

Trail Signs & Tracking



Trail marking and tracking is a traditional Scouting skill that involves recognizing signs of people on a trail in or in the backcountry, and leaving signs or symbols made from natural material on the trail or course for others to follow.

In the backcountry, trail signs can be left along your path to help you to back-track your trail in the case that you do become lost, or to assist others in tracking and ultimately finding you, if you are lost.

In a survival situation, leaving trail signs will help searchers to track and find you especially if you change locations.

Some of the most commonly used trail signs

Water in this Direction	Turn (Left or Right)	This Way	Not this Way
This way over Obstacle	Party Split Up	Message this Way	Gone Home