

Australian Walking Track Grading

A newly adopted national track grading is becoming regarded as the primary means of informing people about the features of walking tracks, and therefore allowing walkers to gauge whether a particular track is suitable for their ability/needs etc.

The basic (simplified) framework of the Grades are as follows,

Grade 1 : Up to 5km, gentle gradients, well formed track without steps, clearly sign-posted, no experience required.



Grade 2 : Up to 10km, gentle hills, formed track with occasional steps, clearly sign-posted, no experience required.



Grade 3 : Up to 20km, short steep hills, formed track with many steps, sign-posted, some bushwalking experience required.



Grade 4 : May be more than 20km, some long steep sections, rough track, limited sign-posting, intermediate bushwalking experience required.



Grade 5 : May be more than 20km, many long steep sections, rough track, no sign-posting, extensive bushwalking experience required.

