



## **Dirt Devils Rubicon Trail**

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**Please RSVP by Friday, June 19(Juneteenth), 2026 or sooner. Limit is 8 vehicles.**

**HAM Radio Channels:** DD Prime 145.585 or DD1 146.580

**Planning Day:** Prior to the trail, we will meet Tuesday, June 23 or a day convenient for all to discuss the proper equipment, what to bring, and/or who brings what tools/equipment etc. to be as fully prepared to successfully get everyone through the trail successfully. We can meet at Zitos Pizza or discuss where as it becomes closer to the time.

**When:** On the trail Friday, July 17, 2026 with 2 nights on the trail. Trail completion will be July 19 and travel home the next day, Monday, July 20.

**Trail Description:** The Rubicon Trail is an amazing rock crawling adventure that will test your mental ability and allow you more trust in the capability of your 4x4 vehicle. This is a trail of pacing yourself mentally, and enjoying the beautiful scenery through the El Dorado National Forest and out through beautiful Lake Tahoe. You will crawl over boulders, large granite slabs and domes, hills, and anything else Mother Nature puts in

front of us. This all starts with the arrival through Ice House Road and staging once we cross the Loon Lake Dam. Just an amazing way to begin!!!!



Day1- In order to better understand the pace of the Rubicon Trail, Day 1's Plan is to travel 5.8-6 miles in approximately 6-8 hours and arrive at either the amazing Buck Island Lake or continue into the Rubicon Springs Campground depending on the group preference and as reservations allow. We will encounter obstacles in the trees, granite bowls, granite domes, and hills. There are going to be many boulder obstacles. DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK FOR A SPOTTER. Help will be there. Optional obstacle is the Little Sluice.

Day 2 will be either staying put or making small travel to the Rubicon Springs Campground depending once again on the group preference. The plan is to take a day to relax from the hard work of the trail and to once again prepare for the final and last Day 3.

Day 3 will be the other "half" of approximately 10.6 miles to complete in about 8 hours or more. The major obstacles consist of Big Suice and Cadillac Hill. This "half" and day is easier as the trail calms down from the completion of Cadillac Hill. But do not be fooled. There are plenty of challenges each day and throughout any trip on the Rubicon Trail.

**Vehicle Requirements:** At least a minimum of a 33' tire, a good spare tire and tire repair kit/patches, lockers (front and rear), rock sliders, skid plates, and plenty of body armor. Be sure to have either a hard top roof or the proper roll bars. A winch is also required as well as a good tow strap, shackles, and tow points on the vehicle. Please be sure to make sure your vehicle is in great working and mechanical condition. Check

and retorque bolts and bring all necessary tools and spare parts. It is recommended to have as many spare tools, spare axles, and any necessary parts along with the Rubicon Trail.

**What to Bring:** Be sure to bring the proper camping equipment such as a sleeping bag, tent, grill and stove as well as clothes for any changing conditions to the weather. Although it may not rain or be cold, it may be a good idea to have a good jacket and/or raincoat. Bring plenty of food and water for days on the trail. **ABSOLUTELY** no consuming of alcoholic beverages while driving on the trail. Great time for such adult beverages at the camp after the end of a day driving on the trail.

Additionally, be sure to bring toilet paper, wet-wipes, and other toiletries. There are some outhouses located in **SOME** convenient points of the trail. However, you will most likely need a bucket, portable toilet, bag, etc. Tim will be carrying one and bags for any who may need.

Please reach out for any help as well as any questions. Thank you for your interest in joining me!

