

4WD Recreational Track Classification

How tracks are rated



The Four Wheel Drive Recreational Track Classification System provides a standard four level colour coded system to indicate the degree of difficulty of 4WD tracks and routes. The classification enables visitors to understand the nature of a track before beginning their journey and allows them to plan their trip for enjoyment, safety and comfort.

A number of areas have been classified in **Victoria's State Forest and National Parks** along with Victoria's Iconic 4WD Adventures. Instructions on how to find individual track classifications can be found overleaf. For further details on Victoria's Iconic 4WD Adventures visit www.iconic4wd.com.au.

Please note - All tracks are classified in dry conditions and will be more difficult in wet conditions.

	EASY	MEDIUM	DIFFICULT	VERY DIFFICULT
Overview Description	All-wheel Drive and High Range 4WD. Novice Drivers.	Mainly High Range 4WD but Low Range required. Some 4WD experience or training required.	Significant Low Range 4WD with standard 4WD ground clearance. Should have 4WD driver training.	Low Range 4WD with high ground clearance. Experienced drivers.
Advisory Sign/Symbol	Green Circle	Blue Square	Black Diamond	Double Black Diamond
Expected terrain & track conditions	Mostly unsealed roads with no obstacles and minor gradients.	Tracks with some steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy sections. May have shallow water crossings.	Tracks with frequent steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy track sections. Possible water crossings.	Tracks with frequent very steep and/or rocky/slippery/sandy track sections. May have difficult river crossings.
Vehicle Suitability	All-wheel drive and High range 4WD. Can be low clearance with single range and road tyres.	Suitable for medium clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain or road tyres.	Suitable for medium to high clearance vehicles with dual range and all terrain tyres.	Suitable for high clearance vehicles with dual range tyres suitable for the terrain. (Mud terrain tyres)
Recovery Equipment			Winch/Recovery equipment required	Winch/Recovery equipment required.
Driver training experience	Suitable for novice drivers.	Recommended that drivers have experience or 4WD training. Recommended to be done in groups of vehicles.	Recommended for drivers with reasonable experience or 4WD training. To be done in groups of vehicles.	Drivers with extensive experience and advanced training should only attempt as there are several technical challenges. Recommended to be done in groups of four or more vehicles.
Weather	May be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.	Will be more difficult in wet conditions.

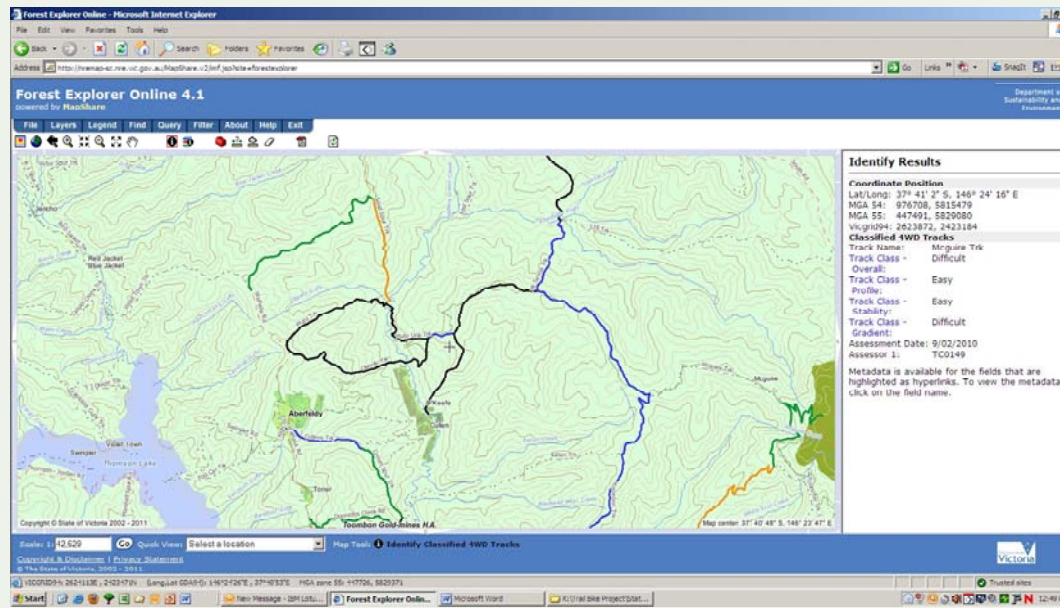
For further information please contact Parks Victoria 13 1963 or visit the website www.parks.vic.gov.au

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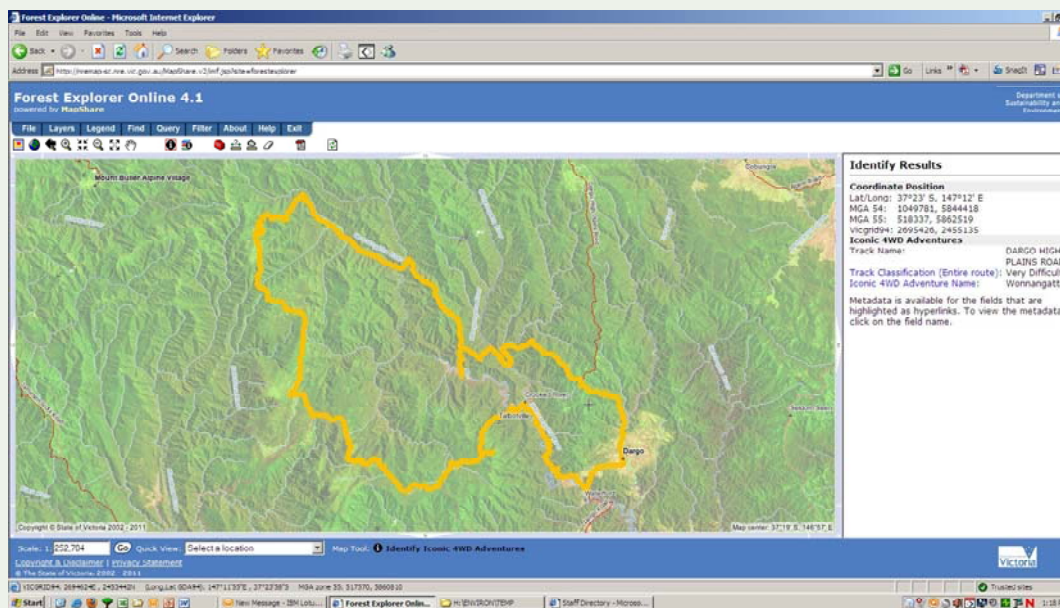
FOREST EXPLORER ONLINE

In addition to Victoria's Iconic 4WD Adventures, in 2009/10 Parks Victoria, the Department of Sustainability and Environment and Four Wheel Drive Victoria, undertook a pilot project in six locations to trial the new track classification system. These classified tracks, as well as the routes for the Iconic 4WD Adventures have been mapped and are viewable (and downloadable) from Forest Explorer Online, an interactive mapping product for viewing online maps of Victoria's public land.

To access Forest Explorer Online visit www.dse.vic.gov.au and click on 'Interactive Maps' and then 'Forest Explorer Online'.



You can click layers of information on and off to create the map of most interest to you. Key layers include detailed road info, public land tenure (to find out who manages the land you may be visiting), contours and State forest camping and picnic sites.



Once you have the map view you want, you can add text, draw symbols or add labels to personalise your map. Maps you create can be saved as PDF documents for emailing to friends or printed out. Use it to plan your next trip.



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