

NEXterra Trail Etiquette Guide

1. Prepare

If you don't have the time to prepare for the trip, then don't go. Bring proper clothing and footwear, some water and at least a snack for yourself. Have, at the very least: a tow strap (no metal hooks), jumper cables, jack capable of lifting your truck and a full size spare tire.

If you are not traveling with someone who is familiar with the trail, at least talk to your NEXterra friends ahead of time, and research the trail's rating and conditions. Never go alone. Always leave details about where you are going and when you plan to return.

2. Be a Good NEXterra member

If you come across someone who is in trouble, then help. If you see someone on the trail who is stopped, it is cool to just say "sup?" or "How ya doin?" etc. Follow the guidance of your trail leader.

3. Dusting

If you drive by someone on a dry dirt road at 10 mph or more, you are DUSTING them. This is NOT cool and could result in having a lug nut thrown through your back window.

4. Tailgating

Always allow each vehicle to attempt/traverse obstacles one-at-a-time. You do not want to be tailgating your buddy up a hill when he fails his attempt.

5. Keep the Vehicle behind you in sight

Unless at an obstacle your group is attempting one-at-a-time, keep an eye on your friend behind you. You don't want them to get lost, and you want to be close enough to help them if they need it. If everyone is doing this, then the group can stay together without stopping every few minutes.

6. Passing on the Trail

Head on or when a group passes: Follow the guidance of your trail leader. Find a wide spot and pull over to let them by. Always look for a place wide enough so that neither vehicle will have to drive over vegetation or lean into each other.

When we come nose to nose with someone on a one-track trail, whoever has a wide spot behind them backs up. Safety dictates that if you are on a hill, the group driving uphill has the right-of-way.

In tricky situations: Your trail leader will get out and discuss the best way to proceed, or spot for you.

7. Trash

Keep your garbage in your truck. Pick up trash, disassemble rock stacking, and clean up vehicle fluid spills. Carry it out with you, and dispose of it properly.

8. Tread Lightly

Travel Responsibly, Respect the Rights of Others, Educate Yourself, Avoid Sensitive Areas, Do Your Part

9. No Alcohol or drugs

The use, possession, procurement or sale of narcotics or other illegal drugs, or prescription medication without a prescription, is prohibited by the North East Xterra Club at ALL club events. Consumption of alcohol before or during any driving event is prohibited. We do not want anyone who is impaired driving a vehicle or anyone endangered because of someone who is impaired at any club function.

10. The right attitude

Most days are extremely fun, although you will have the off day that's marred by damage & breakage which might see you fixing stuff or waiting while others complete repairs, it may even put an end to the day. It's all part of wheeling, stay positive, upbeat & supportive.