Trail “Sign” Language

Balancing aesthetics and information to help you find, follow, and enjoy Upper Valley trails

Presented by
Upper Valley Trails Alliance
Why Trail Signs?

• **Navigational Guidance** – adventure vs. point A to B in comfort & safely

• **Interpretive** – history, natural science, etc.

• **Jurisdictional** – property boundaries, township

• **Contact Info.** – ownership & maintainer details, marketing
Create your own Backyard Habitat

As easy as 1...2...3...4...5

Habitat comes in all sizes. One will even fit in your yard. If you provide:
1) Food
2) Water
3) Shelter
4) A place to raise young, and
5) Avoid chemicals,
your yard will be the one to flock to.

Whether your backyard is a lawn or an estate, you can make it a great place for wildlife.
Finding Your Way

• Directional and Distance Markers
• Travel Time Estimates
• Trail Identification – name, blazes, ownership
• Permitted Uses
• Maps (route representation)
VT Trails & Greenways Council (VT&GC) released the Vermont Trail Ethic, a set of 10 behavioral messages (below), developed to enhance trails experiences for all trail users in Vermont.

www.vermonttrailsandgreenways.org
What trail signs are out there and what would you like to see?

- Trail Names
- Painted Blazes/Disks
- Destinations
- Permitted Uses
- Travel Times
- Distance Markers
- Trail Ethics/Rules
- Map Boxes/Kiosks
- Trail Maintainer/Ownership Info
- Electronic Map Codes (QR codes)
Trail Markers
Guidance and Confidence Markers

Painted or Plastic Blazes, & Wooden or Aluminum Disks

Photo by David Mengle
When to blaze?
2” x 6” Standard Blaze

- painted free-hand or with template
- 1 ½ “ to 2” brush
- exterior latex paint
- eye-height or above
  (dependent on use type & snow pack depth)
Wooden Painted Disks

SRKG Trapezoidal Blaze
Directional Markers

Photo by David Mengle
French’s Ledges
Directions to trail from roadside
Distance Measured

- In time
- Miles
- Kilometers

Rounded to what fraction of time or distance?
NEWBURY TRAIL
SRK GREENWAY
SOLITUDE JUNCTION - 2.4 MILES
MT SUNAPEE SUMMIT - 3.4 MILES
OLD PROVINCE RD, GOSHEN - 6.5 MILES
FOOT TRAFFIC ONLY

KEARSARGE VALLEY TRAIL
SUMMIT MT. KEARSARGE-85
SUTTON CONSERVATION COUNCIL

TRAIL TO
RINKER TRACT 0.15 MI
ROUTE 10 0.30 MI

STORRS POND
Trail Uses, Restrictions & Instructions
Possible Standard Trail Use Display
Campers Only

Vehicle & Trailer Restrictions
Grant Brook Trail

The farmer who grazes his cattle in these fields has kindly permitted the installation of this gate for the convenience of hikers. Please be sure to close the gate after passing through.

Upper Valley Land Trust
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Instructions for gate use, and associated rationale
Installing Sign Posts on Rock
Sign Fabrication

- Wooden or Plastic Routed
- Painted Wooden, Aluminum or Metal
- Adhesive Decal Lettering or Graphics
Hand-painted Signs
Signs made by Jerry Burns, Vermont Handcarved Signs, Hartland: 2008 pricing for this project was $70 for an aluminum sign and about twice that for a carved (routed), depending on number of lines of text. Mounted to 4”x4”x 8’ post with locking screws.

*Note trail difficulty ratings for x-country skiing.*
Plastic Routed Signs
Rhino Marker Posts

Vinyl signs: appealinggraphics@gmail.com
Sticker logo: The Leland Company, Brownsville, VT
WELCOME
As you continue beyond this sign you are entering a FOREST PROTECTION AREA.
In order to best manage recreation impacts to the area, camping and fires are prohibited within a 1/4 mile of TRAPPER JOHN SHELTER except at areas specifically designated for that purpose.

Another sign will mark your exit from the Forest Protection Area.

Thank you for your cooperation.
**Tree Identification Tags**

**In Stock Signs**

Tags are 4"x6" Medium Plastic (.070 gauge), Tan Background with Green Print, have 4 mounting holes and round corners.

**Custom designed tags are available. Call for information.**

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OK to mix and match styles for quantity price breaks. Other species available. Call for information.

**Signs designed by Jackie Lawiczak**

1. Red Alder
2. Smooth Alder
3. Red Oak
4. Black Ash
5. Blue Ash
6. Red Ash
7. White Ash
8. Bigtooth Aspen
9. Trembling Aspen
10. American Basswood
11. White Basswood
12. American Birch
13. European Beech
14. Black Birch
15. European White Birch
16. Gray Birch
17. Paper Birch
18. River Birch
19. Red Oak
20. Narrowleaf Maple
21. Dogwood
22. Boxelder
23. American Elm
24. Chinese Elm
25. Slippery Elm
26. Winged Elm
27. Birch
28. Basswood
29. Dogwood
30. Fraser Fir
31. White Fir
32. Fir
33. Poplar
34. Goldenrod
35. Goldenrod
36. Blue Spruce
37. White Spruce
38. Red Spruce
39. Pine
40. Spruce
41. Yellow Birch
42. Yellow Birch
43. Black Spruce
44. Hemlock
45. Silver Maple
46. Striped Maple
47. Sugar Maple
48. Sycamore Maple
49. Ulmus Tree
50. Red Mulberry
51. White Mulberry
52. Maple
53. Birch
54. Aspen
55. Birch
56. Blackgum
57. Sweetgum
58. Georgia Hackberry
59. Hackberry
60. Northern Red Oak

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and ask for Pat Hoertel

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**Salem Woods Trail**

**Your Copy**

**Log Here**

**HIGHLAND PARK**

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on the
Northern Rail Trail

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