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### Australian Standard: Walking Tracks (AS 2156.1-2001)

The following table summarises specifications for the various elements of the *Australian Standard – Walking Tracks (AS-2156.1)*. It is provided here for comparative purposes, but note that (as explained previously) there is no direct correlation between the PWS and AS classes below class 3/T1 and the schemes are best used independently for different purposes. The PWS class 'Route' has no corresponding class in the AS scheme.

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<b>Overview</b>	<i>High use, easy access, suitable for wheelchair use, interpretation provided</i>	<i>High use, easy access, interpretation provided</i>	<i>Slightly modified environments, moderate numbers</i>	<i>Slightly modified environments, moderate numbers</i>	<i>Minimal facilities, few encounters</i>	<i>Often indistinct tracks in remote areas.</i>
<b>Terrain</b>	<i>No previous experience required.</i>	<i>No previous experience required.</i>	<i>No bushwalking experience required. May encounter steep slopes, water crossings, etc. Users responsible for own safety.</i>	<i>Users need to be self-reliant.</i>	<i>Users need to be self-reliant.</i>	<i>Users need to be self-reliant.</i>
<b>Width</b>	<i>&gt;1.2m.</i>	<i>&gt;900mm.</i>	<i>Generally &lt;1.2m, variable.</i>			
<b>Surface &amp; drainage</b>	<i>Broad, surfaced track suitable for wheelchairs.</i>	<i>Generally a modified or hardened surface.</i>	<i>Generally a modified surface, sections may be hardened.</i>	<i>Generally distinct without major modification.</i>	<i>Limited modification to natural surfaces. Alignment may be indistinct in places.</i>	<i>No modification of the natural environment.</i>
<b>Gradient</b>	<i>As per AS 1428; &lt;1:14 (or 4° or 7%). Steps only with alternate ramp access.</i>	<i>Generally &lt;1:10 (or 6° or 10%), minimal steps.</i>	<i>Generally &lt;1:10 (or 6° or 10%), but may exceed 1:10 for short sections.</i>	<i>Limited to environmental and management considerations</i>	<i>May include steep sections of unmodified surfaces</i>	<i>May include steep sections of unmodified surfaces</i>
<b>Infra-structure</b>	<i>May include platforms, seats and barrier rails.</i>	<i>May include platforms, seats and barrier rails.</i>	<i>Generally only for specific safety and environmental considerations.</i>	<i>Generally only for specific safety and environmental considerations.</i>	<i>Generally only for specific safety and environmental considerations.</i>	<i>Generally not provided</i>
<b>Signs</b>	<i>Frequent.</i>	<i>Frequent.</i>	<i>OK for direction, management and interpretation purposes.</i>	<i>Minimal, for management and directional purposes.</i>	<i>Limited, for management purposes.</i>	<i>Not provided</i>
<b>Weather</b>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Severe weather may affect navigation and safety.</i>	<i>Severe weather may affect navigation and safety.</i>	<i>Severe weather may affect navigation and safety.</i>	<i>Severe weather may affect navigation and safety.</i>
<b>Risk management</b>	<i>Tracks and built facilities managed for public risk and inspected at 30 day intervals.</i>	<i>Tracks and built facilities managed for public risk and inspected at 3 month intervals.</i>	<i>Built facilities managed for public risk and inspected at 6 month intervals.</i>	<i>Built facilities managed for public risk and inspected at 6-12 month intervals.</i>	<i>Built facilities managed for public risk and inspected at 6-18 month intervals.</i>	<i>Not be managed for public risk. Users responsible for personal safety.</i>
<b>Management intervention</b>	<i>High</i>	<i>Moderate to high</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Low to moderate</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Negligible</i>
<b>Publicity</b>	<i>Will normally appear on maps.</i>	<i>Will normally appear on maps.</i>	<i>Will normally appear on maps.</i>	<i>May be shown on maps</i>	<i>May be shown on maps</i>	<i>Will not be marked on maps</i>