicle's weight.
- Keep thumbs on the outside of the steering wheel to prevent a broken thumb.
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