

## Code for difficulty level:

### Difficulty level (first character)

- B-Beginner:* -Mostly level with small gentle slopes.  
-Maintained trail good ground.  
-Family with stroller  
(Example: City trail system, Crane Lake, Gateway hill)
- E-Easy:* -Gentle short slopes.  
-Family without stroller.  
-Maintain or unmaintained trail relatively good footing.  
-Little avoidable obstacles like pothole or mud.  
(Example: Birchwood trails)
- I-Intermediate:* -Unmaintained trail, poor footing. Could be demanding.  
-Some steep slopes.  
-Some obstacles like pothole, mud, dead falls.  
(Example: Little fisheries trail)
- A-Advance:* -Remote, unmaintained trail uneven ground. steep slopes. Poor footing  
-Several obstacles like pothole, mud, dead falls, creek crossings.  
-High numbers of obstacles, slopes or distance. Demanding.  
(Example: Saprea creek-Christina River or Beaver creek)
- X-Expert:* -Remote, unmaintained trail or no trail. Poor footing.  
-Several obstacles like pothole, mud, dead falls, creek crossings, cliffs, high risk of any sort.  
-High numbers of obstacles, slopes or distance or unknown area.  
(Example: Trail prospection, Skyline trail, winter camping activities, unknown ice crossing, etc).

**Physical Demand (Approximate time in hours) (second character)** *Expected time of continuous physical activities in hours (Time excludes breaks).*

**Risks (third)** *List if there are specific risks or knowledge required. (Unknown dogs (SPCA), ice crossing, cliff, cold weather, near water, ATV, very slippery, over night...)*

**Example:** Beaver creek from reservoir to Athabaska river: The code would be: A5 open water crossing, slippery steep hills.