

What is the Rubicon Trail?

The Rubicon Trail is a world famous off-highway vehicle trail in Northern California between Placerville & Lake Tahoe. It's rock crawling at it's best, challenging the drivers and their vehicles all surrounded by the beautiful El Dorado Forest. People from all over the world come to take on the big granite rocks and slow pace.

Who owns the Rubicon Trail?

The Rubicon Trail is a "non-maintained" county owned road that runs through private property and USFS lands. However, if one gets off the road (like an illegal bypass), it's safe to assume one has left the county road and entered either private property or the lands of the USFS.

The slabs (granite bowl) are mostly private property. Rubicon Springs is owned entirely by private individuals of the Rubicon-Soda Springs Property Owners Association.

What is the "Friends of the Rubicon"?

The Friends of the Rubicon "FOTR" is a grass roots group of like minded people who have joined together to help protect and keep open the world famous Rubicon trail.

We perform the needed conservation and construction projects on the trail, working cooperatively with all interested parties who care about the Rubicon Trail.

Why Care About the Rubicon Trail?

The reason so many folks invest time, money and energy on the Rubicon Trail is because this trail has become the precedent-setting example of how to properly manage a trail – and it's not just about the Rubicon; it's about ACCESS! The Rubicon represents access. If we can do it on the Rubicon, you can do it on your trail also.

Who can be a member of FOTR?

Anyone! Most of our members live near enough to the trail to enjoy it, but many of our members are from all over the country and help out any way they can.

What do we do?

- We meet at least once a year to discuss the current needs and challenges on the trail for the

coming year to decide what projects the trail needs, and then plan for them.

- We keep our members informed via the internet on our website and email list.
- We work on obtaining grants to fund our projects on the trail. Eldorado County has been our star partner in obtaining grants and helping us plan projects. The USFS, Pacific Ranger District is our other key partner, helping us to show the world how to properly manage a trail.
- We spend the money on improvements such as signage, trail maintenance and user education.

Rubicon Projects

- Working with the Rubicon Oversight Committee (ROC), we are developing a Rubicon Master Plan. Many projects are planned to improve our trail while keeping it the Mecca of rock crawling high Sierra adventure.
- Some of the types of projects include permanent bathrooms, river crossing facilities, trail improvements, restoration, signs, drainage work and more portable toilet distributions and a new kiosk information center.
- It will still be the Rubicon Trail, have no fear. The rocks and hard places will still be there. But we will add a few amenities (bathroom opportunities) and fix some areas that need repair.
- Users won't even notice most of the work done by the FOTR. We keep the trail as original and natural looking as we can. More importantly, we keep the trail maintained and repaired so that our recreation does not cause any environmental damage.



How do I participate?

If you are an OHV user and want to help preserve the world famous Rubicon trail, just sign up on our email list and become part of the best OHV grass roots group in the country. When the call goes out to help on a project, come out and give us a hand. The more hands we have, the more we can accomplish.

What does it cost?

Join Friends of the Rubicon (FOTR) Visit www.delalbright.com and follow the Rubicon Trail links, or email our Trail Boss, Del Albright at del@delalbright.com.

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Rubicon Trail Rules and Etiquette!

Folks, no matter if it's the Rubicon trail, or one of the many other pristine trails around the country, please be sure to follow these simple guidelines whenever you are enjoying any outdoor activities:

- Stay on the trail.
- Do not drive over vegetation.
- Don't create new bypasses.
- Be courteous to other users.
- Go "low and slow"
- Camp at least 30' from water.
- Carry a portable toilet.
- Pack it in; pack it out.
- Drink responsibly.

