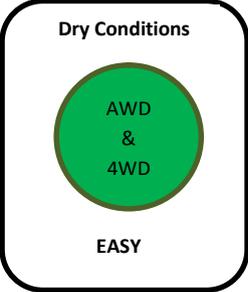
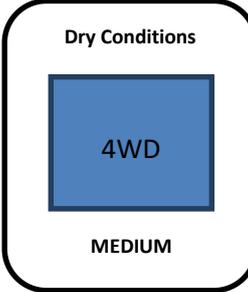
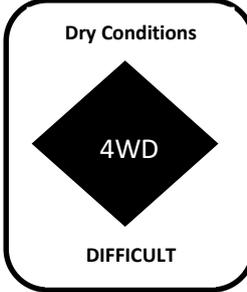
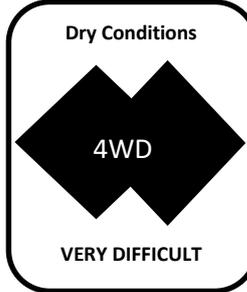


Track Classification

	Easy	Medium	Difficult	Very Difficult
Description	All-Wheel Drive and High Range 4WD Novice Drivers.	Mostly 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/Symbol	Green Circle Dry Conditions  EASY	Blue Square Dry Conditions  MEDIUM	Black Diamond Dry Conditions  DIFFICULT	Double Black Diamond Dry Conditions  VERY DIFFICULT
Expected Terrain & Track Conditions	Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients.	Tracks with some steep and/or rock/slippery/sandy sections. May have shallow water crossings.	Tracks with frequent steep and/or rock/slippery/sandy track section. Possible water crossings.	Tracks with frequent very steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy track sections. May have difficult river crossing.
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 4WD and all terrain or road tyres.	Suitable for medium clearance with Dual Range 4WD and all terrain tyres.	Suitable for high clearance with Dual Range 4WD 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.

Track Classification

The tracks are classified in dry conditions and it is noted that in wet conditions and usage that most tracks will increase in difficulty, please confer with Trip Leader if you have any concerns as to ratings of trips if weather conditions change.

BACKGROUND: After consultations with a number of people involved in the four-wheel drive movement, the track classification program has been implemented, on a national basis. The classification is to be used by all to gain knowledge of tracks and roads and is not intended to limit all people from travelling on tracks. This track classification is not intended to be used to close tracks but to advise and limit the use of some tracks by inexperienced drivers, thus avoiding undue damage to the tracks. It should be recognised that it is a Guide Only to give the driver the ability to recognise the requirements and to make informed decisions, which will make for safe travel along a specific track. This eventually could be considered in the pre trip planning stages once maps have the information included. In the interim, the identification at the entrance to the track will allow them to make a decision appropriate to their vehicle and experience. Its aims are listed below:

THEORY: The classification will be judged on the most difficult section of the track with a dry weather classification and should be upgraded during planning or decision time if weather conditions deteriorate. EG. A black diamond classified track could contain black diamond, blue square and green circle areas, however it would not contain any double black diamond areas. Each driver should use their judgment to recognize that weather conditions can alter the classification. In saying this, a blue track could clearly become a black, or maybe even a double black diamond track. This is something that each driver should give due consideration.

RISK MANAGEMENT: Classifications will help prevent track Managers over-developing the racks/roads based on the risk management profile and being seen by some as inappropriately managing their tracks', i.e. on many occasions Park Managers have stated that a particularly rough or eroded track is not up to the well-maintained standard that is presumed to be required by users. If the user is able to evaluate his requirements before attempting the track/road, then this will no longer be an issue for the managers and will allow them to direct road maintenance funding to more appropriate areas.

DRIVER TRAINING: Because this is a guide only, the suggestion that the driver should have driver training or be experienced, acts as a guide to the potential inexperienced user that it is in their best interest, and that of their vehicle and the track, that some driver training and/or experience is deemed advisable.

OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION: The aim of the classification is to have minimal subjective comments, i.e. there is no mention of steep, boggy or rutted, as these are subjective terms, and different individual interpretations may apply. Ground clearance on the other hand is one area that is fairly universal for 4WD vehicles with low range capabilities, and the driver, with this knowledge can determine whether their journey along a particular track or road would be one of comfort or discomfort.

TYRES: The classification of tyres is quite simple and implemented to encourage the driver to consider tyre traction and the possible damage to tyres on rough tracks and roads.

HIGH / LOW RANGE: The notes referring to low and high ratio/range aid the driver in determining how much of the steeper terrain there will be to negotiate along the track. Obviously, if low ratio/range is required, there is going to be at least a small amount of steep terrain.

RECOVERY EQUIPMENT: The comments about recovery equipment are advisory and in line with Adventure Activity Standards and are also not mandatory; however it is advisable that this equipment be carried in all vehicles for potentially difficult situations.