



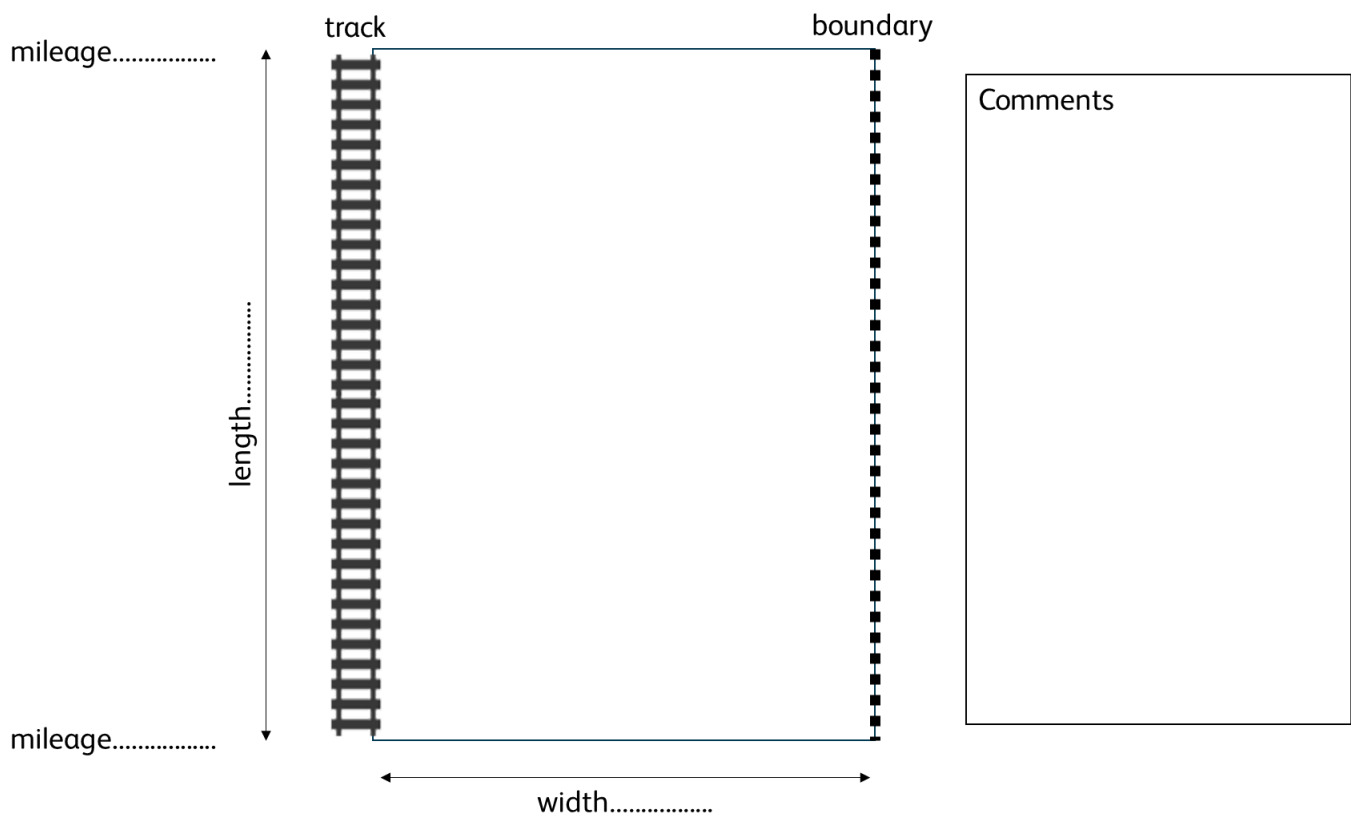


Important note: If at any point you are uncertain as to how to proceed, **STOP** and seek advice from an ecologist

Observer name		Date	dd/mm/yy
SSOWP reference		Fault or S/R number	
ELR and mileage start		ELR and mileage end	
Location (local name)		Direction (UP / DN)	
Time survey started	hh:mm	Time survey finished	hh:mm
Weather conditions (this will affect the activity of any birds present)	Cloud	Rain	Wind
	 Clear - 1 Cloudy - 2 Overcast - 3	 None - 1 Drizzle - 2 Showers - 3	 Calm - 1 Light - 2 Breezy - 3

Record any birds or nests seen in the proposed work site, plus any exclusion zones created. If safe to do so, check whilst walking through the actual vegetation to be cleared (facing traffic).
 Birds = X; Nests = (N); Observation = ●; Exclusion zones = 




Actions
Nests (with or without birds); mark up exclusion zone around nest and extend zone to include adjacent habitat [this may be to the fence-line]

Guidance Notes

When to check

- Dawn to 08:00
- Ideally on first day at work site (but up to 1 week prior to the planned work)
 - **NB: for emergency, safety critical work undertake check immediately prior to operations**
- Ideally in good weather only
- Check before any activity that could impact nesting birds, e.g.:
 - Tree work
 - Shrub / scrub work
 - Ditch maintenance
 - Rock-face cleaning
 - Construction / ground disturbance

Recording birds

- Walk slowly – 2 minute walk then stop for 10 minutes to observe
 - Repeat for length of work site
- Mark on plan all locations where observation took place (●)
- Take 1 hour to complete the check for every 220 yards
- Check 10 metres beyond extent of planned vegetation work
- Record every bird seen & heard within the proposed work site with a X
- Record every suspected nest/nest site within the proposed work site with this symbol (N)
 - Photograph any likely evidence
- Mark exclusion zones on check form with a solid line ()
 - Extend zone to include adjacent 'cover' or to the fence
 - Photograph marked exclusion zone(s)

Records

- Be aware, records may be subject to external scrutiny
- If no checks are undertaken, demonstration of compliance with legislation could be challenged

Examples

