

Trail Rating Description

NOTE: The following descriptions are the generally accepted Trail Rating Descriptions. However, our groups have added the following: **Although the first three (3) descriptions of these ratings do NOT call for 4-wheel drive OUR rules are that ALL vehicles on our runs MUST have 4-wheel drive and MINIMUM clearance of eight (8) inches.**

1. The trail is a graded dirt road and is suitable for a normal passenger vehicle. It usually has gentle grades and is fairly wide.
2. SUV vehicles required. These trails are dirt roads but they may have rocks, grades, water crossings, or ruts that make clearance a concern.
3. Any SUV vehicle with at least six (6) inches of clearance; 4-wheel drive is recommended but not mandatory. Expect a rough road surface, mud, sand and small wash outs.
4. Four-wheel drive vehicles **REQUIRED** with clearance of six to nine (6-9) inches and expect a rough surface with rocks LARGER than six (6) inches but there will be reasonable driving line available.
5. Four-wheel drive vehicles **REQUIRED** with no less than nine (9) inches of clearance recommended. These trails may have either a rough, rutted surface, wash outs, rocks up to 9 inches
6. Four-wheel drive vehicles **REQUIRED** with modifications, Lockers or Posi-Trac recommended. These trails are for experienced four-wheel drivers. They are potentially dangerous with large rocks, wash outs, ruts or steep slopes that may need to be negotiated with a spotter. Certain sections may be steep enough to cause traction problems.
7. Four-wheel drive vehicles **MANDATORY, SKILLED, EXPERIENCED** four-wheel drivers **ONLY**. These trails include ALL the requirements above plus may require winching or towing.
8. Vehicles CAN expect body and under carriage damage and find the trail impassable. Trails with these difficulty ratings are for HIGHLY skilled, experienced four-wheel drivers ONLY. This rating includes ALL the requirements above from 5 rates trails to 7 rated trails.
- 9 to 10. This rating includes ALL the requirements above from 5 rated trails to 8 rated trails, plus can expect to find **ROLL-OVER SITUATIONS**.

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