

Bushwalking Considerations

Assessment of Full length of intended Route

- The track surface is firm (e.g. packed earth, compacted topping)
- The track surface is still firm after rain or prolonged dry periods
- Gradient is not steeper than 1 in 20
- The cross slope (i.e. slope at right angles to the direction of travel) is less than 1 in 40
- Track width is minimum of 1200mm
- Shade or shelter exists along the track
- Track is protected from high winds
- Mobile phone coverage is possible along the route or two-way UHF Radio
- Availability of water along the route has been considered and planned for

Facilitation

- Consideration has been given to how to manage track accessibility when sections of the track has soft ground, rough uneven ground, steep sections or where hazards exist e.g. tree roots, steps.
- The route has been inspected regularly
- Level of navigation difficulty has been assessed and current maps and navigation equipment has been sourced
- Rest periods are offered along the bushwalk as required
- Weight and size of back pack has been assessed for its suitability to the participant and back pack weight required for leaders to carry
- Appropriate amounts of food and water are carried
- Weather conditions and seasonal factors have been considered e.g. heat exposure, potential for snow fall and the effect of weather on the physical wellbeing of participants
- Each participant to have a whistle to attract searchers if lost

Equipment

- Provision of wind proof and water proof jackets to reduce the chilling effect of wind and rain
- Consider use of off-road wheelchair or wheelchairs attachments including