

Outdoor Activity Ratings

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The outdoor activity ratings are meant as a guide to assist participants in deciding whether the activity is suitable for their ability. The guide provides general information only and ultimately it is an individual's decision if the outing is within their abilities.

Aim: To provide general trail information in one sentence or less as a forward or preamble for all outdoor activities.

Example:

Difficulty Rating: **EASY** / Distance: Approx. 2km /
Surface Conditions: Paved / Potential Hazards: Icy Sections

Definitions of Trail Difficulty Ratings

For Walking and Hiking trails:

EASY: Easy designation would be for trails on relatively flat surfaces and short distances under 5km. Examples: Police Point Park, Strathcona Island Park, Seven Persons Creek trail.

MODERATE: Moderate designation would be for trails with changing elevation and/or longer distances greater than 5km. Examples: Ajax Coulee Trail, Ross Creek Coulee, Ranchlands riparian trail and Archeological trail.

DIFFICULT: Difficult designation would be for trails with steeper elevation changes and/or uneven and/or rocky ground. Examples: Mr. Burnside Trail, Ranchlands Escarpment trail loop, areas with steep slopes and uneven ground off of designated paths such as the dirt trails from Echo Dale Regional Park to Gas City Campground.

Ground Surface Conditions:

1. Paved
2. Gravel
3. Sandy soil
4. Rough, uneven ground
5. Rocky, uneven ground

Potential Hazards:

1. Icy sections
2. Slippery, when wet
3. Tree roots
4. Gopher holes