

Route Indicator Colour	Path Surfaces	Max Climbing Gradient	Max Descending Gradient	Total Elevation Gain	Barriers
1: Route for All	Smooth compacted surface	4%	4%	<400 feet	The route will NOT have any flight of steps or stiles – flights of steps are defined as two or more. One step is defined as a “drop-off”. Barriers such as gates (including “accessible” and “RADAR Key” gates), cattle grids, drop offs. Minimum path width should be listed as a barrier if appropriate. Photos of the routes path surfaces should be provided so that people can see how the grading relates to the technical classification  EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY
2: Route for Most	Some loose gravel, muddy patches, well pointed cobbles.	8%	8%	401 – 800 feet	
3: Route for Many	Rougher surfaces including small boulders, rough cobbles, potholes, shallow ruts, loose gravel & short muddy sections.	10%	10%	801 – 1200 feet	
4: Route for Some	Very rough surfaces including: very rough & broken cobbles, deep ruts, steep loose gravel, unmade paths & deep muddy sections.	12%	12%	1201 – 1600 feet	
5: Challenging Route	A Black 5 route may include technical and arduous terrain where there may be potentially impassable barriers. Careful use of equipment will be required to negotiate the route and personal experience and current weather conditions should be considered.	+ 12% Gradients are not limited but are specified as accurately as possible	+ 12% Gradients are not limited but are specified as accurately as possible	+ 1601 feet	