

GRADING System

The Launceston Walking Club has a system for grading activities -

- The first group of letters ie PT - denote the **degree of difficulty** of the activity
- The last letter ie L - the **duration** of the trip

Two other symbols maybe used after the letters:

- # Activity suitable for new members
- * Base camping (with activities from camp daily)



Please remember the grading system is a guide only, not definitive description, as the difficulty or duration may change according to the weather conditions, track deterioration, track upgrading, group size etc.

Difficulty Ratings

Walk Ratings

- T** Mainly Tracked/Good Quality
- PT** Partially Tracked and No Track, approximately 60:40 ratio
- NT** Mainly No Track but may be some
- RT** Taped Route or Rough
- B** Beach
- Sc** Scree – boulder fields and/or loose rock



Bike Ratings

- T1** Sealed roads or good gravel tracks
- T2** Rougher gravel roads and good tracks
- T3** Mostly single-lane and rough tracks
- T4** Technically challenging, rough, steep, fast, mud and rocks

Kayak Ratings

- K0 Open to all members. No previous skills or experience required. Closed or protected water. Usually a basic skills instruction session or social gathering. 5 knots wind or 0 metre sea
- K1 For beginners with some paddling experience. Up to 15 km per day on estuaries and lakes or other protected waters. 10 knots wind or 0.5 metre sea
- K2 For novices with some skills including assisted rescue, bracing, towing, and entry and exit through small surf. Up to 15 km per day, primarily on estuaries or lakes, occasionally along accessible coastlines for training purposes. 15 knots wind or 1 metre sea
- K3 For proficient paddlers. Capable of sustained speeds of 4-6 km/h. Up to 25 km per day along open coastlines. 20 knots wind or 2 metre sea
- K4 For advanced paddlers. Ability to self-rescue in all situations. Very reliable rolling, surfing and rescue skills in severe conditions. Up to 40 km per day at speeds above 6 km/h with long open crossing of unlandable stretches. Paddlers must know their limitations and the limitations of their craft.

Duration Ratings

- S** Short: <= 4 hours
- I** Intermediate: 4-6 hours
- L** Long: > 6 hours

Always contact the coordinator of the activity for more information or you're unsure!