

Trail Rating System and Icons (Mountain Bike)

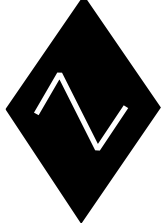
The Shuswap Trail Sign standards were developed in conjunction with the Provincial Standards for the Province of British Columbia. See: J. Hawkings, *Sign Guidelines*. Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, British Columbia. (December 7, 2007)

Use

The following trail rating system is to be used to classify trail difficulty. The icons are from the Whistler Standards adopted by the Province of BC (MTSA, 2007; Whistler Standards, 2003) While intended for Mountain Bike trails, where hike/cycle/equestrian trails exist and only one rating system is feasible, these icons shall be the default. Additional rating systems are being developed for hike, EQ, and winter only trails.

OVERALL TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY

Due to the distance, need for preparation, and committing backcountry nature of the Larch Hills Traverse, the overall rating is:








MOST DIFFICULT

← Option: overall rating for a linked or extended cross-country route

SECTION RATINGS

Individual sections of the Larch Hills Traverse vary in technical difficulty and are defined as follows:

	Expert Unlimited	← Exceptional bike control skills and balance essential to clear many challenging obstacles. High-risk level. Only a handful of riders will enjoy these rides.
	Most Difficult	← A mixture of long steep climbs, loose trail surfaces, numerous difficult obstacles to avoid or jump over, drop-offs and sharp corners. Some sections are definitely easier to walk.
	More Difficult	← Challenging riding with steep slopes and/or obstacles, possibly on a narrow trail with poor traction. Requires riding experience.
	Easier	← Gentle climbs and easily avoidable obstacles such as rocks, roots and pot-holes.
	Easiest	← Fairly flat, wide and paved. Suitable for all users.

Difficulty Rating Plates

Difficulty rating plates identify difficulty specific to a section of trail within a wider system or route. The icons are from the Whistler Standards adopted by the Province of BC (MTSA, 2007; Whistler Standards, 2003)

Component	Description
Sign Size	90 mm x 90 mm (3½"x3½") -or- 140 mm x 140 mm (5½"x5½") (adapt according to requirements)
Background Colour	Green: CMYK (100-0-100-0) Blue: CMYK (100-90-10-0) White: CMYK (0-0-0-0) Black: CMYK (0-0-0-100)
Mounting	• Various
Fonts Type/Size	Franklin Gothic (Medium)
Icons	Difficulty Rating (Whistler Standards, BC 2003)
Font colour	White Text: CMYK (0-0-0-0)

