

SOME KEY 4WD DO'S AND DON'TS

- **Do** engage 4WD when off road to avoid road damage and improve vehicle control.
- **Do** use LOW ratio LOW gear during steep ascents and descents.
- **Do** consider reducing tyre pressure to increase traction (e.g. 20psi – 138kp).
- **Do** leave all gates as you find them.
- **Do** keep yourself and others well clear when there is vehicle recovery happening.
- **Do** secure all luggage and equipment in the vehicle cabin to prevent injury from it bouncing around.
- **Do not** follow too close to the vehicle in front of you.
- **Do not** attempt a water crossing until the depth has been assessed.
- **Do not** leave gates you have opened unattended.
- **Do not** use a tow ball for towing or recovering vehicles (ever).
- **Do not** forget to disengage 4WD when returning to sealed roads unless permanent 4WD.
- **Do not** forget to re-inflate tyres at the end of the trip or when back on public roads

BOOKING FOR A TRIP

To book for a trip use the contact number published as part of the trip description. If a contact is not present, please use the “contact us” procedure below.

CLUB NEWSLETTERS

A copy of historical Club newsletters are available through a tab at the bottom of the Club website and can be downloaded if required.

CONTACTING THE CLUB

To forward an email to the Club please use the “Contact Us” option on the Club website:

<http://www.ccvc.org.nz>

The Club Postal Address is:

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Incorporated.
P.O. Box 38 762
Wellington Mail Centre
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The Club also has a Facebook page:

[CCVC Facebook](#)

Please Note

The material contained in this guide is a summary and does not fully represent all details of Club policies, rules and procedures.

Visitors Guide



Welcome to the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc. (CCVC)

Our Club was started in the early 1970s by people who had 4WD vehicles and wanted to spend more time using them for the purpose the manufacturers had intended, and to further their interests with likeminded individuals.

This Visitors Guide is intended to provide you with an introduction to 4WDing with our Club. Please keep it handy as you should read it before your first few outings.

As a visitor you may participate in our Family Shiny and Touring Class category trips only, unless you can show the trip leader that you do/used to belong to another 4WD club.

We are very pleased to have you along on our trips. To keep us all safe and prevent vehicle damage we require you to follow a few simple rules as outlined in this booklet.

CLUB NIGHTS

You are welcome to come along to Club nights held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month (excluding January), at 7:30pm at the Naenae Bowling Club, Vogel Street, Lower Hutt.

HOW TO BECOME A CCVC MEMBER

- Obtain the “Application for Membership” form from our website, the Trip Leader or the Membership Officer.
- Gain basic experience through our Touring Class and Family Shiny trips.
 - Participate in 3 Touring Class or Family Shiny trips, making sure they are recorded on your Membership Application form (Notes: A Training Day will count as a trip. For Trip Fees See Trip Fees section below regarding costs).
- Forward the completed form to the Membership Officer (details on the form).
- You will be invoiced for the Club Subscription and National Association Levy (the current values are on our web site).
- Completion of a Training Day and obtaining a Vehicle Inspection sticker is required prior to participating in Shiny 4x4 or the more challenging trip categories.
- The driver in charge of the vehicle must have a current New Zealand driver's license to participate in any Club trip.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ON TRIPS

Club members have a comprehensive list of equipment they are required to carry on trips however as a visitor on a Touring Class or Family Shiny trip you are not expected to carry such equipment. Basically, all you require is your vehicle, appropriate clothing, food and drink and any medication etc that is required by members of your party.

TRIP CONVOY RULES

- **Safety is paramount at all times.** Seatbelts must be worn and children must be secured in approved child seats or restraints at all times when the vehicle is moving. All luggage and equipment should be well secured.
- **The Trip Leader is ALWAYS in charge.** Please recognize their authority and follow their instructions as they are responsible for the safe conduct of the trip.
- **Keep the vehicle immediately behind in sight.** This ensures the convoy stays together and if the following vehicle encounters difficulty you are not so far ahead that you cannot assist if required. If needs be STOP and wait for them to catch up.
- **At intersections make sure the following vehicle knows which way to go.** You MUST remain at an intersection until you are absolutely positive that the following vehicle has seen which way you went.
- **Vehicle Recovery.** If a vehicle requires recovery the trip leader must be informed and the recovery only undertaken by CCVC Club members who have the equipment and knowledge to safely affect the recovery.
- **Gates.** The general rule at gates is that the vehicle immediately behind the trip leader will stop and remain at the gate until the convoy has passed and will then rejoin the convoy immediately in front of "tail end Charlie". The trip leader may change this process depending on individual gate circumstances.
- **No Pets.** Pets are not allowed on trips unless specifically stated as we are often travelling on to properties where pets are not permitted (e.g. working farms).
- **No Firearms.**
- **No drinking and driving or taking of drugs etc while driving.**
- **Driving over obstacles on the track.** Ensure that the vehicle in front has cleared an obstacle before you attempt to drive it.
- **Public Roads.** If travelling in convoy on a public road allow plenty of space between vehicles so members of the public can pass.
- **Leaving the convoy.** If you must leave the convoy you must ensure that the trip leader is informed so he doesn't think you have been left behind somewhere.
- **Respect the environment.** Only go where you have authority to go and do not deviate off into areas away from the convoy. Take out everything you take in and leave no rubbish etc. Abuse the privilege of access and that will be taken away by the landowners.

TRIP FEES

A "Trip Fee" is payable for every vehicle. The fee is set by the Trip Leader based on the cost of Land Access and other related expenses, if these are zero the Trip Fee is usually zero.

Non-Club Members pay a "Member for The Day" Fee (currently \$20 per vehicle) in addition to any Trip Fee (except for visitors from other recognised 4WD clubs that are members of the NZFWDA) The trip leader will record details of all vehicles and trip fees paid on a club Trip Sheet.

CLUB RADIOS

Most Club members have a VHF two-way radio on licensed Club frequencies. We also use PRS radios (channel 30) when we have visitors or club members that do not have the "Club" radios.

TRIP CATEGORIES (These are described in more detail on the Clubs website).

Touring Class

As a prospective member of the club you are welcome to participate in our Touring Class trips. These trips are conducted on backcountry roads and are designed as a family day out with a group of likeminded people wanting to explore less travelled and often gravel roads in their 4WD vehicles.

Vehicles: Any vehicle with 4WD or AWD capability is welcome to participate in these events. The vehicle must be registered and have a current warrant of fitness.

Family Shiny

Prospective members of the club are also welcome to participate in our Family Shiny trips. These trips are conducted on easy 4WD tracks (not on public roads as in Touring Class), are straightforward and no vehicle damage is expected (although we cannot guarantee this 100% if the track has changed significantly or unforeseen events occur).

This category is suited to family outings and drivers new to off-road driving.

Vehicles: There are no special requirements for non-members vehicles on this category of trip except that the vehicle must:

- Have a low ratio gearbox
- Not be a 4WD or AWD car, station wagon or van.
- If a soft top vehicle it must have a roll bar or roll cage.

The following Trip categories are for CCVC Members whose vehicles have a current Vehicle Inspection sticker and the driver has participated in a Training Day.

Shiny 4X4

These trips are a more difficult family trip. Bush marks and possibly some minor damage may occur. Mud tyres may also be required.

Club 4X4

Challenging trips for experienced drivers over steep terrain, through deep water and mud. Vehicle damage is very possible and a higher level of equipment may be required (i.e. winch).

Hard Yakka

Difficult trips with extreme terrain, where winching, digging and vehicle damage is all a possibility.

Notes:

- Novice and prospective members are only permitted to attend the "Touring Class" and "Family Shiny" category of trips.
- We recommend that you check that your vehicle insurance covers you "off road".
- The Trip Leader is always in charge of the trip and may impose or waive a particular requirement (e.g. mud tyres) if the circumstances of the trip permit.
- The Club Committee requires Trip Leaders to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply.