

The scoping provisions for trails are contained in [F247](#). These provisions require trails to comply with the technical provisions for trails in 1017 when all the following conditions are met:

- The trail is newly constructed or altered so that the original design, function, or purpose of the trail is changed. Routine or periodic maintenance activities that are performed to return an existing trail to the condition to which the trail was originally designed are not alterations.
- The trail is designed for pedestrian use.
- The trail connects to a trailhead or to another trail that complies with the technical provisions in 1017.
- The technical provisions for trails in [1017](#) address surface in 1017.2; clear tread width in 1017.3; passing spaces in 1017.4; obstacles in 1017.5; openings in 1017.6; slopes in 1017.7; resting intervals in 1017.8; protruding objects in 1017.9; and gates and barriers in 1017.10.

The technical provisions are the same as in the NPRM, except as follows:

Conditional exceptions apply to each technical provision for newly constructed and altered trails. The conditional exceptions are discussed under Conditional Exceptions.

The exception based on situations where it is impractical to require the entire trail to comply with the technical provisions is revised. The exception is discussed under Exceptions for Trails and Beach Access Routes.

Where concrete, asphalt, or boards are used, obstacles cannot exceed ½ inch in height and the cross slope and resting interval slope cannot exceed 1:48. These provisions are discussed under Concrete, Asphalt, or Board Surfaces.

The NPRM exceptions for openings are included in 302.3 of the ADA-ABA Accessibility Guidelines.*

Where resting intervals are provided adjacent to the trail, a turning space is required.

Provisions are added for gates and barriers constructed to control access to trails.

The scoping provisions for trails also address camping facilities, picnic facilities, viewing areas, and outdoor constructed features provided on trails. These facilities are required to comply with the applicable scoping and technical provisions for each facility, regardless of whether the trail complies with the technical provisions in 1017. Individuals with disabilities use trails that do not comply with the technical provisions of 1017 and, therefore, facilities provided on such trails are required to be accessible. Camping facilities, picnic facilities, viewing areas, and outdoor constructed features provided on trails are connected to a trail, and are not required to be connected to an outdoor recreation access route. See 1019 Conditions for Exceptions.

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