

MOUNTAINEERS TRIP GUIDELINES

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1. Remember when you display the club logo on your vehicle on your person your actions directly reflect on the image of the club.
2. Vehicle owners are responsible for the checking their own vehicles before starting out on a trip.
3. As nearly as possible, each vehicle shall carry their own first-aid kit, fire extinguisher, ax, bucket, shovel, saw, tire chains, spare tire and tow strap. Suggested parts for vehicle repair would be universal joints, ignition module, points, condenser, coil, fan, belts, and brake fluid. Also each vehicle should be equipped with tow hooks, roll bar, and optionally a CB radio (channel 13 is the Mountaineers club channel).
4. No littering either on the highway or on side trails. This includes camping spots, etc. Leave our trails cleaner than we found it.
5. Highway Courtesy: Leave more than adequate room between vehicles to allow for safe passing of others on the highway. Do not pull to the side of the road to allow other motorists to pass the caravan, this places you responsible for accidents by creating a 3rd lane.
6. When traveling, travel at a speed to accommodate slower vehicles. When conditions warrant it, the vehicles with winches and radios will be placed as evenly as possible in the caravan. One Trip Planner will be in front to lead the group and one in the rear.
7. If for some reason a vehicle is required to stop on the highway or a side road, all the caravan except the last two vehicles proceed on. The last two vehicles will stop and determine if help is needed and radio ahead to inform the group of any problems,
8. Trail Travel: As soon as the caravan leaves the main road, a stop for briefing and regrouping should be planned. This will include a "10-100" if terrain permits. Adequate room should be made to insure all vehicles will be able to get off the main road when regrouping
9. Trip Planners are to group vehicles according to the trip and vehicles present each time. These assigned places are to be kept unless rearranged by Trip Planners.
10. At Trip Planners discretion vehicles may be split into two groups and Trip Planners will establish the groups and another CB channel.
11. On Dangerous or steep hills, wait at the bottom until the vehicle ahead reaches the top.
12. Stay together as a group on all trails. Keep the vehicle behind you in sight at all times especially when you come to a fork in the road or make a turn. If the vehicle behind you is not visible wait and establish radio contact with them or the nearest radio behind them.
13. In case of a breakdown, the person will be taken care of according to his/her desires.
14. Winching safety should be followed: stand behind a barrier to protect yourself from possible cable breakage, throw a blanket/coat over the cable when winching, wear gloves, use tree straps, etc.