

# 10 Track classification scheme and impact limits for tracks, campsites and rivers

## 10.1 General comments

**(i) Classification scheme is prescriptive**

This classification scheme is *prescriptive*, ie it specifies track standards as guidelines for management. It should not be confused with the *descriptive* classification scheme (“no pad”, “pad” or “track”) used in appendix A1 to categorise the degree of track development that has occurred on a given route or track. (See note (v) (b) of A1.)

**(ii) Specifications are flexible**

Specifications for limits to biophysical and social impacts in wilderness settings must have a degree of flexibility, for two main reasons:

First, the aesthetic and ecological significance of recreational impacts may vary widely in different environmental settings. For example track widening is a more serious problem in alpine areas where the resulting vegetation loss is likely to be irreversible.

Second, exact specifications would be impractical to implement - for example it would be impractical to ensure that every metre of every T3 track is less than 0.75 metres wide.

The specifications in this document are therefore to be regarded as guidelines, not as rigid prescriptions.

**(iii) Significance of acceptable limits**

As stated in Sec 9.1 track formation in previously trackless areas, track and campsite deterioration and increasing social impacts are to be tolerated in the short to medium term only if such developments are expected to stabilise or be arrested at acceptable levels in the medium to long term. Acceptable levels are defined in 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4.

For example it is acceptable for a section of T2 track to be eroded to a depth of 25cm on stable bedrock, but active erosion at any depth is not acceptable if the depth is likely to exceed 25cm in the long term.

Tracks, routes or campsites on which conditions have deteriorated beyond acceptable levels will be repaired or allowed to regenerate until the required standards are met.

**(iv) “Ideal” classifications**

Some tracks have been awarded two classifications, a standard classification which is to apply for the foreseeable future and an “ideal” classification to which the track in question could eventually be upgraded if sufficient funds become available, or downgraded if politically feasible. “Ideal” classifications are indicated in italics in section 11 and appendix A1.

**(v) Notation**

Additional notation relating to track classifications is defined in 10.5.

## 10.2 Guidelines applying to more than one classification

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**(i) Width**

No part of any track other than designated “walks” (W1 & W2) should exceed 2m in width in the long term. Priority for containing and reducing track widths should be given to tracks in alpine areas and those on highly visible slopes and spurs.

**(ii) Depth of erosion**

The depth of erosion on a track traversing a cross-slope is defined here as the depth relative to the original (estimated) ground level. Erosion depths on benched tracks are measured relative to the original benched surface.

Erosion depths exceeding 25cm should be avoided wherever possible. For tracks of T3 standard or higher, active soil erosion is acceptable providing it is expected to stabilise (eg on bedrock) or be arrested by future trackwork before the depth exceeds 25cm. However erosion to depths less than 25cm will also be prevented as far as practical.

Management should attempt to ensure that no more than 20% of any continuous 1km section of T4 track becomes eroded to a depth of more than 10cm.

The depth and extent of erosion considered acceptable for any track, and the priority assigned to work aimed at preventing or halting erosion, must take into account the visual and ecological impact of such erosion in the environment in question.

**(iii) Mud**

The prevention or repair of muddy sections of track will generally be given a lower priority than the prevention or repair of erosion or track widening except in the following cases:

- (a) Where mud churning is causing or is associated with track widening (especially in alpine areas) or erosion; and
- (b) Where mud conditions substantially exceed the requirements of user comfort implicit in the track classification for W1, W2, T1 tracks and in some cases for T2 tracks.

The repair or rerouting of sections of excessively deep (ie >20cm) mudbowls, other than those referred to in (a) above, may be undertaken on tracks of T2, T3 and T4 standard, and even on localised sections of designated routes, as a low priority in the long term. Such repair should be undertaken using techniques compatible with the track classification, eg using rock infill or single-width planking.

**(iv) Campsites**

Measures will be taken to prevent the unplanned formation and spread of campsites throughout the WHA regardless of track classification, and to ensure that established campsites are stable in the long term. If necessary campsites will be artificially stabilised, as will the associated trampled areas and “social tracks”.

Priority for stabilising campsites will be given to:

- (a) alpine sites and other environmentally sensitive sites;
- (b) rapidly deteriorating sites, especially sites where poor conditions are likely to lead to an increase in campsite area or to the formation of new sites.

Approximate sizes for campsites, expressed in terms of numbers of tent-sites, are specified in the track classification scheme. Owing to wide variations in environmental conditions these specifications should be regarded as a rough guide only.

The number of campsites on any track should generally be kept to the minimum necessary to cater for peak usage. However in areas where campsite impacts are low (eg in lowland forest areas) a surplus of campsites may be acceptable.

Campsite structures such as fireplaces, seats, shelter walls and fixed washing lines (but excluding tent platforms and other facilities installed for environmental purposes) are inappropriate and will be progressively removed from all sites outside Visitor Service Zones and Sites.

### 10.2.2 Social impacts

#### (i) Maximum usage

The maximum usage levels specified by the track classification scheme are included as a guide only. It should be noted that the usage levels appropriate for a track in a daywalk area will generally be higher than those appropriate for a track with the same classification in a remote area because higher levels of social impact are acceptable in daywalk areas. For any given track, route or area usage will be maintained at levels at which the track and campsite conditions specified in the track classification scheme can be achieved and maintained in the long term, and at levels compatible with the maintenance of the natural, cultural and recreational values of the area in question. In general usage ceilings will be based on the results of ongoing monitoring of track and campsite conditions and other forms of impact.

Usage in trackless areas will be restricted to levels at which the specifications of the “Route” classification are met throughout the areas in question. In particular, usage ceilings will be set below the levels at which pads and tracks are likely to form.

#### (ii) Campsite crowding

The specified limits for campsite area (expressed in terms of numbers of tent sites) automatically specify limits for the number of people likely to be encountered at such sites. For example usage of T2 tracks should be managed so as to restrict the number of people encountered at any one time at campsites on these tracks to a maximum of 24, preferably dispersed in groups of up to eight.

#### (iii) Maximum party size

Upper limits for party size are included in the specifications for all walking tracks except W1 and W2 tracks for which there is no upper limit. These limits will apply to all parties including guided parties (for which the specified party size includes guides).

Party size limits will be publicised as part of the Service’s expanded MIB campaign (see Sec 9.11 (iii)).

Walkers will be required to restrict their party size according to the specifications recommended for the least developed track or route they intend to use during their trip. For example, walkers traversing the Southern Ranges (T3+T4) and returning via the South Coast Track (T2) will be required to restrict their party size to six.

The limits specified for party size have been determined in part by existing arrangements with professionally guided groups, and may be modified when more information becomes available about the relationships between party size and biophysical and social impacts.

### 10.2.3 Guided tours

Licences are required for the operation of professionally guided tours anywhere in the WHA. Where usage restrictions apply, guided tour usage is to be restricted to a

maximum proportion of total usage. As stated in 10.2.2 (iii) guided parties will be required to conform to the party size limits specified in the track classification scheme.

Guided tour operators will be required to follow the guidelines for publicity specified in the track classification scheme, ie to restrict their publicity for T3 tracks and not to publicise T4 tracks and routes. Operators guiding trips on T4 tracks and routes may publicise the fact that they are doing so but will not be permitted to publicise exact destinations and routes.

#### **10.2.4 Walk difficulty**

The track classification scheme does not include specifications defining the difficulty of walking along various grades of track or route, because difficulty of walking is hard to define and the classification scheme would become unwieldy if it included too many specifications.

Difficulty of access is however to some extent implicit in the track classification scheme; for example walkers on T3 tracks can expect to encounter steeper gradients, rougher track surfaces and fewer people than on T1 tracks. Hence the track classification scheme can be used as an indicator of the level of difficulty which can be encountered by walkers in the WHA - see 9.11 (i): (j).

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### 10.3 Walking track specifications

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<b>W1</b>	<b>Wheelchair standard nature trail</b>
<b>Length</b>	Usually less than 1.5 km for a loop track or 750m if users have to double back.
<b>Width</b>	Min 1.2m, preferably at least 1.5m or with sections more than 1.5m wide every 30m and at bends to allow wheelchairs to pass.  Max 2.5m, preferably less than 2m over most of track. (Tracks more than 2m wide may be disorientating for users with impaired vision.)  Ramped sections should be exactly 1.02m wide with handrails on both sides.
<b>Max gradient</b>	5°; mostly less than 2°.
<b>Surfacing</b>	Firm even surface, eg concrete, asphalt, fine gravel, sawn wood planking. Edges clearly defined.
<b>Drainage</b>	Well drained, “shoe” standard.
<b>Steps</b>	No steps; ramps < 5°.
<b>Scrub clearance</b>	Min 0.3m on either side at ground level, 0.5m at shoulder level, 2.2m height clearance. No obstacles.
<b>Facilities</b>	Bridges to full width of track, signposts, interpretation facilities, viewing platforms. Shelters and benches are acceptable but not picnic tables. Track markers are unnecessary.
<b>Max usage</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Max party size</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Publicity</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Routeguides</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Guided tours</b>	Licences are required.
<b>Example</b>	Cradle Mt visitor centre rainforest walk, Russell Falls Track.

<b>W2</b>	<b>(Standard) nature trail</b>
<b>Length</b>	Usually less than 3km for a loop track or 1.5 km if users have to double back.
<b>Width</b>	Min 0.6m, generally at least 1m. Max 2.5m, preferably less than 2m over most of track. (Tracks more than 2m wide may be disorientating for users with impaired vision.)
<b>Max gradient</b>	Mostly less than 8°, max 15° over short (30m) sections.
<b>Surfacing</b>	Reasonably firm, eg stabilised soil, gravel, pine chips, stone. Note: Evenly laid cordwood may be suitable for some W2 tracks but cordwood is generally unsuitable for tracks likely to be used by aged or disabled people.
<b>Drainage</b>	Well drained, “shoe” standard.
<b>Steps</b>	Steps and stairs may be included, with handrails where necessary for user safety.
<b>Scrub clearance</b>	Min 0.3m on either side at ground level, 0.5m at shoulder level, 2.2m height clearance. No obstacles.
<b>Facilities</b>	Bridges to full width of track, signposts, interpretation facilities, viewing platforms. Shelters and benches are acceptable, but not picnic tables. Track markers are unnecessary.
<b>Max usage</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Max party size</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Publicity</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Routeguides</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Guided tours</b>	Licences are required.
<b>Example</b>	Donaghys Hill Nature Trail, Ballroom Forest Track.

<b>T1</b>	<b>Track grade 1</b>
<b>Length</b>	No limit for any tracks of T1 standard or lower.
<b>Width</b>	Min generally 0.5m, generally at least 0.75m. Max 1.2m.
<b>Max gradient</b>	Mostly < 15° but may be steeper in places.
<b>Surfacing/Drainage</b>	“Boot” standard. May be rocky and uneven in places. Some mud and water to 10cm is acceptable.
<b>Scrub clearance</b>	Mostly clear of scrub across width of track. Some fallen debris and other obstacles may be encountered.
<b>Facilities</b>	<p>Track markers where necessary to ensure that route is obvious except under extreme conditions (eg blizzards, heavy snow).</p> <p>Snow poles may be installed on the Overland Track, the Kitchen Hut/Horse Track, the Walls of Jerusalem Track between Trappers Hut and the Pool of Bethesda, and the Hartz Peak track between the carpark and Ladies Tarn, but will not be installed on other T1 tracks.</p> <p>Bridges (with flat walking surface at least 0.5m wide) to be installed over all major creeks and rivers. Bridges with a walking surface less than 0.5m wide should incorporate a handrail or wire. Stepping stones acceptable; fords acceptable where water is generally less than 10cm deep.</p> <p>Monochrome (directional) signposts at start of track and at junctions with tracks of grade T3 or higher. Junctions with T4 tracks may be unsignposted; otherwise signposts should refer to the main (T1) track only.</p> <p>Duotone signposts (“cream” lettering on “ironbark” background) acceptable at trailheads.</p> <p>Interpretative signs are acceptable in existing structures such as huts. Signs may also be installed for management and safety purposes.</p> <p>Note: Users should be warned that routefinding and progress on T1 tracks may be difficult under extreme conditions such as blizzards, flooding or heavy snow.</p>
<b>Campsites</b>	Visibly impacted sites for up to 20 tents, preferably dispersed in groups of up to four tents. Enclosed toilets to be provided at sites of more than 10 tents, or where necessary for environmental purposes.
<b>Max usage</b>	5000 per annum.
<b>Max party size</b>	<p>13. (Note: this figure allows for commercially guided tours with ten clients and three guides.)</p> <p>Party sizes of less than 6 will be encouraged.</p>
<b>Publicity</b>	No restrictions - may be included in maps, tourist brochures etc.
<b>Routeguides</b>	May be included in routeguides but routeguide authors will be encouraged to consult with the Service to ensure that published information and advice is compatible with management objectives.
<b>Guided tours</b>	Permitted but licences are required and numbers of trips may be restricted.
<b>Example</b>	Overland Track, Shadow Lake Track.

<b>T2</b>	<b>Track grade 2</b>
<b>Width</b>	Min 0.5m but short sections <0.5m acceptable. Max 1m.
<b>Max gradient</b>	Mostly < 20° but may be steeper in places.
<b>Surfacing/Drainage</b>	“Wet boot” standard. Stabilisation/hardening mainly for environmental purposes but some concessions to user comfort. Surface may be rough and/or muddy over extended sections. Mud up to 20cm deep acceptable in places.
<b>Scrub clearance</b>	Mostly clear of scrub across width of track. Some fallen debris and other obstacles may be encountered.
<b>Facilities</b>	<p>Track markers where necessary to ensure that route is obvious except under extreme conditions (eg blizzards, heavy snow in nonalpine areas).</p> <p>Snow poles may be installed on the Rufus Circuit, Cradle Mt summit track, Face Track, Twisted Lakes Track (assuming this retains T2 classification), Rodway Track (between Ranger Hut and Scott Kilvert Hut) and the Walls of Jerusalem Track between the Pool of Bethesda and the Dixons Kingdom area, but will not be installed on other T2 tracks.</p> <p>Bridges to be installed over all major creeks and rivers which are not normally safely fordable at a depth of less than 0.5m. Bridges may also be installed to minimise erosion at creek crossings. Log crossings and cable bridges acceptable; flying foxes or swing bridges acceptable over larger rivers. Some fords may be flood-prone.</p> <p>Monochrome (directional) signposts at start of track and at junctions with tracks of grade T3 or higher. Junctions with T4 tracks may be unsignposted; otherwise signposts should refer to the main (T2) track only. Signs may also be installed for management and safety purposes.</p> <p>Note: Users should be warned that routefinding and progress on T2 tracks may be difficult under extreme conditions such as blizzards, flooding or heavy snow.</p>
<b>Campsites</b>	Visibly impacted sites for up to 12 tents, preferably dispersed in groups of up to four tents. Toilets to be provided at sites of more than 10 tents, or where necessary for environmental purposes.
<b>Max usage</b>	2500 per annum
<b>Max party size</b>	13. (Note: this figure allows for commercially guided tours with ten clients and three guides.)
	Party sizes of less than 6 will be encouraged.
<b>Publicity</b>	Generally no restrictions, but some types of publicity may be discouraged if overall usage restrictions are necessary.
<b>Routeguides</b>	May be included in routeguides but routeguide authors will be encouraged to consult with the Service to ensure that published information and advice is compatible with management objectives.
<b>Guided tours</b>	Permitted but licences are required and numbers of trips may be restricted.
<b>Example</b>	South Coast Track, Frenchmans Cap Track.

<b>T3</b>	<b>Track grade 3</b>
<b>Width</b>	No minimum width. Maximum 0.75m. May include sections of marked route with or without visible pad, eg staked route across moorland.
<b>Max gradient</b>	Limited by environmental considerations only.
<b>Surfacing/Drainage</b>	Minimal - for environmental purposes only.
<b>Scrub clearance</b>	Sufficient to facilitate fairly easy navigation under normal conditions. Fallen debris and other obstacles may be encountered.
<b>Facilities</b>	Track markers where necessary to ensure that route is obvious along most of track, although route may not be obvious in snow. No snow poles.  Rough log bridges acceptable but not necessary. Flying foxes acceptable over rivers which cannot normally be forded, but some fords may be flood-prone.  Monochrome (directional) signposts at start of track and at junctions with tracks of grade T3 or higher. Junctions with T4 tracks may be unsignposted; otherwise signposts should refer to the main (T3) track only. Signs may also be installed for management and safety purposes.
<b>Campsites</b>	Visibly impacted sites for up to 8 tents, preferably dispersed in groups of two or three tents. Toilets of minimal design to be provided where necessary for environmental purposes.
<b>Max usage</b>	1000 per annum.
<b>Max party size</b>	8  Party sizes of less than 6 will be encouraged.
<b>Publicity</b>	Potential publicists (eg magazine editors) will be encouraged to keep publicity low-key. T3 tracks may be included on maps.
<b>Routeguides</b>	Routeguides are acceptable but should be sparsely written - routeguide authors will be encouraged to follow Service guidelines.
<b>Guided tours</b>	Permitted but licences are required and numbers of trips may be restricted. Advertising and publicity should conform to T3 guidelines - see 10.2.3.
<b>Example</b>	Anne Circuit, Rasselas Track.

<b>T4</b>	<b>Track grade 4</b>
<b>Width</b>	No minimum width. Maximum 0.5m.
<b>Max gradient</b>	Limited by environmental considerations only.
<b>Surfacing/Drainage</b>	Minimal - for environmental purposes only.
<b>Scrub clearance</b>	Minimal. As a general rule living woody vegetation will not be cut. Track clearing will generally not be undertaken by the Service but may be undertaken occasionally by volunteer groups with Service authorisation and under Service supervision. Clearance of vegetation will be prohibited on tracks classified (T4, R) and T4*.
<b>Facilities</b>	T4 tracks may be marked but markers should be low-key and tracks may be difficult to follow in places. No snow poles.  Track marking will not be permitted on tracks classified (T4, R).  No other facilities except where necessary for environmental purposes - eg “fan out” signs.
<b>Campsites</b>	Visibly impacted sites for up to 4 tents. Toilets of minimal design to be provided only where necessary for environmental purposes.
<b>Max usage</b>	250 per annum.
<b>Max party size</b>	6.  Party sizes of less than four will be encouraged.  Parties of up to 8 acceptable on some T4 tracks in the Central Plateau SRRZ, subject to environmental conditions.
<b>Publicity</b>	All publicity to be discouraged. Not to be included on maps except for internal management purposes. Authors will be encouraged to keep route descriptions vague (eg in accounts of past expeditions). Photographers and publishers will be encouraged not to identify the precise location of photographs taken in areas accessible only by T4 tracks.
<b>Routeguides</b>	Inclusion of T4 tracks in routeguides will be strongly discouraged.
<b>Guided tours</b>	Licences may be issued on condition that guided parties conform to the recommended party-size limit and to the guidelines relating to the publicity of tracks and destinations (see 10.2.3).
<b>Example</b>	Nevada Pk track (to scrubline), Mt Weld track.

<b>R</b>	<b>Route</b>
<b>Note:</b>	Applies to all trackless areas regardless of zoning.
<b>Pad formation</b>	Pads or tracks to be kept to an absolute minimum.
<b>Width</b>	Pads or tracks to be < 0.5m.
<b>Max gradient</b>	No restrictions.
<b>Surfacing/Drainage</b>	Minimal - for environmental purposes only.
<b>Scrub clearance</b>	None.
<b>Facilities</b>	None except where necessary for environmental purposes - eg track markers to concentrate usage in bottlenecks on alpine traverses. Signs may be installed for essential management purposes .
<b>Campsites</b>	Formation of campsites to be avoided where possible, but visibly impacted sites for up to four tents, preferably at least partially vegetated, to be sanctioned where unavoidable or desirable for environmental purposes. No toilets provided unless essential for environmental purposes.
<b>Max usage</b>	100 per annum for identified major routes. For trackless areas usage limits to be set according to the predicted or measured environmental and social impacts on identified routes in those areas.
<b>Max party size</b>	4.  Parties of up to 8 acceptable in some parts of the Central Plateau SRRZ, subject to environmental conditions including pad and track formation.
<b>Publicity</b>	All publicity to be discouraged. Routes not to be identified on maps except for internal (ie Service) management purposes. Authors will be encouraged to keep route descriptions vague (eg in accounts of past expeditions). Photographers and publishers will be encouraged not to identify the precise location of photographs taken in trackless areas.
<b>Routeguides</b>	Publication of routeguides (including mention of “Routes” in routeguides) to be strongly discouraged. Service user notes will promote a “fan out” policy except where concentration of usage is desirable for environmental purposes.
<b>Guided tours</b>	Licences may be issued on the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• guided parties must conform to the recommended party-size limit;</li> <li>• guided tour operators must observe the guidelines in relation to the publicity of routes and destinations (see 10.2.3);</li> <li>• guided tours must be conducted in such a way as to avoid contributing to unplanned track and campsite formation. In particular, operators will be required to avoid frequent use of any trackless route.</li> </ul>
<b>Example</b>	Franklands traverse, routes in upper Murchison catchment.

## 10.4 Classifications for Rivers

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<b>Riv 1:</b>	<b>River grade 1</b>
<b>Portage tracks:</b>	
<b>Width</b>	No minimum width. Max preferably < 1m. May include sections of marked route with or without visible pad.
<b>Max gradient</b>	Limited by environmental considerations. May involve minor scrambling.
<b>Surfacing/Drainage</b>	Minimal - for environmental purposes only.
<b>Scrub clearance</b>	Minimal - sufficient to facilitate fairly easy navigation under normal conditions. Vegetation and fallen timber to be cut occasionally.
<b>Facilities</b>	Monochrome signposts may be installed where necessary to identify the start of portage tracks or access to campsites. Signs may also be installed for management and safety purposes.  Track markers acceptable where track routes are not obvious.  Safety aids such as bolted-in ladders or bridges may be installed where necessary.
<b>General:</b>	
<b>Campsites</b>	Visibly impacted sites for up to 20 tents, preferably dispersed in groups of up to four tents. Toilets may be provided if necessary for environmental purposes but users will be encouraged to carry out faecal waste.
<b>Max usage</b>	5000 per annum.
<b>Max party size</b>	No limit but parties of more than 20 people will not be encouraged.
<b>Publicity</b>	No restrictions - may be included in maps, tourist brochures etc.
<b>Routeguides</b>	May be included in routeguides but routeguide authors will be encouraged to consult with the Service to ensure that published information and advice is compatible with management objectives.
<b>Guided tours</b>	Permitted but licences are required and numbers of trips may be restricted.
<b>Example</b>	Forth River, Picton River below Farmhouse Ck.

<b>Riv 2:</b>	<b>River grade 2</b>
<b>Portage tracks:</b>	
<b>Width</b>	No minimum width. Maximum preferably <0.75m. May include sections of marked route with or without visible pad.
<b>Max gradient</b>	Limited by environmental considerations only.
<b>Surfacing/Drainage</b>	Minimal - for environmental purposes only.
<b>Scrub clearance</b>	Minimal - sufficient to facilitate fairly easy navigation under normal conditions. Vegetation and fallen timber to be cut occasionally, eg every five years.
<b>Facilities</b>	<p>Monochrome signposts may be installed where necessary to identify the start of portage tracks or access to campsites. Signs may also be installed for management and safety purposes.</p> <p>Track markers acceptable but tracks may be unmarked in places.</p> <p>Safety aids such as bolted-in ladders or bridges may be installed where necessary.</p>
<b>General:</b>	
<b>Campsites</b>	Visibly impacted sites for up to 8 tents, preferably dispersed in groups of up to four tents. Toilets may be provided where necessary for environmental purposes but users will be encouraged to carry out faecal waste.
<b>Max usage</b>	1000 per annum.
<b>Max party size</b>	13
<b>Publicity</b>	Some types of publicity may be discouraged if overall usage restrictions are necessary.
<b>Routeguides</b>	May be included in routeguides but routeguide authors will be encouraged to consult with the Service to ensure that published information and advice is compatible with management objectives.
<b>Guided tours</b>	Permitted but numbers of trips restricted and licences required.
<b>Example</b>	Franklin River below Collingwood junction.

<b>Riv R:</b>	<b>River “route”</b>
<b>Portages</b>	Pads or tracks may develop on some portage routes. These pads or tracks to be kept to a minimum and managed as per T4 classification.
<b>Scrub clearance</b>	None.
<b>Facilities</b>	None except where necessary for environmental purposes - eg track markers to concentrate usage on portages.
<b>Campsites</b>	Formation of campsites to be avoided where possible, but visibly impacted sites for up to four tents, preferably at least partially vegetated, to be sanctioned where unavoidable or desirable for environmental purposes. No toilets provided unless essential for environmental purposes; users to be encouraged to remove faecal waste to a location well away from rivers and creeks.
<b>Max usage</b>	100 per annum.
<b>Max party size</b>	4.
<b>Publicity</b>	All publicity to be discouraged.
<b>Routeguides</b>	Publication of routeguides (including mention of these rivers as potential recreational destinations in routeguides) to be strongly discouraged.
<b>Guided tours</b>	Permits may be issued on the condition that guided parties conform to the recommended party-size limit and to restrictions on the publicity of routes and destinations (see 10.2.3). Guided tour operators will be discouraged from undertaking repeat trips which are likely to result in the formation of pads or impacted campsites.
<b>Example</b>	Denison River, Anne River.

## 10.5 Additional notation

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Additional notation is defined as follows:

- X** Track to be closed; use discouraged or if necessary prohibited.  
Example: Northern cross-track to Pine Valley.
- X, R** Track to be closed and allowed to rehabilitate; use of route to continue subject to conditions of “Route” classification. While signs of the track remain users will be encouraged to avoid walking on it. Usage of the route may be temporarily prohibited to allow track to revegetate.  
Example: Weld Arch route.
- X, T3** Existing track to be closed; alternative/relocated track to be opened simultaneously or in the near future with the indicated classification.  
Example: Sentinel Range.
- T4\*** Marked route: users will be encouraged to fan out within sight of track markers. Route may be unmarked in places, eg on extended stretches of open country between fanout/fan-in signs. Other specifications as for T4.  
Example: Nevada Peak traverse.
- T4, R** Use of track to continue as per T4 classification in short to medium term but track to be allowed to become overgrown and revert to “route” classification in the medium to long term.  
Track marking and the clearance of vegetation will not be permitted.  
Example: Jane River Track.
- A+B** The track in question comprises sections with different classifications A and B. Usage, party size etc on each section to be governed by the corresponding track classification unless otherwise stated.  
Example: Irenabyss to Raglan Range route (T4+R)
- A** Italicised classification indicates classification of proposed new track.  
Example: Proposed 900m contour track in the Meander Forest Reserve (*T3*).
- A, B** The first classification defines management criteria for the foreseeable future; the second, in italics, specifies the classification to which the track in question will eventually be upgraded if sufficient funds become available. The upgrading thus specified will in general be a low priority, as defined in appendix A1, unless otherwise stated.  
Example: Old Port Davey Track (T4, *T2*).
- X, A** A special case of the above, the track in question to be closed until sufficient funding becomes available to reroute, stabilise and/or upgrade the track to the standards specified by the italicised classification. Such upgrading will in general be a low priority, as defined in appendix A1.  
Example: Adamsons Falls to Duck Hole Lake via Creekton Falls (X, *T2*)
- T3?** Tentative or possible track classification pending further investigation or monitoring of track conditions.  
Examples: Sentinel Rock Track (T4?); North Col - Irenabyss (T3; X?)

**VT** Vehicular track currently open to vehicles. (Note that former vehicle tracks now closed to vehicles are not classified as VT.)

Example: Mt King William 1 dozer track.