





Track Classification

There is a move to a standardised track classification system based on the Victorian system. The following matches up what our Club uses with the “official” classifications as published on the 4WD Association website. You may see the signs on some tracks that have been classified. John Kent.

4WD Recreational Track Classification

Why is the System Being Developed?

Four Wheel Driving is a popular recreational activity on roads and tracks across Victoria's National Parks and Reserves and State Forests. The classifications will enable visitors to understand the nature of a track before beginning their journey. It will allow them to plan their trip for enjoyment, safety and comfort.

	Easy	Medium	Difficult	Very Difficult
Overview Description	All Wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Novice Drivers.	Mainly High range 4WD but Low Range required. Some 4WD experience or training required.	Significant Low range 4WD with standard 4WD ground clearance. Should have 4WD driver training.	Low range 4WD with High ground clearance. Experienced Drivers.
Advisory Sign	Green Circle	Blue Square	Black Diamond	Double Black Diamond
				
Expected terrain and track conditions	Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients.	Tracks with some steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have shallow water crossings.	Tracks with frequent steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy track sections. Possible water crossings.	Tracks with frequent very steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have difficult river crossings
Vehicle suitability	All Wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Can be low clearance with single range and road tyres.	Suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres.	Suitable for medium to high clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain tyres.	Suitable for high clearance vehicles with dual range and tyres suitable for the terrain. (Mud Terrain tyres).
Recovery Equipment				Winch/ Recovery equipment required.
Driver Training / Experience	Suitable for novice drivers.	Recommended that drivers have experience or 4WD training. Recommended to be done in groups of vehicles.	Recommended for drivers with reasonable experience or 4WD training. To be done in groups of vehicles.	Drivers with extensive experience and advanced training should only attempt as there are several technical challenges. Recommended to be done in groups of four or more vehicles.
Weather	May be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.

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Equivalent WWFWD Classification	Easy 4WD trip. Winching and/or towing unlikely.	Medium 4WD trip. Requires a capable vehicle, cautious driving and basic 4WD driving skills. Winching should not be required.	Moderately difficult with some winching and/or towing a possibility. Good 4WD driving skills and a capable vehicle required.	Extremely difficult, Participants must be experienced at travelling over difficult terrain. Winching and/or towing highly likely.