

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS WORK SHEET

Trail Name:

Trail section - Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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From: – (GPS coordinates)

To: – GPS coordinates)

Indicate by means of an “✓” in the shaded blocks should the following characteristics typifies/describes the trail. Only one mark per section.	Pristine	Natural	Rural	Semi Urban
1. No contact with non-hikers				
Possible contact with non-hikers/local inhabitants				
Probable contact with local inhabitants/non-hikers				
Regular contact with locals				
2. No industries/towns/roads/visible				
Limited perception of distant industries/towns/roads				
Direct contact with industries/district roads/towns - visible within 2km				
In close proximity				
3. Noise: Only natural sounds				
Intermittent foreign noise (twice maximum)				
Frequent but interrupted noise pollution				
Noise most of the time				
4. Public sites. No campsites/picnic/Agriculture (field, farmhouses, dams) deforestation				
Limited agriculture/campsites etc. visible within 2km				
Passes through agricultural/deforested landscape				
Passes through urban/residential/industrial landscape				
5. Pollution/erosion/quarries not present in the landscape (not pertaining to path)				
Some erosion in the landscape around trail				
Erosion and pollution frequent in the landscape				
Environmental degradation prevalent				
6. Little (1km)/no use made of tracks/forestry roads (excl. near start/end)				
Some distance on tertiary roads (forestry/fam/district) (max. 25%)				
Extensive use made of roads				
Paved pathways, sidewalks				
7. No power/telephone lines nor fences or gates to pass through				
Power and tel lines or fences visible and gates (max. twice)				
Power and tel lines, gates and fences in close proximity and/or frequently				
Main power supply/substations High voltage power lines				
8. No crossing/walking on or adjacent to, public road except at start/ end				
Crossing of district road (gravel)				
Crossing of main road/tar				
Crossing of urban street				
9. No alien vegetation invasion				
Indigenous vegetation with some aliens/plantations				
Agriculture lands/plantations and widespread aliens/recent clearings				
Intensive growth of Exotic spp/ Kikuyu; wattles, etc				
10. No artificial structures on the trail				
One or two small structures (bridges, boardwalks, ladders, dams, pipes, tel/power lines, fence, gates, short (+- 100 – 200m) paved sections : gravel, tar, cement, etc.				
Obtrusive structures, (E.g. high voltage lines, quarries, building sites. Etc.)				
Two or more Obtrusive elements				

11. No farm/domesticated animals nor other alien animals (e.g. deer) all indigenous				
Farm and alien animals plus indigenous				
Farm animal prevalent/indigenous exceptional				
Domestic animals only (dogs, etc)				
12. Number of hikers allowed per day <10				
10 – 20				
>20				
No limit on access				
Score (12)				
(%)				