

Equipment and Off-Road Rules

- (A) Each vehicle **shall** have seat belts for each passenger.
- (B) Each vehicle **shall** be in good mechanical condition. This includes a serviceable spare tire.
- (C) Each vehicle **shall** have a CB radio in the vehicle in order to take part in our trail rides. A hand-held CB is permissible as long as it is connected to an external antenna.
- (D) Each vehicle **shall** be equipped with a safety flag. It is recommended the flag be at least 6 by 12 inches and attached as high as practical to the rear portion of the vehicle and flown on an approximately 7-foot flexible pole. A \$5 fine will be imposed for not having a flag and the offending jeep will go to the back of the line.
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- (E) Each vehicle **should** have a first aid kit and a fire extinguisher.
- (F) Each vehicle **should** be equipped with the means of retrieving another member's disabled vehicle; e.g., strap, chain, winch or come-a-long, etc.
- (G) Each vehicle **should** be equipped with attachment devices; e.g., tow hooks, draw bar, rings, etc, on the front and rear of the vehicle frame and shall be placed in a manner as to prevent the cutting or fraying of nylon tow straps.
- (H) Littering and the destruction of any areas are not tolerated among the membership.
- (I) To ensure the enjoyment of all members during club events pets must be restrained by a leash no longer than six feet. Members and guests are to keep their pets from presenting a danger or a nuisance to other people or to other pets.
- (J) All club members will stay in the order in which they arrive at signup. Club members may not take a place in line until their driver guest arrives.
- (K) Club members that wish to invite a driver guest must be familiar with the guests driving skills. The member must have 4-wheeled with the driver guest on a comparable ride. The member must complete the Guest Driver/Vehicle information form and provide the form to the ride leader at least one week in advance.
- (L) The current President or his designee will be responsible for the proper licensing, registration, and testing of the Happy Trails 4-Wheel Club's AED.
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Trail Rules

It is the goal of the club to ensure that all participants of a ride remain safe by working as a team. The trail leader, participants, and the tail gunner should all do their part to ensure everyone enjoys the ride without undue risk taking.

It is the responsibility of every club member to review the posted upcoming ride. The member should make a determination if their vehicle and trail driving experience are adequate to complete the trail.

All participants taking part in a club's trail ride may not depart from the trail during the trail ride, unless an emergency requires them to turn around to exit the trail. January 3, 2018

The participant should keep in mind that turning around during the ride, in the back country, requires another vehicle to accompany them back out.

It is very important for the safety of all members that the ride participants stay together as a group and keep the vehicle in front of them and behind them in sight. Keeping in sight prevents taking wrong turns and getting lost. It also allows a member to get rapid response for assistance. It also prevents others from having to turn around and going back to look for you.

During the ride every member should notify the trail leader if they want to stop for pictures, rest breaks or to be directed around or over obstacles. This notification will ensure that the club members all stay together.

It is a must to keep the vehicle behind you in sight. If the driver loses sight of the vehicle behind them, they should stop and wait. After a short time, if the vehicle does not appear the driver should notify the trail leader. The trail leader will first attempt to contact the missing vehicle and tail gunner by radio. He may ask you to turn around to check on the welfare of the missing vehicle.

When climbing or descending a steep grade always allow adequate distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead of you in case of an emergency. On steep grades vehicles may have to backup or may start sliding down the incline. If your vehicle is too close this could lead to an accident, so remember to leave plenty of room. If you approach a short steep hill stay at the bottom or top, depending on direction of travel, until the vehicle ahead of you clears the incline, then proceed.