



Grading of TLCC Club Trips

TLCC trips are now graded according to the following scale so that the level of difficulty likely to be encountered by participants on each trip can be clearly described and readily identified. Easily identified colour codes are used to grade each trip. For clarity, while members become accustomed to this grading method, the Club will also use a short description with the colour codes when trips are registered and publicised.

The colour code system provides four levels for grading trips rather than just three as has been traditionally used by the Club.

The four grades are as follows:

-  Green (easy)
-  Blue (Medium)
-  Black (Hard)
-  Red (Very Hard)

To assist Trip Leaders in grading their trips, and to allow members to readily identify the criteria behind each of the four grades, the following definitions apply.

Green = Four wheel drive, high range, standard tyres, basic recovery gear should be carried.

Blue = Mostly high range but low range required, All Terrain tyres, basic recovery equipment must be carried, with winching and/or snatching not likely.

Black = Mostly low range, aftermarket lift, aggressive /good condition All Terrain or Mud tyres, must be well equipped for recoveries, likely that some winching and/or snatching could be experienced.

Red= Low range, high clearance, good condition Mud tyres, must be fully equipped for recoveries, winching and/or snatching will definitely be experienced

In addition, Trip Leaders must pay particular regard to the consequences of bad weather if track conditions are likely to be adversely affected on any trip or if/when significant water crossings could or will be encountered, and should include relevant comments in trip descriptions as and when appropriate so that trip participants can be suitably prepared.

It is mandatory that all vehicles participating in Club trips are equipped front and rear with rated recovery points.

For safety, all vehicles should carry at least basic recovery gear on all trips.