

BUSHWALKING

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Conditions	Direct Supervision of JOEYS, CUBS, SCOUTS OFC			Indirect Supervision of SCOUTS, VENTURERS			Remote Supervision of SCOUTS, VENTURERS, ROVERS		
	Minimum Participant Qualification	Minimum Adventurous Activity Leader Qualification	Approval Required	Minimum Participant Qualification	Minimum Adventurous Activity Leader Qualification	Approval Required	Minimum Participant Qualification	Minimum Adventurous Activity Leader Qualification	Approval Required
Local Urban Areas OR ovals/parks in residential areas (not an Adventure Activity, only Operoo mandated)	None	Scouting Adventure • OPEROO	Formation Leader	None	Scouting Adventure	Formation Leader	None	Scouting Adventure	Formation Leader
Grade 1 and 2 bushland daytime (tracked environment) - no overnight camping	None	Safe Participant (Tracked) SP	Formation Leader	OAS Bushwalking Stage 3	Trained Participant (Tracked)	Formation Leader	OAS Bushwalking Stage 4	Guide (Tracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)
Grade 1 night or Grade 2 or 3 tracks daytime (tracked environment) with or without overnight camping	None	Trained Participant (Tracked) TP	Formation Leader	OAS Bushwalking Stage 4	Assistant Guide (Tracked)	Formation Leader	OAS Bushwalking Stage 4	Guide (Tracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)
Grades 2 to 3 night or Grade 4 tracks (difficult tracked environment) with or without overnight camping	OAS Bushwalking Stage 3	Trained Participant (Difficult Tracked) TP+	Formation Leader	OAS Bushwalking Stage 4	Guide (Difficult Tracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)	OAS Bushwalking Stage 4	Guide (Difficult Tracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)
Untracked within constrained area set by a Guide (Difficult Tracked) e.g. Rogaine, Training Course, Scout Hike	OAS Bushwalking Stage 3	Trained Participant (Difficult Tracked) TP+	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)	OAS Bushwalking Stage 4	Guide (Difficult Tracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)	OAS Bushwalking Stage 4	Guide (Difficult Tracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)
Grade 5 (Extremely difficult tracked environment)	OAS Bushwalking Stage 4	Trained Participant (Extremely Difficult Tracked & Untracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)	OAS Bushwalking Stage 5 (Stage 4 at Guide's discretion with RCA approval)	Guide (Extremely Difficult Tracked and Untracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)	OAS Bushwalking Stage 5	Guide (Extremely Difficult Tracked and Untracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)
Untracked environment	OAS Bushwalking Stage 4	Guide (Extremely Difficult Tracked & Untracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)	OAS Bushwalking Stage 5 (Recommend at least one member is OAS Bushwalking Stage 6)	Guide (Extremely Difficult Tracked and Untracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)	OAS Bushwalking Stage 6	Guide (Extremely Difficult Tracked and Untracked)	Regional Commissioner (Adventurous Activities)
Any Grade bushwalk which requires entering flowing water with depth 50cm or greater	River Crossings Session Required (Cross rivers during bushwalks)								

Table 1: New Bushwalking "What activities can I run?"

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WARRIEWOOD WETLANDS
ALLENIBY PARK
RED HILL

MANY TO SPIT
MANY DAM
COASTAL BETCH WALK
BAUTREY BAY

WARRIEWOOD TO INLESIDE
THE BASIN AREA
LIGHTHOUSE
NORTH HEAD

GARLICAL NP
LONG REEF
MORRAN ROAD+

URBAN
BUSH
LAND

GRADES

NO STEPS

SOME STEPS

MANY STEPS

HARD

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Distance	Up to 5km	Up to 10km	Up to 20km	N/A	N/A
Gradient	Flat	Gentle Hills Gradient less than 1:10	Short steep hills May exceed 1:10 (or 10% or 5.7 degrees) for short sections but generally no steeper than 1:10.	Very steep May have arduous climbs and steep sections. May include long steep sections exceeding 1:10	Very steep & difficult May have very arduous climbs and steep sections. May include long steep sections exceeding 1:10
Path Quality	Flat even surface suitable for wheelchair users with someone to assist.	Formed track with a compacted surface	Formed track, may have a rough surface, some obstacles	Rough track with many obstacles	Rough unformed tracked
Marking Quality	Obvious and regular track markings	Obvious and regular track markings	Obvious but spread-out track markings	Sparse and not obvious track markings	No track markings
Steps	No steps.	Occasional steps	Many steps	N/A	N/A
Remote MEDIUM ASSISTANCE	Medical Assistance less than an hour away	Medical Assistance less than an hour away	Medical Assistance around an hour away	Medical Assistance more than an hour away	Medical Assistance more than an hour away

Table 2: Bushwalk Track Grading Table

Where a track grading is provided through either a landowner (e.g. NPWS) or an organisation like WildWalks, that Grade must be used. Note that WildWalks often provides grades for sections of walks.

In situations where a walk is not graded or a section of a graded track is being used, the track grading table is provided to support NSW Bushwalking Guides providing a Grade. For Ungraded tracks, Leaders can request the support of a Guide familiar with the local area to provide a Grade for the proposed bushwalk using the table above. The proposed Grade needs to be approved by the Regional Commissioner (Activities).

Suppose a bushwalk is planned on a portion of a Graded track (grading provided by NPWS or WildWalks, for example). In that case, support can be requested from a guide familiar with the local area to assess whether an adjusted Grade can be applied. The Guide may need to consult with the landowner to understand the factors considered in identifying the current Grade. Any adjusted Grade requires approval by the Regional Commissioner (Activities).

In their approval, Regional Commissioner (Activities) will be looking for a written assessment of each factor in the bushwalk's track grading table, explaining how the track grade has been applied. Any approved Grades will be submitted to the State Leader Bushwalking, Bushcraft and Camping to make this available for other groups wishing to bushwalk in the area.

Medical Assistance usually refers to paramedic or emergency support. In some rural areas, Medical Assistance may be provided by a support vehicle with a more comprehensive first aid kit on the approval of the Regional Commissioner (Activities). Ideally, the Leader is qualified in remote first aid (SISOFID004).