

A number of years ago, Walter Pepper, a member of the Pleasant Oaks and the Dallas Gem and Mineral Society, devised a "Degree of Difficulty Scale" to help us prepare for each trip. The scale uses a 1 -10 rating system working it's way from easiest to most difficult. Feel free to use this scale for your own personal use.

<i>Walter's Field Trip Degree of Difficulty Scale</i>			
Scale	Surface Conditions	Incline/Effort	Kid Friendly
1	Hard	30 degree incline or less	Yes
2	Soft	30 degree incline or less	Yes
3	Hard	45 degree incline	Yes
4	Soft	45 degree incline	Yes
5	Muddy	45 degree incline	Yes
6	Steep	60 degree incline	NO
7	Muddy	60 degree incline	NO
8	Steep	60 degree incline, some climbing required	NO
9	Steep	Significant climbing, walking and/or crawling	NO
10	Steep and Muddy	Significant climbing, walking and/or crawling	NO