



BIKEPARK TRAIL GRADES



We have categorised our trails to help you choose the style of trail that you want to ride.

TRAIL QUALIFIERS

All trails above Blue grade start with a Qualifier feature, these are indicated by this 'qualifier' **Q** symbol. Qualifier features are generally not rollable and help to indicate the level of difficulty and rider skill required to tackle the trail, bear in mind there may be more challenging features beyond the trail qualifier.

PLEASE LOOK BEFORE YOU RIDE AND DON'T ATTEMPT TRAILS ABOVE YOUR LEVEL OF ABILITY.

BEGINNER TRAILS

WHAT TO EXPECT: Green BikePark trails are a great introduction to gravity bike park mountain biking, aimed at relative beginners but still require riders to be fit and healthy with good bike handling skills.

The trails are generally of uniform surface and reasonably wide, though it is an unbound surface and can be loose. Sections may contain, off-camber surfaces, exposed trail edges and obstacles such as gravel, roots, rock slabs, small steps and potholes. The gradient on green trails will not be excessively steep up or down so can be tackled by most physically fit people, young and old.

- **GREEN GRADE BIKE PARK TRAILS ARE SUITABLE FOR:** Beginners or novice mountain bikers who have good general bike handling skills.
- **BIKE REQUIRED:** Most off-road, well maintained modern mountain bikes with disc brakes are suitable.
- **TRAIL & SURFACE TYPES:** Trails are undulating with a wide trail tread and surfaced with crushed stone. Surfaces may be loose, uneven or muddy at times with potholes, though green trails are generally relatively smooth. Includes flowing singletrack sections.
- **GRADIENTS & TECHNICAL TRAIL FEATURES:** Gentle trails with moderate climbs and descents. Easy trail features such as berms, rollers and small steps.
- **SUGGESTED SKILL LEVEL:** A Basic skill level is required, should be capable of riding and controlling a bike safely off-road including on cambered and loose surfaces.

INTERMEDIATE TRAILS

WHAT TO EXPECT: Blue BikePark trails are the perfect progression for bikers with an intermediate level of experience providing plenty of challenge and excitement for any rider.

Blue trails are generally flowing and undulating in their nature and will include some more challenging riding with steep slopes, fast sections and numerous trail features.

- **BLUE GRADE BIKEPARK TRAILS ARE SUITABLE FOR:** Intermediate level mountain bikers.
- **BIKE REQUIRED:** Good quality, well-maintained mountain bike with hydraulic disc brakes. Mid to long travel full suspension recommended: 130mm to 170mm
- **TRAIL & SURFACE TYPES:** Descending single-track trails. Trail surface can vary from reasonably smooth crushed stone to the more challenging natural surfaces and obstacles of soil, roots and rocks. Typically, wider and smoother than advanced, red grade trails.
- **GRADIENTS & TECHNICAL TRAIL FEATURES:** Most gradients are moderate but might include some unavoidable steep sections. Trails may include intermediate difficulty technical trail features; roots, rocks, berms, rollers and intermediate level drops, jumps and timber features.
- **SUGGESTED SKILL LEVEL:** An intermediate level of skill is required; riders must be able to perform controlled braking on steep descents over uneven terrain, corner at speeds and ride short and steep inclines and descents.

WHAT ARE PLUS TRAILS?

Some trails in the park will be highlighted with a **+** sign to identify that they are 'plus' trails.

+ trails feature a high frequency of BikePark style features such as jumps, drops or gaps that require, or actively encourage, a rider's wheels to leave the ground.

Without the necessary jumping ability, these trails will pose a consistently higher level of risk.

The trails are colour graded as usual to denote the extent of the challenge of the bikepark style jump and drop features; the colour of the plus symbol will relate to the trail grade. Only ride trails at the appropriate level of difficulty for your ability. Standard graded trails may include some of these features but not to the same frequency, scale or focus as a plus **+** graded trail.

Look out for the **+** symbol on the trail maps and trail name boards to help you decide if it is a suitable trail for you.



CAUTION
MOUNTAIN BIKING IS A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY CARRYING A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH. IT SHOULD ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN WITH A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF ALL INHERENT RISKS.

ADVANCED TRAILS

WHAT TO EXPECT: Red BikePark trails are suited to the advanced mountain bike rider; they require a high level of well-developed bike handling skills as they consistently entail difficult riding on all manner of surfaces. Advanced trails may feature fast machine built flow sections or be more naturally technical in style and appearance. Trails often feature a mixture of these styles and are made up from a combination of long steep descents, loose variable trail surfaces, and numerous natural and manmade obstacles including timber structures.

- **RED GRADE BIKEPARK TRAILS ARE SUITABLE FOR:** Advanced level mountain bikers with well-developed and honed off-road bike handling skills used to riding technically demanding and difficult trails.
- **BIKE REQUIRED:** Good quality, well maintained off-road mountain bikes with hydraulic disc brakes. Mid to long travel full suspension recommended: 140mm to 200mm
- **TRAIL & SURFACE TYPES:** Descending singletrack trails over steep and tough terrain, with constant technicality. Noticeably rougher surfaces than Blue grade trails, expect very variable surface types and a high frequency of natural and manmade obstacles.
- **GRADIENTS & TECHNICAL TRAIL FEATURES:** You can expect some steep descents of a challenging nature, technical terrain with natural features such as rock gardens and large and numerous exposed roots, as well as manmade trail features such as large berms, timber features and large advanced jumps and drops.
- **SUGGESTED SKILL LEVEL:** An advanced level of skill is required; riders must be confidently able to handle off-cambers, larger drops, jumps and steep gradients, with an ability to control the bike over very uneven and often slippery trail surfaces.



BPW Tech Trails (T) have rougher and more natural trail surfaces featuring a high percentage of natural or organic features: rocks, roots, drops and steeper gradients. Speeds are generally lower than those on BPW Flow Trails.

BPW Flow Trails (F) are created with smoother and typically wider trail surfaces and feature a high percentage of berms, jumps or pump features. Overall speeds are higher than those on BPW Tech Trails.

BPW Blend Trails (B) contain a true mix of both Tech and Flow trail styles and features. Fast sections of berms and jumps are combined with tighter, steeper and technical riding to make the most varied trails in the park, suited to riders with a fully developed skillset.



PRE-RIDE Inspect the trail at low speed, warm up body and mind for a day on the hill.

RE-RIDE Ride the same trail a few times, learn the features and flow.

FREE-RIDE Start small and progress safely to higher speeds and larger features within your ability.

PRO LINE TRAILS

WHAT TO EXPECT: Extremely Difficult Rating – Pro Lines are trails that are suitable for riders who have developed and honed their downhill, jumping and all-around Bike skills to an exceptionally high level only. Pro lines will include: mandatory jumps, gaps, and large features with no ride-arounds.

- **PRO LINES ARE SUITABLE FOR:** Riders with an elite level of technical ability; competent at riding steep technical downhill, large highly technical jumps with gaps and no ride around.
- **BIKE REQUIRED:** Good quality and well-maintained mountain bike with hydraulic disc brakes. Long travel full suspension recommended: 160mm to 200mm+
- **TRAIL & SURFACE TYPES:** Severe constructed trails and/or natural features. All sections will be very challenging with any surface types. Includes extreme levels of risk. Jumping ability obligatory.
- **GRADIENTS & TECHNICAL TRAIL FEATURES:** These trails incorporate some of the largest technical trail features, including timber features, unavoidable drops and mandatory jumps with no limit to trail gradient.
- **SUGGESTED SKILL LEVEL:** Professional and elite level only, riders at the very top of their game with considerable experience of riding highly challenging terrain and large jumps and drops.

EXPERT TRAILS

WHAT TO EXPECT: Black BikePark trails feature highly difficult riding including challenging technical downhill riding and large bike park features suited to expert level riders. Some of the elements you will encounter on Black grade trails include: Large manmade and natural jumps, drops, highly technical terrain, timber ramps or features and all gradients and ground conditions. Expert mountain bikers should be the only riders who use these trails.

- **BLACK GRADE BIKEPARK TRAILS ARE SUITABLE FOR:** Expert level mountain bikers, used to steep, technical and highly demanding trails.
- **BIKE REQUIRED:** Good quality, well maintained off-road mountain bike with hydraulic disc brakes. Long travel full suspension recommended: 160mm to 200mm+
- **TRAIL & SURFACE TYPES:** Challenging Downhill trails and singletrack; Black trails contain great technical challenge and often continuous difficulty. Can include any naturally occurring surface and manmade features.
- **GRADIENTS & TECHNICAL TRAIL FEATURES:** Expect large, committing and unavoidable technical trail features both manmade features and natural surfaces. Trails may include large expert level jumps, drops, timber features and severe terrain on the steepest gradients.
- **SUGGESTED SKILL LEVEL:** Expert only; suitable only for riders with a very high standard of technical riding skills who can confidently handle large drop-offs, jumps and severe technical terrain.

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