



DIFFICULTY RATING SYSTEM

The people who attend our events vary widely in skill, and they bring all kinds of different bikes. What follows is an attempt to outline how we rate our routes, and how bike size can have a significant impact on the difficulty that will be experienced by the rider.

50:50 Tires



50:50 tires should be considered a minimum for The Adventure Bike Gathering. None of our routes are easy, and riding street-oriented tires just puts the rest of the group at risk of unfortunate delays.

Physical Fitness



Physical Fitness plays a significant role in The Adventure Bike Gathering. Rides take 3-4 hours, venture deep into the wilderness, and can have sustained levels of difficulty. If you find yourself on a route that challenges your skills, you are going to need the strength and endurance to see it through.

Difficulty Rating / Class ① to ⑥

	1	2	3	4	5	6
ADVENTURE & ENDURO BIKES						
Large Adventure Bikes (1,000 cc+) <i>KTM 990, 1090, 1290, Africa Twin, etc.</i>						
Mid-Size Adventure Bikes <i>KTM 790, Yamaha T7, etc.</i>						
Large Street Legal Enduro Bikes <i>KTM 690, Husky 701, etc.</i>						
Street Legal Enduro Bikes <i>200 to 500 cc dirt bikes</i>						
DUAL SPORT BIKES						
Large Dual Sport Bikes <i>Big BMWs, Suzukis, Tigers, etc.</i>						
Mid-Size Dual Sports <i>DR 650, KLR 650, XR 650, DRZ 400</i>						

Attributes & Potential Features by Difficulty Rating

Difficulty Progression:

Class ①

- Rough paved roads with broken bits and potholes.
- Well maintained gravel roads.

Class ②

- Rough resource roads.
- Smooth double track.
- Small and infrequent trail obstacles.
- Patches of soft gravel, shallow sand, or small surface mud.
- All hills are gentle.

Class ③

- Doubletrack with routine modest features such as roots, ledges, rocks, and soft patches.
- Singletrack with infrequent obstacles.
- Some steep hills, but short in duration.

Class ④

- Single and double track with frequent and potentially sizable features such as roots, ledges, rocks, and soft patches.
- Steep hills can be sustained and may have unforgiving transitions.
- Corners may be tight and unforgiving.

Class ⑤

- Challenging singletrack for dirt bikers, so yeah, it's really tough for anything bigger.
- Make sure you can ride a few Class 4 routes before trying a Class 5.

Class ⑥

- Extremely challenging routes, even for the very best riders on smaller adventure bikes.
- Unavoidable large obstacles requiring significant commitment and potentially some nasty exposure.
- Train hard to possibly do one someday so you can tick that box, and never have to do another again!