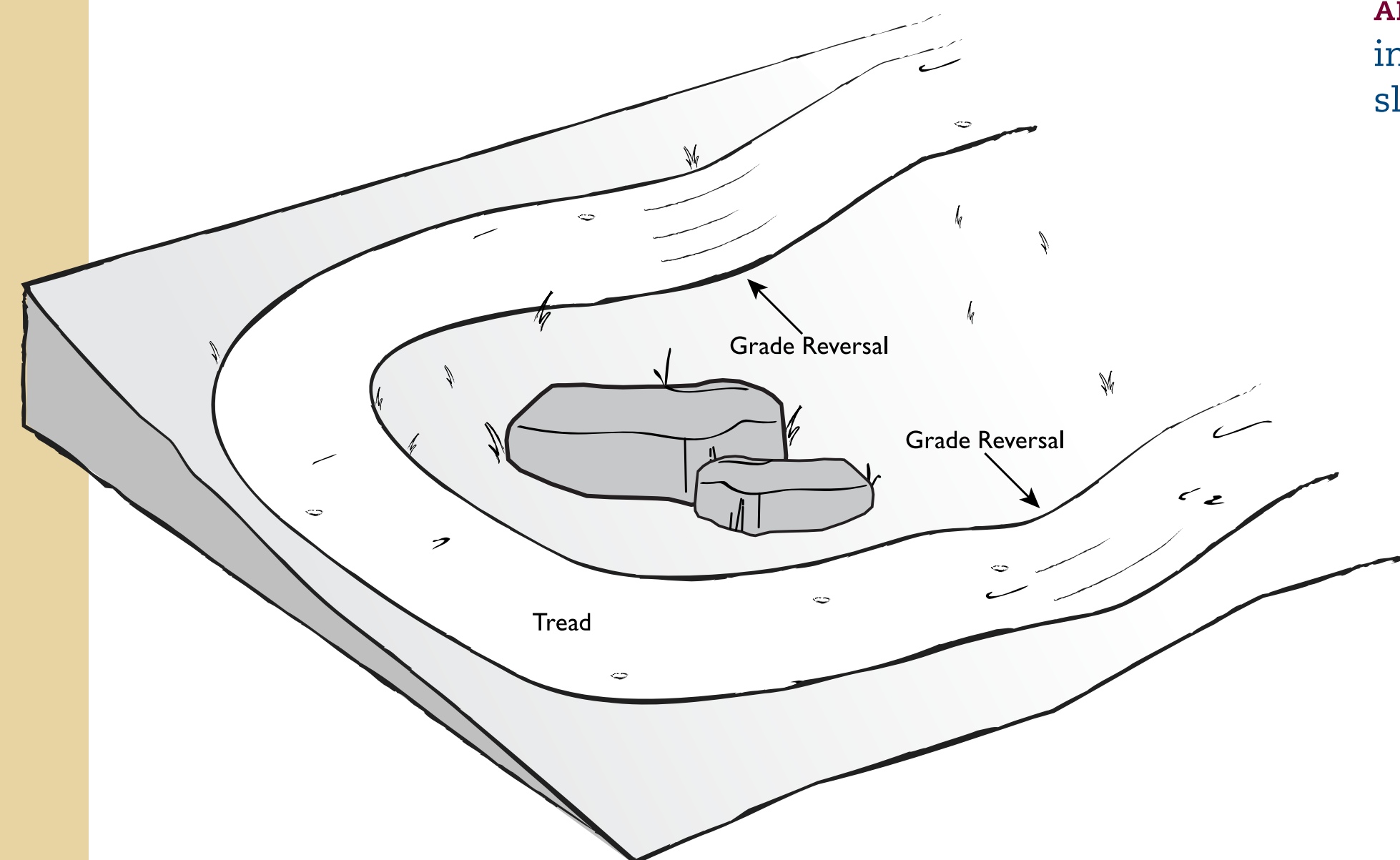


# Climbing Turn

Climbing turns are a way to reduce the steepness of a trail. Unlike trails that travel from the bottom of a mountain straight to the top, trails built with climbing turns are less likely to have water get trapped on the path and create a gully. Rather than an abrupt turn, such as a switchback, climbing turns create a large radius that slows down hikers and takes them to beautiful places they might not have seen otherwise. Slower traffic means less displacement of soil from the trail tread and a safer experience, especially on multi-use trails.



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**ABOVE** Climbing turns add interest to a trail and help slow down traffic.