



Auditing your trail network

Trail-based data gives you peace of mind that your trails are providing safe and sustainable user experiences whilst making the most of your budgets and resources.

Independent trail audits empower you to make informed decisions on how you manage your assets sustainably across walking, cycling, and multi-use trails.

Having the ability to see and monitor the condition of your trails and the ways they are being used takes away the headache of unexpected risk events, large rectification costs and user conflicts.

Our trail audits provide you with the control to be proactive with how you manage and make improvements to your trails balancing user needs, environmental constraints, and cultural considerations. When the time comes to apply for funding or secure budgets, trail data ensures you have evidence to underpin your applications and provide confidence for how it will be spent and the benefits it will provide.

We know that trail auditing is a critical element of a best practice trail management system. We first meet with you the land manager and your staff to identify the key auditing criteria to measure against. This is often standards and guidelines, and location specific issues that are

challenging your trail network. We create a collector's page to make sure the right data is captured in the right way to answer the right questions.

Only then do we send our skilled team onto the trails with a methodology and process to safely undertake audits. We use our Trail Vision software, the only fit-for-purpose auditing software in the industry that collates all data inputs to one location. This includes IoT devices to capture user behaviour and usage information.

We provide you with detailed condition reports including geo-referenced data and imagery. Plus, a visual dashboard back in your office showing how your trails are performing and changing.

Rest assured in the knowledge that our audits are fast, safe, and make quality data easily accessible. We can even upload into your existing asset management and GiS software, making internal tracking and monitoring even more streamlined.

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Unlock the Power of Data

Ready to unlock the power of datadriven insights for your trails? Our data will enable you to understand trail conditions, reduce risks, address safety issues, and avoid environmental degradation. Talk to our expert team at Blue Sky Trails today and take your trail care to the next level.

Audit reports arm you with the information to:

- Identify issues early before they become dangerous or expensive problems
- Quantify maintenance and repair estimates
- ✓ Create RFQ's and Tender contracts
- ✓ Direct work-packages to effectively manage volunteers and contractors
- Justify budget allocation and funding requests
- Be sure your trails are delivering user experiences aligned to trail ratings
- Demonstrate how you are delivering world class trail experiences

Types of Audits

Weather event or disaster

Know what has happened after a significant event, where you are exposed to risks, quantify and prioritise rectification actions.

As-built audit

Make sure your contractors have delivered and your trail complies to the necessary guidelines, standards, and user experiences. Perfect for new trails, or large rectification works.

Condition Audit

Know how your trail is performing over time, identify where there are issues on your trail and where your network can be improved. Regular condition audits result in less maintenance costs and higher user experiences.

Point Audit

When a trail needs attention, and a detailed assessment is required.

Section Audit

When a length of trail needs a general overview for how it is performing.

Unsanctioned trails

When you don't know what is out there, what risks you are exposed to, or where there are opportunities to provide new community and visitor experiences.

Dirt Jumps

What are they? Where are they? And how dangerous are they? We have frameworks to assess and understand how to audit and manage Dirt Jumps.

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On initial review of the report, firstly wow, this is awesome data and provides excellent recommendations/action requirements and visual representations. Secondly, thank you - I know that things were shuffled to accommodate this as priority work and we would be even further behind the 8 ball if not for your prompt response."

SACHA ECKERT

Parks & Recreation Business Services Coordinator Western Down Regional Council

After the significant weather event in the Cairns region in December 2023 it's no surprise that the trail networks sustained significant damage. We suggested to two separate mountain bike clubs in the region that we could complete a detailed trail condition audit through the Trail Vision platform that would potentially assist them with securing funding for remediation works. The club that accepted our offer and invested in the Trail Vision report was able to share the report with local council members and public works departments and has been successful in so far attaining \$100k plus in funding. The club that didn't commit to having a Trail Vision report completed has only been able to secure minor funding grants to our knowledge."

RYAN DE LA RUE

Trail Builder
Contour Works

Why Blue Sky Trails?

Blue Sky Trails is your trail management business partner.

We provide the knowledge, skills, and experience to ensure you achieve your trail goals. We believe in evidence based decision making using data to help inform and accelerate the future of sustainable recreation trails

We work with Land Managers to plan, develop, and launch world class trail networks, while growing and developing their own capabilities to effectively operate and maintain their trails.

Our team is agile and adaptive, comfortably working into small upgrades or new destination networks. We are currently providing client side project management services for \$11M worth of trail projects across Australia, including several multi-million dollar trail projects.

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