

Mountain Bike Trail Grading

Choose a track that matches your skills, fitness and the experience you're after. Most tracks are more difficult when wet. Avoid riding in the mud and rain.



Easiest: Grade 1

Standard: Fairly flat, wide, smooth track or gravel road.



Easy: Grade 2

Standard: Mostly flat with some gentle climbs on smooth track with easily avoidable obstacles such as rocks and potholes.



Intermediate: Grade 3

Standard: Steep slopes and/or avoidable obstacles possibly on narrow track and/or with poor traction. There may be exposure at the track's outside edge.



Advanced: Grade 4

Standard: A mixture of long, steep climbs, narrow track, poor traction and obstacles that are difficult to avoid or jump over. Generally exposed at the track's outside edge. Most riders will find some sections easier to walk.



Expert: Grade 5

Standard: Technically challenging. Giant climbs, narrow track and numerous hazards including dangerous drop-offs, sharp corners and difficult obstacles. Expect walking and possibly bike carrying.



Extreme: Grade 6

Standard: Downhill/free ride specific tracks. Extremely steep sections with large drop-offs and other unavoidable obstacles. May include man made structures and jumps.



Respect Others

- Stay in control
- Give way to walkers
- Signal your approach and pass with care
- Ride shared-use tracks in small groups

Respect The Rules

- Ride only where permitted
- Obtain permission from private land owners
- Leave gates as you find them
- Be prepared - take food, water, tools, First Aid & warm clothes

Respect The Track

- Don't skid, cut corners or make new lines
- Avoid riding muddy tracks
- Take rubbish home
- Check, Clean and Dry your bike between rides

