## **Australian Track Grading System**

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.

We will gradually phase in this grading system in our future Walks Programs.

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.

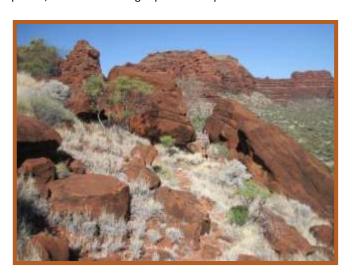


**Grade 2**Up to 10km, gentle hills, formed track with occasional steps, clearly sign-posted, no experience required.



## 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.

