

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE SPECIFICATION
RECREATION TRAIL AND WALKWAY
(feet)
CODE 568

SCOPE

This specification covers the installation of trails and walkways for pedestrian, equestrian, and cycle travel. Installation shall be in accordance with a prepared and approved construction plan and/or as staked in the field.

INSTALLATION

Clearing. All trees, shrubs, and fallen timber shall be removed for a distance of 4 feet on each side of the trail centerline, except that a distance of 2 feet on each side of the centerline shall suffice for footpaths. Stumps shall be cut off as close to the ground as feasible. All protruding limbs shall be removed for a distance of at least 4 feet on each side of the trail centerline and to a height of at least 8 feet for foot traffic and 10 feet if other than foot traffic is expected.

All undesirable material such as soil high in organic matter, stumps, and large stones shall be removed from the tread area of the trail.

Grading. All grading and shaping shall be to the lines, grades, and cross sections shown on the drawings and/or as staked in the field. Fills shall be installed in layers not over 6 inches thick.

Related appurtenances. All bridges, drainage structures, signs, and handrails shall be installed according to the drawings.

Surfacing. The surfacing applied shall be of the type shown and as specified in the plans.

WORKMANSHIP. All construction shall be performed in a workmanlike manner, and the job site shall have a neat appearance when finished.

All disturbed areas not graveled or paved will be vegetated to control erosion.

CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

Construction operations shall be carried out in such a manner and sequence that erosion and air and water pollution are minimized and held within legal limits.

The owner, operator, contractor or other persons will conduct all work and operations in accordance with proper safety codes for the type of construction being performed with due regards to the safety of all persons and property.

SAFETY

Landowners or operators, sponsoring organizations, and contractors shall be liable for damage to utilities and damage resulting from disruption of service caused by construction activities. The Natural Resources Conservation Service makes no representation on the existence or non-existence of any utilities. Absence of utilities on the drawings is not assurance that no utilities are present at the site.

It is the responsibility of the landowner or operator to determine if there are buried or overhead utilities in the vicinity of the proposed work. They should take proper procedures to insure that the utilities shall not be jeopardized and that equipment operators and others will not be injured during construction operations.