



4X4 OFFROADING

SUMMER VENTURE

Off-roading is an activity that takes you off the beaten path and through places where normal drive-into vehicles simply can't navigate. In this case the journey is the destination. Off-roading isn't for the faint of heart. Be prepared for your heart to faint—from the spectacular views and from those places along the road where you ask, “You think my 4 X 4 can go through that (gulp)?” The gulp is what 4 X 4 off-roading is all about. But! It's not just for the ganzo impossible terrainers though. You don't have to have a lifted, geared down, rock crawling 4 X 4 to enjoy four-wheeling. There are trails for all levels of off roaders.

Off-roading is for anyone with a reasonably equipped 4 X 4 who wants to get out with others and explore some of Colorado's finest terrain. It's for those who want to hike along the trail as the 4 X 4 creeps through difficult and slow terrain or waits for the vehicle in front to crawl over, through or around obstacles.

Suggested Schedule:

8:00 am Meet at a local pre-determined location (eg. 5420 North Taft—the Crossroads facility)
9:00 am Meet at the trailhead
12:00 Gather for lunch
5:00 pm Leave the trail
6:00 Home

The schedule can be adjusted for shorter treks.

Equipment:

Be prepared, there is no cell signal.

- Full tank of fuel
- Recovery equipment
- Large first aid kit
- Radio--cb/ham radio
- Plenty of food: sack lunches in a cooler
- Extra water
- Camp chairs
- Warm jacket
- Be prepared to pack out your waste. Single use gloves and a zip lock bag are recommended. A camp potty with disposable waste bags are also useful.

Joel and Amy's Favorite Trails

Easy Trails (green)	Distance from Ft. Collins/Loveland	Amount of time to allow for trail
1) Deadman Rd/Lookout	43 miles to Red Feather	1-1.5hrs
2) Pingree Park/Monument Gulch	31 miles to Estes Park	1-1.5 hrs
3) Old Fall River Road	43 miles to Fall River Visitor Center	1.5 hrs
Medium Difficulty Trails (blue)		
1) Old Flower Road	17 miles to Bellevue	30 mins
2) Greer Road	37 miles	1.5 hrs
3) Pole Hill	31 miles	1 hr
Difficult Trails (red)		
1) Kelly Flats	45 miles	1hr 15m
2) Storm Mountain	28 miles	1hr 15m
3) Johnny Park Road	43 miles	1hr 15m

For other trail ideas, maps, technical help, driving tips, recovery info and more see FunTreks:

<https://funtreks.com>

FunTreks also has an excellent app (\$59.99 for Apple products and \$14.99 for Android products) and books that are specific for Colorado (\$27.96) and Northern Colorado (\$27.96)

<https://funtreks.com/products/>

You can also get maps from the U.S. Forest Service Office (2150 Centre Ave., Ft. Collins) 970-295-6600

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