

Trail Rating Guide

CORE Trail Rides are rated using this scale developed for our use. It ranges from 1 (easiest) to 10 (most difficult) or more generally by color such as Green (easiest) or Red (most difficult). These ratings are based on the overall trail, not just on one or two tough obstacles. Rain can increase ratings on all trails by one or two points. Numerically higher-rated trails are more likely to result in vehicle damage. Trail ratings as described by Trail Leaders are their best guess of trail conditions at the time of planning, however trail conditions change daily and therefore cannot be entirely predicted ahead of time. *Use this guide at your own discretion*.

	Rating of 1: Almost any passenger car can complete	Recommended Vehicle Specs:
	this trail. However, we'd suggest cars with a bit more	None
	clearance than a sport coupe, and possibly one with	
	All-Wheel Drive or 4-Wheel Drive. These trails are	
	often easy dirt roads with little or no rocks in them.	
	Passing is usually easy.	
	Rating of 2: Almost any Crossover/SUV can complete	
GRFFN	this trail. A passenger car might not do as well	
1-2	because of clearance issues or lack of All-Wheel	
1-2	Drive or 4-Wheel Drive. 2-Wheel Drive is usually fine	
	for the entire trail, but mud or snow could make	
	things more difficult. These trails are often dirt roads	
	that may have rocks buried in them in places or	
	cracks where the trail has eroded. Passing may be	
	difficult and you may need to back up to a wide spot.	
	Rating of 3: Almost any SUV with higher ground	Recommended Vehicle Specs:
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	Rating of 5: The highest challenge for a stock Jeep Wrangler without body damage, winching, or possible breakage. You may have to work on some of the bigger rocks and challenges, but you should make it through everything without too much trouble. You will need 4-Wheel Drive and you should not go alone. May include water/mud up to 20in. Rocks/shelves up to 12in tall common.	
	Rating of 6: Probably too much for a stock Jeep Wrangler, but perfect for one on 33" tires. These trails will provide challenges and fun for mildly modified vehicles as well as the bigger rigs, so they are perfect for mixed groups. There may be obstacles with many lines from easy to difficult. Generally, trails are closer to 1-1.5 times vehicle width. May include water/mud up to 24in. Rock/shelves up to 16in.	Recommended Vehicle Specs: For a rating of 6, recommend rock sliders/skids, 33" tires minimum, 12+" clearance at the belly. Locking differentials recommended.
PURPLE 6 – 7	Rating of 7: Experienced drivers only. Drivers new to wheeling a modified vehicle may want to learn on easier trails before moving up to ones with this rating. The obstacles may not be tougher if the right line is found, but a wrong line could be extremely difficult or dangerous. The possibility of rollovers and body damage is present, though almost all experienced drivers with modified vehicles should get through these trails without any issues. Trails at this level and above are generally very tight. May include water/mud 24+ inches deep, and rocks/shelves up to 20in.	For a rating of 7, recommend rock sliders/skids, 35" tires, 14" clearance at the belly, locking differentials and/or a winch.
	Rating of 8: Experience is a must. You may experience some body damage, and there is a high possibility of breakage. You may need to use a bit of momentum in an obstacle, and that often means a broken axle shaft or drive shaft. Expect deep water and/or mud, rocks/shelves up to 30in.	Recommended Vehicle Specs: For a rating of 8, recommend rock sliders/skids a must, 35" tires minimum, 16-18" clearance at the belly, locking differentials and a winch.
BLACK 8 – 9	Rating of 9: You will probably get some body damage or breakage. At least one of the obstacles will push you against a rock or test your vehicle and your driving skills to the point that something could easily give. Only the luckiest and most skilled drivers will make it through these trails in the same condition in which they started. Expect deep water and/or mud, rocks/shelves up to 48in.	For a rating of 9, rock sliders/skids a must, 35" tires minimum, 37" tires recommended, 16-18" clearance at the belly recommended, locking differentials and a winch required.



Rating of 10: An extreme trail for rock buggies only. Only the most modified vehicles will be able to complete these trails with experienced drivers. Vehicle damage is extremely likely, and vehicles could be too damaged to finish the ride. Expect deep water and/or mud, rocks/shelves 48+in.

Recommended Vehicle Specs:
For a rating of 10, rock
sliders/skids a must, 37" tires
minimum, 40+in tires

sliders/skids a must, 37" tires minimum, 40+in tires recommended, 18+" clearance at the belly recommended, locking differentials and a winch required.

Let the carnage begin, bring a trailer to bring your buggy home on!

IMPORTANT: If you're unsure if you and your vehicle can handle a given trail rating (some vehicles are more susceptible to vehicle damage on trails rated 5 or higher) please contact the Trail Leader.