

Trail Signs

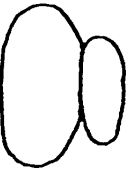


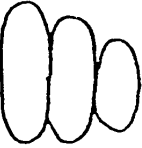
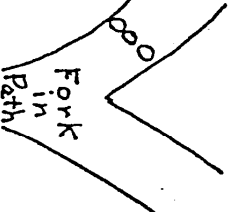
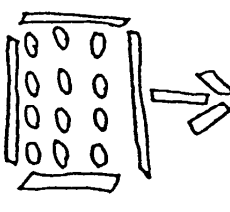
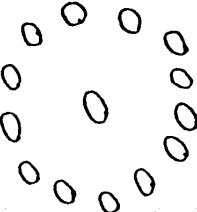
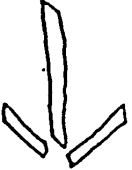
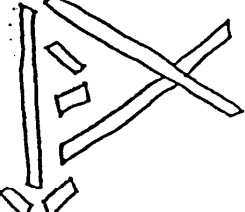

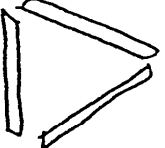

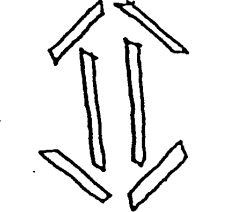
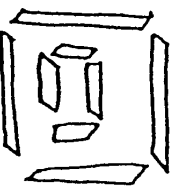
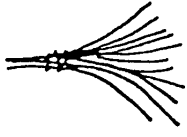
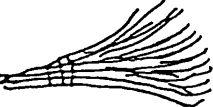

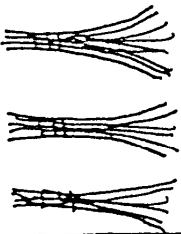
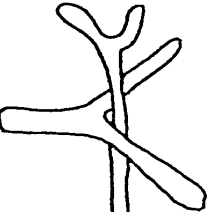
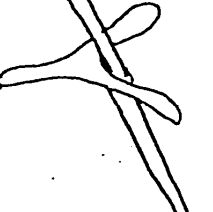
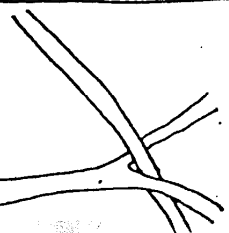
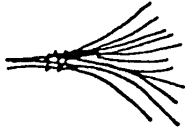
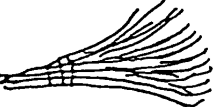

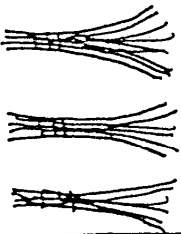
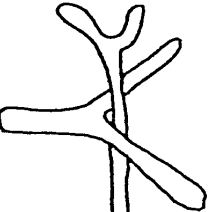
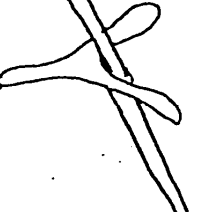
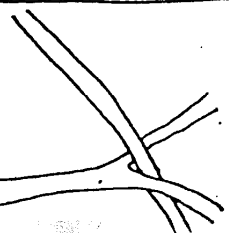
Trail signs are a way to leave a message so another group can find or follow you in the woods. These can be made using sticks, stones, or other available materials and should be placed where they can readily be seen by those whom you want to follow you.

It is important when making trail signs that any wood or plant materials that you use that are “dead and down,” and before moving any item, you make certain you are not directly disturbing any visible habitats or creating opportunity for excessive erosion or other dangerous situation.

The next two pages show common trail signs. When teaching girls about trail signs it is recommended that they practice together, then split into two groups. One group can go ahead and leave signs for the second group, then they can switch. Always be sure that girls are accompanied by adults, use known trails, and carry a map, compass, water bottles, first aid kit and other supplies.

Remember to always dismantle trail signs once you have finished using them!

TRAIL MARKERS

Keep Going		Go Right		Go Left		Danger		Fork in Path		Stop in Path		End of Trail	
Keep Going		Go Right		Go Left		Danger		Fork in Path		Stop in Path		End of Trail	
Go This Way		Go Right		Go Left		Danger		Fork in Path		Stop in Path		End of Trail	
Keep Going		Go Left		Go Right		Danger		Fork in Path		Stop in Path		End of Trail	

TRAIL SIGNS



OR



DANGER



KEEP GOING



TURN AROUND AND
GO BACK



OR



GO THIS WAY



END OF TRAIL



SPLIT YOUR GROUP
(! Go Left, ! Go Right)

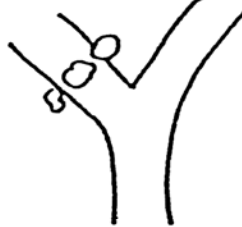


CAMP IS THIS WAY



STOP, GO OTHER WAY

OR



STOP, GO OTHER WAY



WAIT



WAIT



GO EIGHT (8) STEPS
THIS WAY

STONE or WOOD MESSAGES are easy to make and will not blow away.

TAGS or PIECES OF YARN make good trail markers. Tie the yarn or tags to trees, to bunches of grass, or to rocks. Place each trail marker within sight of the next one. The last person on the trail collects all the markers.

NOTES - You can lay a trail with notes. A note might say, "Follow the creek until you come to the fallen tree. Look in the hollow end of the tree." The note found in the hollow end of the tree tells you where to go next.