



## Trail Rating Descriptions—General Ratings

### **1–2 (Green Circle)**

Obstacles and terrain are relatively easy to navigate. In optimum weather conditions, some trails may not require continual use of 4-wheel drive (4WD).

### **3–5 (Blue Square)**

Moderately demanding. Challenge for novice drivers. Obstacles may include mud holes, boulders, streams, and hill climbs. Requires 4WD and low range.

### **6–7 (Orange Triangle)**

Demanding. Challenge for most skill levels. Mud holes get deeper, boulders get larger, and climbs get steeper. Requires the continual use of 4WD, low range, may require occasional use of lockers.

### **8–9 (Black Diamond)**

Very demanding. Likelihood of getting stuck and equipment damage is high. Mud holes may be deep and rock climbing is more arduous. Lift kits, skid plates & rocker panel protection are highly recommended. Requires 4WD, low range and lockers.

### **10 (Double Black Diamond)**

Extremely demanding. Reserved for the toughest off-road trail in the US—the Rubicon Trail. Requires 4WD, low range, lift kit, winch, lockers, and sway bar disconnects. Obstacles become extremely difficult to navigate. Use of spotters and traveling with additional support vehicles is highly recommended. Equipment breakdowns are more probable. (Not recommended for stock vehicles or inexperienced drivers).

**Additional Comments:** These ratings are based on the overall trail, not just on one or two tough obstacles. Rain can increase ratings on all trails by a few points. Numerically higher-rated trails are more likely to result in vehicle damage.