 <p><b>Scouts AUSTRALIA</b></p>	<h1>Scouts Australia</h1> <h2>Bushwalking – Combined Trained Participant Tracked and Difficult Tracked Environments</h2> <h3>Assessment of Proficiency</h3>
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**Introduction**

Welcome to the pathway to achieve the Trained Participant proficiency in bushwalking in tracked and difficult tracked environments: on completion of the pathway, you will be assessed for the Scout Qualification: Bushwalking Trained Participant for either Tracked or Difficult Tracked Environments, depending on your level of experience. This qualification is aligned with the requirements for various VET units although a separate assessment by a Scouts Australia Institute of Training (SAIT) Assessor will be required.

**Pre-requisite:** You should hold the Scout Qualification Bushwalking Safe Participant – Tracked Environments. People with existing bushwalking experience may discuss completing assessment for both Safe and Trained Participant.

**Tracked Environments.** A member who has completed training to become a “Trained Participant – Tracked Environments” may also submit evidence from their scouting courses attended to achieve the following nationally recognised units of competency:

1. SISOFD006 Navigate in tracked environments
2. SISOFD003 Select Set-up and Operate a temporary or overnight Campsite
3. SISOFD002 Minimise environmental impact
4. HLTWHS001 Participate in Work Health & Safety
5. SIXIND002 Maintain sport, fitness and recreation industry knowledge
6. SISOFD001 Assist in conducting recreation sessions

Items 2 – 6 above are Core units applying to all Adventurous Activities qualifications; if you already have them, they do not need to be repeated. You may have to participate in relevant activities on a course regardless of whether you have the units.

**Difficult Tracked Environments.** The following units, in addition to those for Tracked Environments, are required for Trained Participant – Difficult Tracked Environments:

7. SISOBWG002 Bushwalk in difficult tracked environments.
8. SISOFD007 Navigate in difficult tracked environments.
9. Hold a Current First Aid Certificate HLTAID011 (to be obtained from a third-party provider).

The pathway is broken into 3 parts

**Part 1** – Pre-Pathway Evidence items are the things you have to complete before you attend the face-to-face part of the pathway.

**Part 2** – On Pathway Evidence Items are where you record the skills and knowledge you develop on the face-to-face part of the pathway.

**Part 3** – Post Pathway Evidence Items that are completed after the formal elements of the pathway.

As you complete the evidence items for each part of the pathway, please attach them to this document. Once you have assembled the full portfolio of documents, please return the document and attachments to the Adult Training Section of your Branch. A review of the documents will be undertaken and once you have been assessed as proficient, you will be awarded the Safe Participant qualification. If you are also seeking the VET units, a separate assessment by a SAIT assessor will take place and if you are found to be competent, you will be awarded the relevant issue of competency.

### **Outcome**

Your competence will be assessed against both Tracked Environments and Difficult Tracked Environments and depending on your skills, knowledge and experience you will be qualified in Trained Participant Tracked Environments and, for those with experience on overnight hikes in suitable terrain, in Trained Participant Difficult Tracked Environments.

As a guide, qualification in Difficult Tracked Environments will have demonstrated leading and participating in several two to three-day overnight hikes graded at least Grade 4 in the Australian Walking Track Grading System (<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/safety/bushwalking-safety/australian-walking-track-grading-system>).

**Part 1 – Pre-Pathway Evidence**

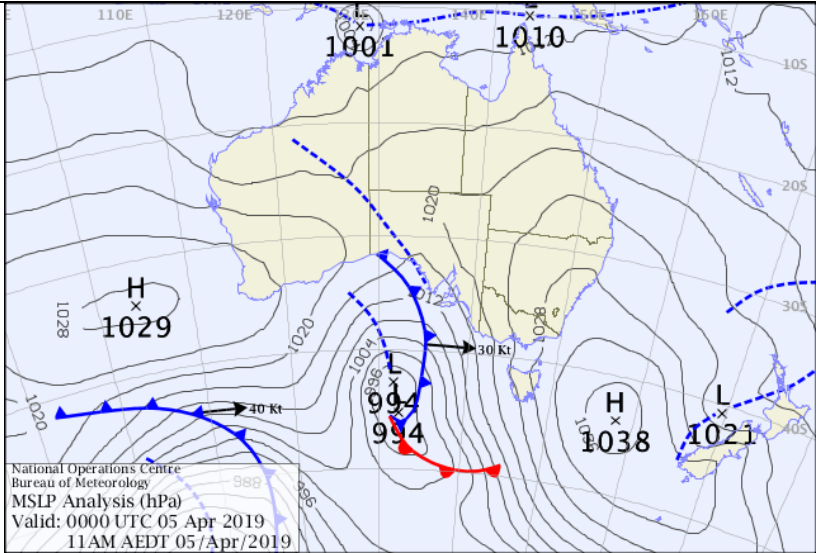
**Online Learning:** in addition to the online learned completed as part of the Bushwalking Safe Participant qualification, complete the following online learning Common Core modules (accessed via Scout Central: <https://training.scouts.com.au/curriculum/page-for-adventurous-activities>), noting use of old terminology such as Level 2, if you have not already completed them:

- Certificate II – Outdoor Recreation - Core:
  - WHS for Scouting
  - Follow Environmental Impact Practices
  - Assist Conducting Outdoor Activities
  - Work Skills for Recreation

**Note:** Once completed, these units display on your personal record with your Branch, so normally you do not need to attach them. If, however, you complete the course in another Branch, you should attach a copy of the record of completion or ask your Branch to provide a copy.

**Practical Pre-Pathway Learning:** using the learnings from the above, complete the following items. These aim to demonstrate your level of knowledge prior to the On Pathway face-to-face part of the pathway.

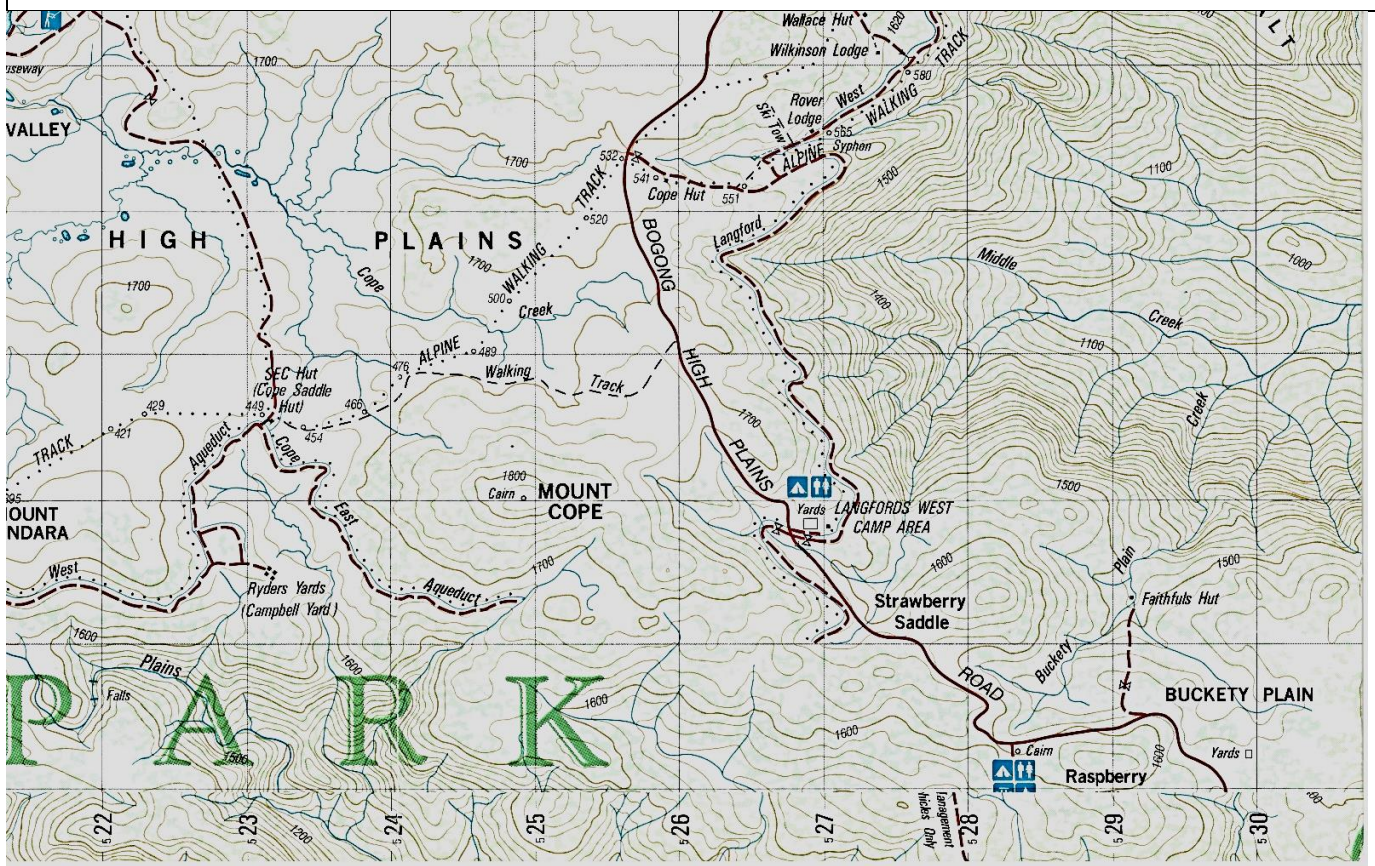
<b>Risk management:</b>	
<b>Discuss the actions you would take in the following situations:</b>	
The walk falls well behind schedule and you/your team realise that you will not return by the planned time.	
You are supervising a hike and it is clear that the party are lost but do not know it yet.	
Water will be available but is likely to be contaminated.	
You are supervising a hike (older Scouts); one becomes missing after a series of track junctions.	
<b>Navigation:</b>	
Your GPS is busted and your phone is flat but the paper map works. You can see a couple of big hills. How do you do a resection?	

<p>How many steps use per do you 100m? Flat, up and down hill.</p>	
<p>Can night hikes be done safely and if yes, how does navigation change (if it changes)?</p>	
<p>Explain Naismith’s Rule and how to apply it</p>	
<p><b>Weather:</b></p>	
<p>The weather in Australia varies greatly with location. Discuss, in terms of its effects on hiking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tropical weather</li> <li>• Alpine weather</li> <li>• Coastal weather</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Interpret this synoptic chart</b></p> <p>Describe the symbols on this chart and the weather associated with them in terms of the effect on hiking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cold Fronts</li> <li>• Warm Fronts</li> <li>• Troughs</li> <li>• Isobars &amp; wind direction</li> </ul> <p>What will the weather be like in your location tomorrow?</p>	

<b>Walking Skills:</b>	
What is a good guide to the maximum weight someone should carry in a back pack?	
Discuss how you would guide a hiking group to ascend and descend steep slopes (but not actual climbing).	
How often should the group have a break?	
Walking poles – what do you think?	
<b>Food, water and cooking:</b>	
<p>You're leading a group of six people on a four day hike where you have to carry everything except water. What would you do about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stoves</li> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• First aid</li> <li>• Tents</li> </ul>	
What types of food are good to take on multi-day hikes? Does this change with region?	
You're heading into the higher country and its going to be cold. What effect does this have on stoves?	

<b>Youth members:</b>	
What things do you need to consider when taking a group of young people on an extended overnight hike?	
<b>Using a Compass:</b>	
Magnetic Variation - what is this and how would you describe it to youth members?	
Describe a Roamer and how to use it.	
How should you hold and use a compass when moving?	
<b>Maps (Bogong Alpine Area, Survey &amp; Mapping Victoria)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the map on the next page:</li> </ul>	
What is the likely scale and what is the size of the grid boxes?	
You are at the Rover Lodge in Spring (top right) and want to lead a hike to Mt Cope then the Cope Saddle Hut and back to the Rover Lodge. How would you do this walk?	
In good weather, what navigation challenges exist?	

If all goes to plan, what is the rough elevation gain and loss and how long will it take you to do the hike with Venturers in good conditions?





**Part 2 – On-Pathway Evidence**

The following items will be completed while you are on the On-Program face-to-face part of the Pathway; please make sure the below check list is completed and is signed by your On-Program Leader.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the correct use of navigation aids including compass, map, roamer, GPS to maintain position awareness in tracked environment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the correct use of navigation aids including compass, map, roamer, GPS to maintain position awareness in a difficult tracked environment.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate taking a bearing with a compass, and triangulate your position on a map
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate following a route in a tracked environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate following a route in a difficult tracked environment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Show your selected equipment for a hike including clothes, footwear, safety gear carried, cooking and other personal gear. Know your pack & body weight, and show how to waterproof your pack and its contents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate ascending & descending techniques on slopes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate navigating around obsticals or hazards in a safe manner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Setup, use and vacate a lightweight overnight campsite
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use a range of communication systems appropriate for bushwalks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate risk assessment and treatment for hazards that may be encountered in intermediate environments.
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**Part 3 – Post-Pathway Evidence**

**Review your activity, and make recommendations:**

**Log Book: A copy of your Log book must be provided. -**

Tracked Environments: your logbook should show at least three hikes, including one overnight hike, in terrain where the track is graded level 3 or higher (or equivalent).

Difficult Tracked Environments: your logbook should show at least three hikes, including one two to three night overnight hike, in terrain where the track is graded level 4 or higher (or equivalent).

Who instructed or assisted you in your activity course and to complete the Workbook:

Name	Role	Qualification

**Bushwalking – Trained Participant – Assessment of Proficiency**

**Circle selection:**

I  recommend /  Do Not Recommend

- Demonstrate bushwalking and navigation skills in tracked environments
- Demonstrate bushwalking and navigation skills in difficult tracked environments

The candidate has satisfied the requirements for the activity and is recommended as being competent.

Guide/ALT Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guide/ ALT No: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_