

TOWNSHIP OF LAKE OF BAYS PROCEDURE MANUAL			
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1. PURPOSE

- 1.01 To identify necessary signage and its placement for the purpose of guiding hiking/walking trail users safely along routes and to provide information.

2. POLICY

- 2.01 All hiking/walking trails in the Township of Lake of Bays shall have the necessary signage erected and/or posted as required within this policy.

A trail signage policy has the potential to enhance the visitor's experience of using the trail as well as learning about the region's natural resources and historical significance. Signage can help identify the presence of and, especially, the access points to trails and should be consistent in design, colour scheme and also contain a logo.

2.02 Types of Signage

Informational/Kiosk Signs

They provide trailside information to trail users by pointing out nearby support facilities and local points of interest (e.g. parking, restrooms, bulletin board, etc)

Trail Markers

These markers direct trail users to the trail from the roadway.

Trail Head Signs

These signs indicate point of entry to each trail where users will access the trail and usually include a map of the trail and surrounding areas. These signs are typically the largest of all signage types and are designed to be seen from a vehicle.

Directional/Distance Signs

These signs provide markings along the trail to provide geographical trail orientation to the users and may include distance markers, which indicate to the trail user how far they have travelled.

Regulatory/Warning Signs

In general, these signs promote safe trail use and can provide warning to significant grade changes, changes in surface conditions, private property, etc. These signs also advise trail users when caution is advised such as intersections of trails and/or roadways.

Educational Signs

These signs point out areas of interest that make the trail unique, including natural and historic features. These features may include ecologically significant areas, sites of important social or political events and local history. Educational signs can also educate the public about flora, fauna, and special terrain and suggest appropriate trail etiquette. They can even point out useful health information about physical activity.

Blazing

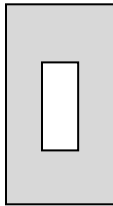
Similar to directional signs, this method will facilitate the temporary marking of the route when the trails to be signed with approved trail markers cannot be completed (e.g. where trail markers have not yet been funded, temporary detours, missing markers, etc)

A single blaze will provide the user confirmation or reassurance of being on the proper route. A double blaze, one above the other, will indicate caution or continue straight ahead. Offset double blazes will indicate a change of direction (the upper blaze being in the direction of the turn)

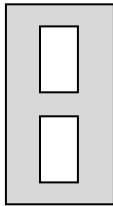
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2.02 Types of Signage cont'd

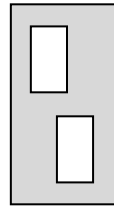
Blazing - Typical Trail blazes



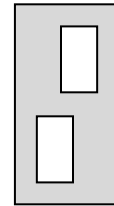
Normal blaze



Caution or Straight



Left Turn



Right Turn

2.03 Placement and Size of Signage

All signage should be raised between 4 and 5 feet off the ground

Type of Sign	Placement	Size
Informational/Kiosk	At least 4 feet off the sides of pathways so users can get off path to minimize congestion	Max. Sign Area 6m ² (64.5 sq. ft) Max. Sign Height 3.6 m (11.8 ft)
Trail Markers	Adjacent to roadways, ¼ to ½ mile before trailhead	Max. Sign Area 0.56 m ² (6 ft ²)
Trail Head	At the point of entry to each trail where users will access the trail	Max. Sign Area 6m ² (64.5 sq. ft) Max. Sign Height 3.6 m (11.8 ft)
Directional/Distance	Perpendicular to the trail - at ½ mile to 1 mile increments starting at the beginning of a trail	Max. Sign Area 0.56 m ² (6 ft ²)
Regulatory/Warning	Perpendicular to the trail - at intersections of trails and roadways, before the portion of trail that requires caution – No other signs may be placed on the same post with warning signs	Max. Sign Area 0.56 m ² (6 ft ²)
Educational	At least 4 feet off the sides of pathways so users can get off path to minimize congestion	Max. Sign Area 6m ² (64.5 sq. ft) Max. Sign Height 3.6 m (11.8 ft)

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2.04 Signage Material

In terms of materials used for signage, steel, aluminum, fiberglass and recycled materials are recommended due to their longevity, durability and vandal resistance.

3. ADMINISTRATION

3.01 All staff and volunteers participating in the signage of trails shall follow this policy

4. ATTACHMENTS

4.01 None

Resolution No.