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EXAMPLE FEATURES



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TRAIL CLASS 3 BICYCLE



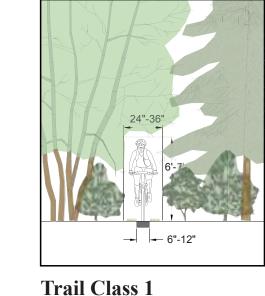
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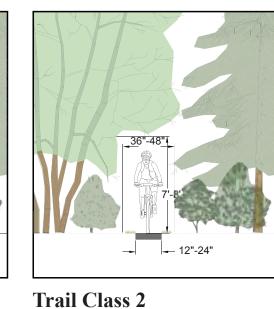
Designed Use		Trail Class 1	Trail Class 2	Trail Class 3	Trail Class 4	Trail Class 5
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Design Tread Width	One Lane	6" – 12"	12" - 24"	18" – 30"	24" - 48"	36" - 60"
	Two Lane	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	48 " – 60" Accommodate two-lane travel with passing lanes.	60" – 84"	72" – 120"
Design Surface	Туре	Native. Rough, unstable or soft tread.	Native, with limited grading. Unstable or soft sections likely.	Native with some on-site borrow or imported materials. Some soft areas.	Likely imported or stabilized tread. Few, if any, loose or soft surfaces.	Firm, hardened surface.
	Obstacles	Rocks, logs and roots up to 6–12" common. Forced portages likely.	Embedded rock, protrusions to 6". Some portages may be needed.	Generally smooth with few protrusions exceeding 3".	Smooth, few obstacles. 1 – 2" protrusions.	No obstacles to wheeled transport.
Design Grade*	Target Range (>90% of Trail)	15% – 18%	< 12%	< 10%	< 8%	< 5%
	Short Pitch Max (Up to 200' lengths)	30% 50% on downhill-only travel.	25% 35% on downhill-only travel.	15%	10%	8%
	Max Pitch Density***	< 10% of trail	< 5% of trail	< 5% of trail	< 3% of trail	< 3% of trail
Design Cross-	Target Range	5% – 10%	5% – 10%	5%	3% - 5%	3% - 5%
Slope	Maximum					
Design Clearing	Width	24" – 36" Some vegetation may encroach into clearing area.	36" – 48" Some light vegetation may encroach into clearing area.	12" – 18" outside of tread edge.	12" – 18" outside of tread edge.	18" – 24" outside of tread edge.
	Height	6' – 7'	7' – 8'	8'	8' - 9'	8' - 9'
Design Turns	Radius	3' - 4'	4' – 6'	6' – 8'	8' – 10'	8' - 12'

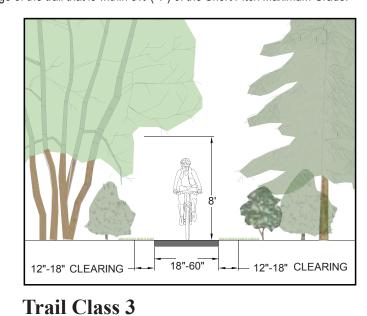
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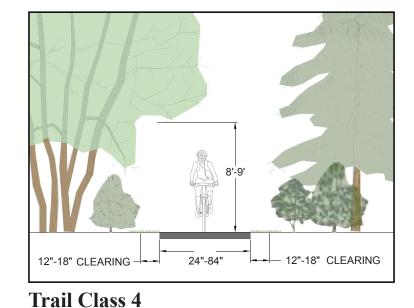
of use on tread and erosion, steeper pitches should be carefully evaluated based on potential effects of these various factors.

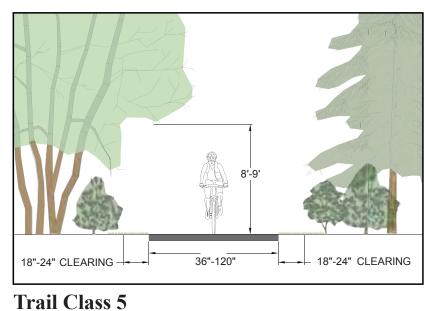
** Maximum pitch density refers to the percentage of the trail that is within 5% (+/-) of the Short Pitch Maximum Grade.











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EXAMPLE TRAIL TYPE FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK







TRAIL CLASS 3

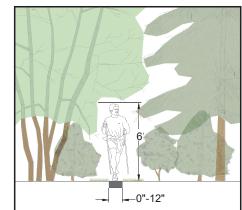
CLASS 3 FEATURES ·Tread obvious and continuous. ·Obstacles infrequent. Vegetation cleared outside of trailway. ·Trail structures (walls, steps, drainage, raised trail, boardwalk) may be common and substantial. · Directional signs at trail junctions.

HIKER-PEDESTRIAN

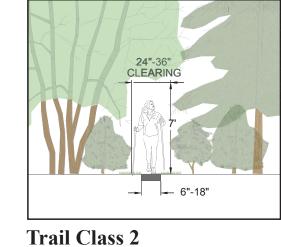
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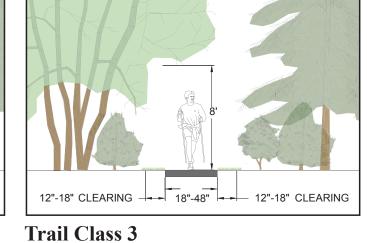
Designed Use HIKER-PEDESTRIAN		Trail Class 1	Trail Class 2	Trail Class 3*	Trail Class 4*	Trail Class 5*
Design Tread Width		0" – 12"	6" – 18"	18" – 48"	32" – 96"	36" – 120"
Design Surface	Туре	Native, un-graded. Intermittent, rough.	Native with limited grading. Continuous, rough.	Native with some on-site borrow or imported materials.	Imported materials or hardening is common.	Uniform, firm, and stable.
	Obstacles	Roots, rocks, logs, steps to 24".	Roots, rocks and log protrusions to 6"; steps to 14".	Generally clear. Protrusions to 3"; steps to 10".	Smooth, few obstacles. Protrusions 2-3"; steps to 8".	Smooth, no obstacles. Protrusions <2".
Design Grade**	Target Range (>90% of Trail)	< 20%	< 15%	< 12%	< 10%	< 5%
	Short Pitch Max (Up to 200' lengths)	25%	20%	20%	15%	10%
	Max Pitch Density***	< 10% of trail	< 5% of trail	< 5% of trail	< 3% of trail	< 3% of trail
Design Cross- Slope	Target Range	Not applicable	5 – 10%	5 – 10%	3 – 7%	2 – 3% (or crowned)
	Maximum	Up to natural side-slope.	Up to natural side-slope	15%	10%	3%
Design Clearing	Width	Sufficient to define trail corridor.	24" – 36", with some encroachment into clearing area.	12" – 18" outside of tread edge.	12" – 18" outside of tread edge	12" – 24" outside of tread edge.
	Height	6'	6' – 7'	8'	8'	> 8'
Design Turns	Radius	No minimum.	2' – 3'	3' – 6'	4' – 8'	6' – 12'

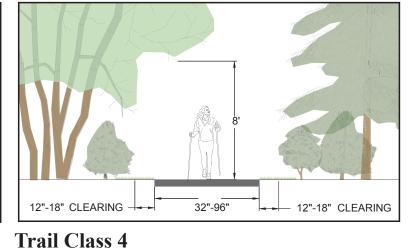
^{*} Trail Classes 3, 4 and 5 may potentially provide accessible passage. If assessing or designing trails for accessibility, refer to current Agency trail accessibility guidance.

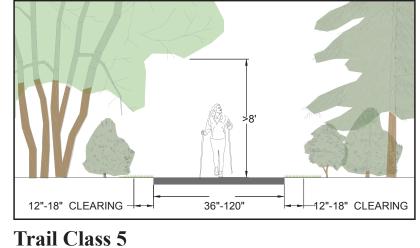


Trail Class 1









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INTERSECTION SCENARIO EXAMPLE

