

Shuswap Trail Sign Style Guide

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Shuswap Trail Sign Style Guide: General Specs

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Purpose:

The Shuswap Trail Sign Style Guide grew out of a shared agreement to establish a unifying trail sign message throughout the Shuswap that could be adapted for use in local communities and trail systems.

Component	Description
Sign Sizes	Vary according to sign type and specific local requirements
Background Colour	Green: CMYK (100-0-100-0)
Mounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vary according to sign type • pre-treated or western red cedar (rough cut is fine and provides a textured look) • 7 foot length recommended for verticle posts: 5 foot above ground; 2 foot buried
Fonts Type/Size	Large/Title Fonts: IMPACT Small/Body text Fonts: Franklin Gothic (Book, Medium, Demi, and Heavy as applicable)
Icons	Vary
Font colour	Yellow Text: CMYK (0-13-100-0) White Text: CMYK (0-0-0-0)

Design Consistency:

Maintaining consistency in sign design, presentation and mounting elevates the overall integrity and attractiveness of a trail system. It provides a message of connection. It also provides a message of assurance that attracts and inspires use. Consistency of core design elements like font type, colour specs, key icons and symbols, mapping elements, content and order of presented information build the overall integrity of a sign system and its ability to enhance the trail user's experience.

Adaptation options:

Sections of the trailhead sign can be rearranged according to the specific needs of the location. For example, a map shape may be wide in one area while another area's map is vertically long. This creates the need for flexibility in placement on Type 1 and 2 trailhead signs. Also, sections of the Type 3 sign might be produced seperately for flexibility (i.e. title segment, map segment, technical difficulty, user icons, partner logos, etc.) and reassembled on the post. This allows for flexibility to change elements like maps as new trails are added or are changed.

Sign Printing:

Ken Gibson (MTSA Recreational Sites and Trails, Revelstoke) recommends sign construction on Dibond with an anti graphite laminate. (Cost about \$17.20/sq foot + labour costs) Alternate: metal printed weather resistant construction.

Mounting options:

Use of alternate mounting posts may vary according to local sign standards. e.g. standard metal sign posts. However, consistency in presentation and mounting elevates the overall integrity of the system. It provides a message of connection; that communities are working together. It also provides a message of assurance that attracts and inspires use.

Securing Signs:

Signs can be secured using screws. Use ceramic-coated screws for pre-treated lumber. However, heavy duty construction adhesive is being recommended by the regional Recreational Sites and Trails officer.



Type 1 & 2 Trailhead Sign (Kiosk) Specs

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Component	Description
Sign Size	915 mm wide x approx 915 mm (3' x 3') adapt according to requirements
Background Colour	Green: CMYK (100-0-100-0)
Mounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood posts measuring 150 mm x 150 mm (6x6), or 100 mm x 100 mm (4x4) • pre-treated or western red cedar (rough cut is fine and provides a textured look) • 7 foot length recommended: 5 foot above ground; 2 foot buried
Fonts Type/Size	Large/Title Fonts: IMPACT Small/Body text Fonts: Franklin Gothic (Book, Medium, Demi, and Heavy as applicable)
Icons	Difficulty rating symbol User groups (ESRI US Forestry 1 icon set) Partners/Sponsors and applicable government Map icons Additional added according to specific needs
Font colour	Yellow Text: CMYK (0-13-100-0) White Text: CMYK (0-0-0-0)

Use (Type 1)

The requirements for a Type 1 (Kiosk) Trailhead Sign are: high number of users (or the potential for a high number of users), drive up access, variety of trail and user levels (i.e. beginner to advanced trails), and variety of user types (i.e. Equestrian, cycling, and hiking). Multiple sign panels are possible here, including interpretative signage.

Use (Type 2)

The requirements for a Type 2 (Kiosk) Trailhead Sign are: moderate number of users, trail or drive up access (where use is lower), variety of user types, users have already been filtered by previous trail or are local and therefore more familiar with the trail and conditions.

Also known as “network entrance” signs. (J. Hawkings, 2007)

Design Consistency:

See general specs on page 1.

Adaptation options:

Local identity branding or logo mark to fit local sign specs. See example. Add additional panels for interpretative information.

Sign Printing:

See general specs on page 1.

Mounting options:

See general specs on page 1. Depending on available materials and costs, alternate mounting using 4x4 posts or other system consistent with local standards is possible.

Securing Signs:

See general specs on page 1. Recommend 1/2"x4" galvanized carriage bolts for cross posts (use recessed mounting holes.)

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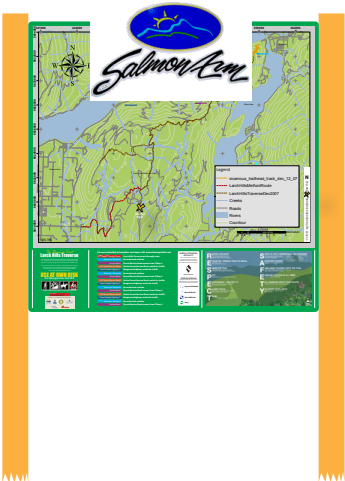


Type 1 & 2 Trailhead Sign Specs continued...

e.g. **Type 1** (Example rendering for demonstration purposes only.)



e.g. **Type 2** (Example rendering for demonstration purposes only.)



← Local identity branding or logo mark to fit local specs
e.g.





Type 3 Trailhead Sign Specs

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Component	Description
Sign Size	140 mm wide x approx 400 mm (adapt according to requirements)
Background Colour	Green: CMYK (100-0-100-0)
Mounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood post measuring 150 mm x 150 mm (6x6), or 150 mm x 100 mm (6x2) • pre-treated or western red cedar (rough cut is fine and provides a textured look) • 7 foot length recommended: 5 foot above ground; 2 foot buried
Fonts Type/Size	Large/Title Fonts: IMPACT Small/Body text Fonts: Franklin Gothic (Book, Medium, Demi, and Heavy as applicable)
Icons	Difficulty rating symbols User groups (ESRI US Forestry 1 icon set) Partners/Sponsors and applicable government Additional added according to specific needs
Font colour	Yellow Text: CMYK (0-13-100-0) White Text: CMYK (0-0-0-0)

Use

The requirements for a Type 3 Trailhead Sign are: moderate to low number of users, trail access, variety of user types or single-use (i.e. downhill mountain bike trail), users have already been filtered by previous trail or are local and therefore more familiar with the trail and conditions. Type 3 posts are used to “mark the entrance to a particular trail and provides users with adequate information to make an informed decision about using the specific trail.” (J. Hawkings, 2007)

Design Consistency:

See general specs on page 1.

Adaptation options: (See **ALTERNATE** guidelines next page)

Each section of the type 3 trailhead sign can be produced separately for flexibility (i.e. title segment, map segment, technical difficulty, user icons, partner logos, etc.) and reassembled on the post. This allows for flexibility to change elements like maps as new trails are added or are changed.

Sign Printing:

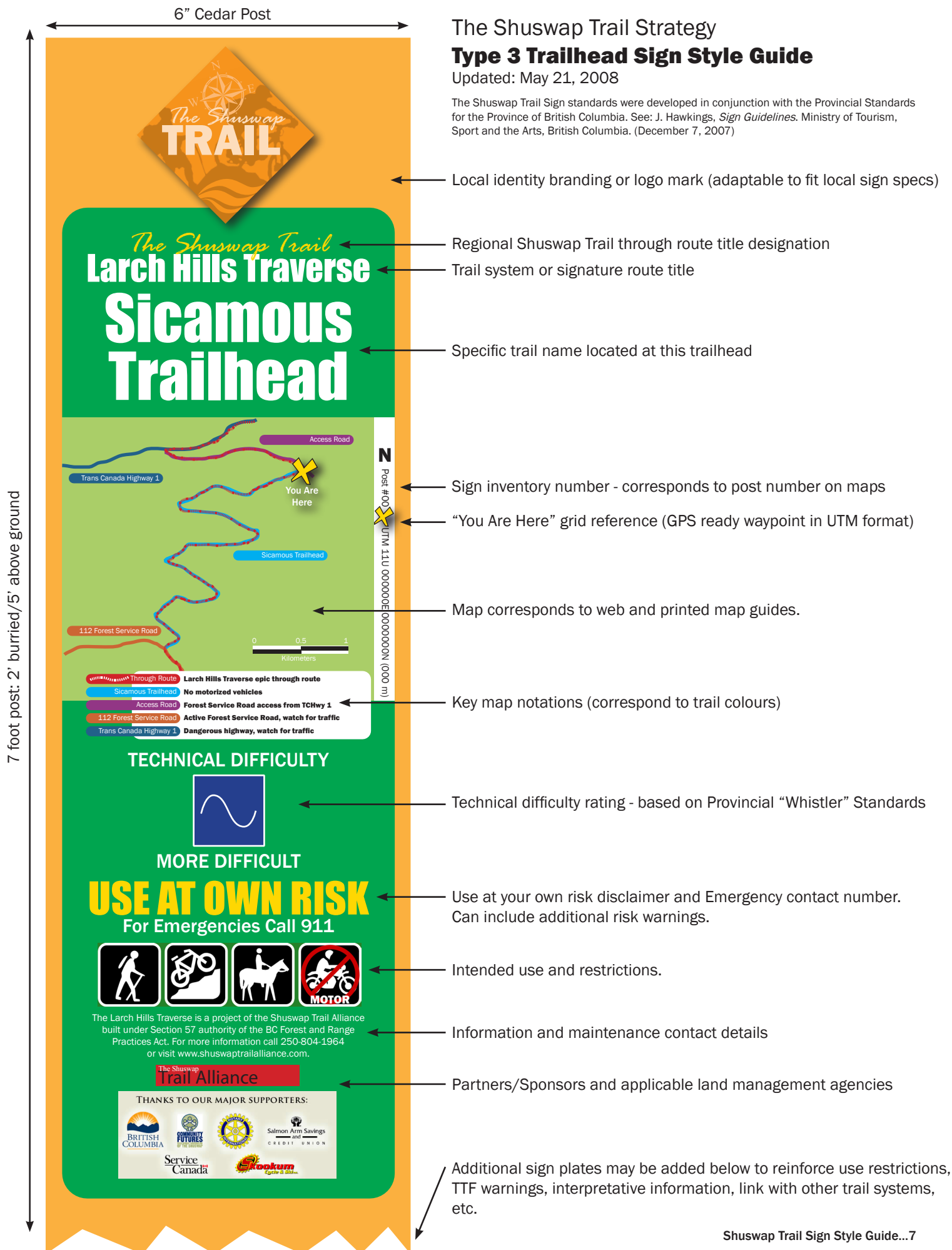
See general specs on page 1.

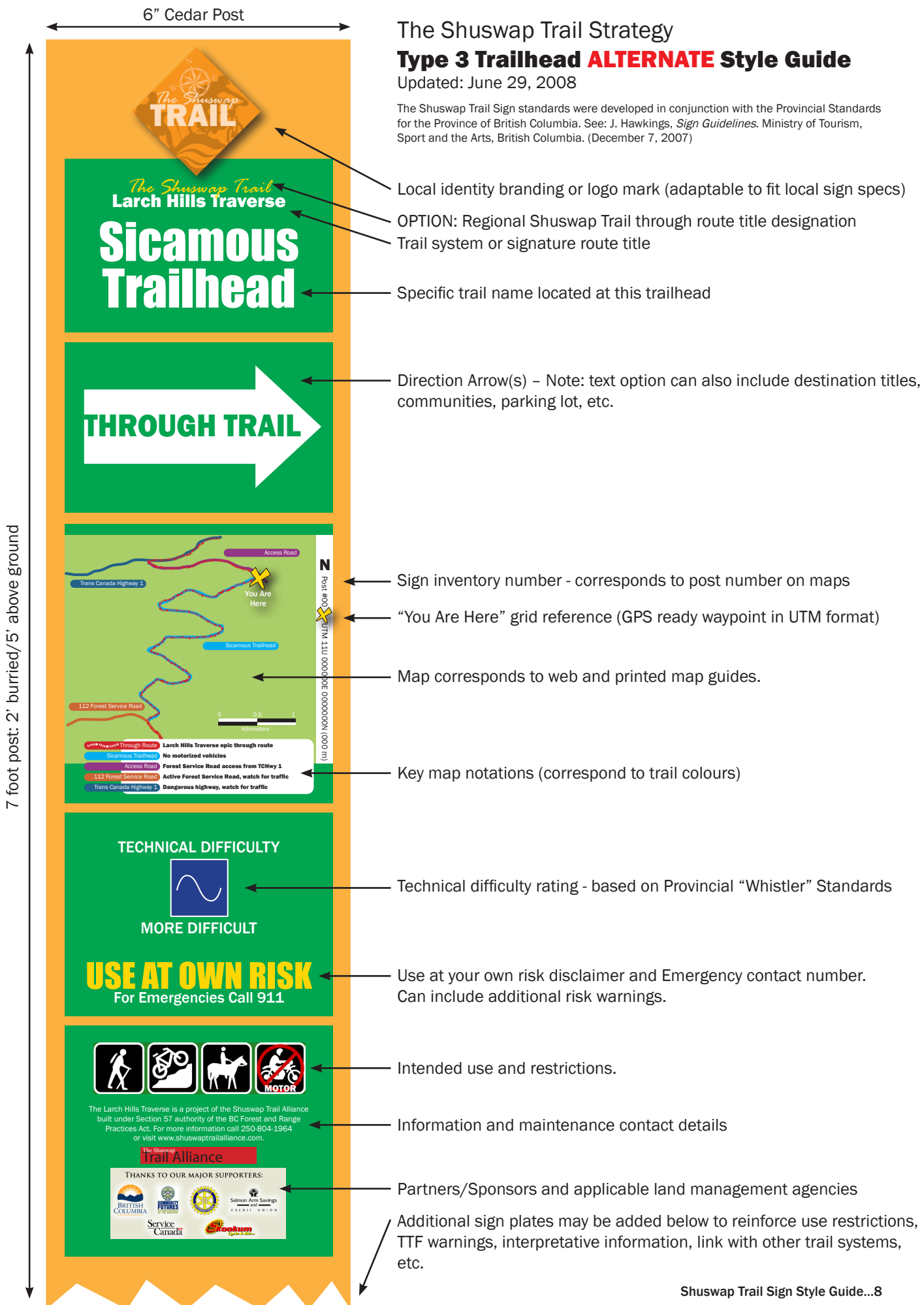
Mounting options:

See general specs on page 1. Depending on available materials and costs, alternate mounting using 4x4 posts with 2x6 additions to frame and hold the signs is possible.

Securing Signs:

See general specs on page 1.





Type 3 Trailhead Sign Specs continued...

e.g. Type 3

Example mock ups applied to Salmon Arm Greenways to show how the integration of municipal logo mark and placement might function.



e.g. Type 3 Application to 20th St. NE underpass, Salmon Arm


(Note: Mock rendering for demonstration only)



e.g. Type 3 Application to Rotary Trail, 5th Ave. NE & 28th St. NE, Salmon Arm

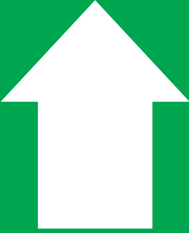
(Note: Mock rendering for demonstration only)

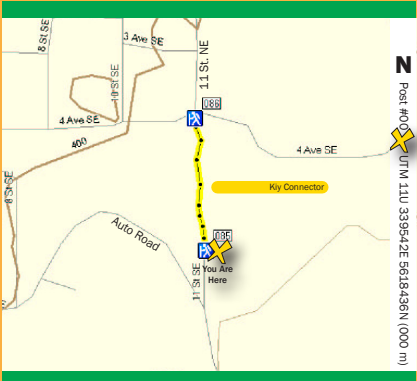
Type 3 Trailhead Sign Specs continued...




Salmon Arm Greenways

Kiy Connector








TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY




EASY

USE AT OWN RISK

For Emergencies Call 911

This trail is part of the Salmon Arm Greenway system. For more information call the City of Salmon Arm at 250-803-4000 or visit www.salmonarm.ca





e.g. Type 3 (Alternate Version) applied to new greenway link between 11 St. SE and Auto Rd., Salmon Arm
(Note: Mock rendering for demonstration only)



En Route (Assurance) Sign Specs

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Component	Description
Sign Size	Trail Name: 90 mm x 60 mm (3½"x2¾") Direction Arrow: 90 mm x 90 mm (3½"x3½") Difficulty Rating: 90 mm x 90 mm (3½"x3½") User Icons: 90 mm x 90 mm (3½"x3½") Contact Info: 90 mm x 20 mm (3½"x¾") (adapt according to requirements) NOTE: for treated posts, sizes must be reduced to widths approx. 80 mm (3")
Background Colour	Green: CMYK (100-0-100-0) Red: CMYK (0-100-100-0)
Mounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood post measuring Cedar = 100 mm x 100 mm (4x4); treated posts = 90 mm x 90 mm • pre-treated or western red cedar (rough cut is fine and provides a textured look) • 7 foot length recommended: 5 foot above ground; 2 foot buried
Fonts Type/Size	Franklin Gothic (Franklin Gothic Book, Medium, Demi, and Heavy as applicable)
Icons	Direction arrow Difficulty rating symbols User groups (ESRI US Forestry 1 icon set) Additional added according to specific needs
Font colour	White Text: CMYK (0-0-0-0)

Use

The requirements for an En Route (Assurance) Sign are: mark intersections with roads and other trails along the route, indicate direction to travel, and tell the user what section of trail they are on. They "provide users with trail specific information at junctions...[and] may also be placed along the trail where the route is difficult to follow." (J. Hawkings, 2007)

Design Consistency:

See general specs on page 1.

Adaptation options:

Each section of the En Route sign can be produced separately for flexibility (i.e. title segment, technical difficulty, user icons, etc.), or assembled as a single strip (see sample) to reduce printing costs. Additional direction arrows may be added. (See additional sign samples later in guide.)

Sign Printing:

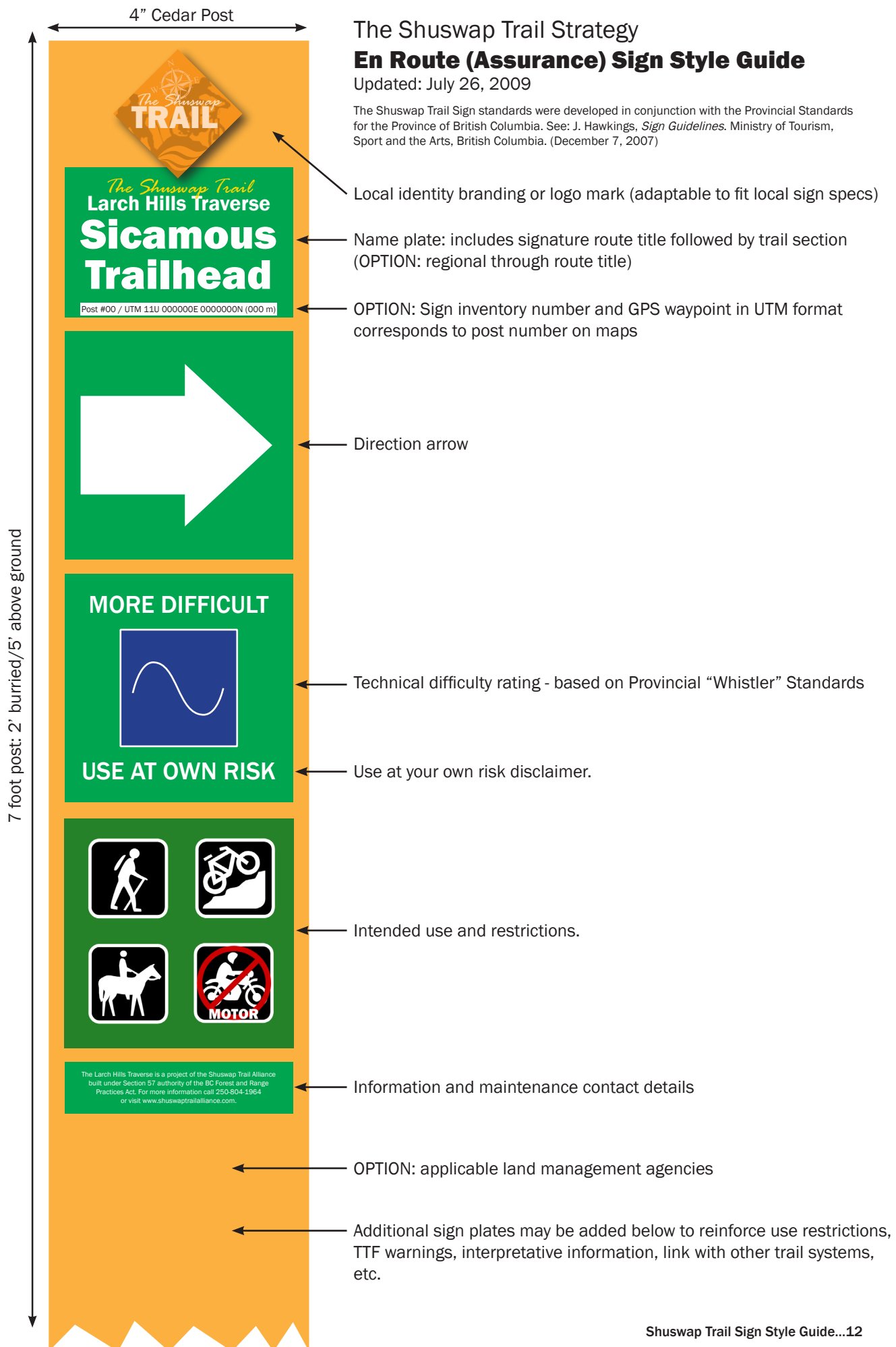
See general specs on page 1.

Mounting options:

See general specs on page 1.

Securing Signs:

See general specs on page 1.



En Route (Assurance) Sign Specs continued...

e.g. Connected strip format

Assembling the separate sections of the En Route sign into a single strip reduces printing costs significantly.





Warning Sign Specs

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Component	Description
Sign Size	140 mm x 100 mm to 140 mm wide x 240 mm or longer (adapt according to requirements)
Background Colour	Yellow: CMYK (0-0-65-0)
Mounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood post measuring 150 mm x 150 mm (6x6), or 150 mm x 100 mm (6x2) • pre-treated or western red cedar (rough cut is fine and provides a textured look) • 7 foot length recommended: 5 foot above ground; 2 foot buried • Warning signs placed below Type 2 sign
Fonts Type/Size	Franklin Gothic Heavy (Book, Medium, and Demi for subtext as applicable)
Icons	Caution and Warning (various) User groups (ESRI US Forestry 1 icon set) Managing agency and organization logos Additional added according to specific needs
Font colour	Black Text: CMYK (0-0-0-100)

Use

Various: Warning signs to help reduce risks to trail users and direct appropriate use. The guidelines can be adapted to meet specific requirements.

Design Consistency:

See general specs on page 1.

Adaptation options:

See general specs on page 1.

Sign Printing:

See general specs on page 1.

Mounting options:

See general specs on page 1. Depending on available materials and costs, alternate mounting using 4x4 posts with 2x6 additions to frame and hold the signs is possible.

Securing Signs:

See general specs on page 1.



The Shuswap Trail Strategy Warning Sign Style Guide

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Additional sign plates added below Type 3 Trailhead sign to reinforce use restrictions, TTF warnings, hazards, etc.

140 mm x 100 mm version

See accompanying Sign Standards reference for sign options.

140 mm x 240 mm version

See accompanying Sign Standards reference for sign options.

Use at your own risk disclaimer.

Additional warning notes and hazard information.

Information and maintenance contact details

Applicable land management agencies and organizations

Warning Signs (Various)

Examples of several more common warning signs are included here.

CAUTION!

ROADWAY CROSSING



WATCH FOR VEHICLES

This is a project of the Shuswap Trail Alliance built under Section 57
authority of the BC Forest and Range Practices Act.
For more information call 250-804-1964
or visit www.shuswaptrailalliance.com.

The Shuswap
Trail Alliance



BRITISH
COLUMBIA

Roadway Crossings

NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES



Columbia Shuswap
Regional District

The Shuswap

Trail Alliance

www.shuswaptrailalliance.com

No Motorized Access

NO ENTRY PRIVATE PROPERTY



Columbia Shuswap
Regional District

The Shuswap
Trail Alliance
www.shuswaptrailalliance.com

No Entry Private Property

PLEASE RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY



USE AT OWN RISK

The Shuswap

Trail Alliance

www.shuswaptrailalliance.com

Respect Private Property

Warning Signs (Various)

Examples of several more common warning signs are included here.

CAUTION!
STEEP
EDGES

Please Stay
On Trail



Columbia Shuswap
Regional District

The Shuswap
Trail Alliance

www.shuswaptrailalliance.com

Steep Edges

CAUTION!
MULTI-USE
TRAILS



WATCH FOR VEHICLES

Multi-Use Trails



Technical Trail Features (TTF) Sign Specs

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Component	Description
Sign Size	TTF Warning: 90 mm wide x approx 400 mm Bypass Arrow: 90 mm x 90 mm
Background Colour	Yellow: CMYK (0-0-65-0) Green: CMYK (100-0-100-0)
Mounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood post measuring 100 mm x 100 mm (4x4) • pre-treated or western red cedar (rough cut is fine and provides a textured look) • 5 foot length recommended: minimum 3' foot (1 metre) above ground; 2 foot buried
Fonts Type/Size	Franklin Gothic Heavy (Book, Medium, and Demi for subtext as applicable)
Icons	Difficulty rating symbol Bypass arrow Additional added according to specific needs
Font colour	Black Text: CMYK (0-0-0-100) White Text: CMYK (0-0-0-0)

Use

According to Provincial trail guidelines, a Technical Trail Feature warning (or TTF) "warns users of a technical trail feature of higher difficulty than the overall trail rating. If the feature cannot be walked an alternate bypass route will be signed. (J. Hawkings, 2007)

Design Consistency:

See general specs on page 1.

Adaptation options:

See general specs on page 1.

Sign Printing:

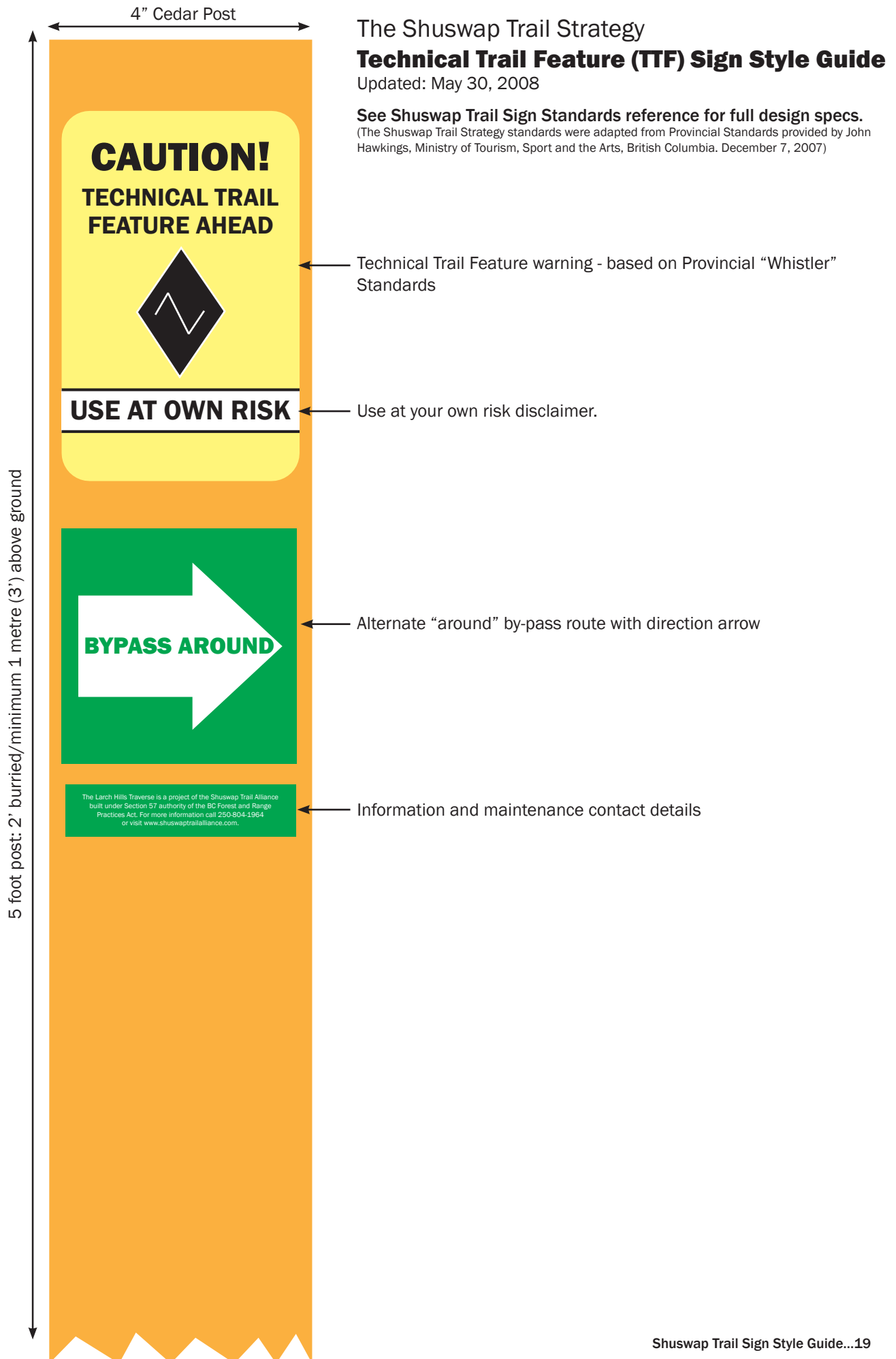
See general specs on page 1.

Mounting options:

See general specs on page 1.

Securing Signs:

See general specs on page 1.





Direction Arrows

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Use

The following direction arrow sign plates represent variations that may be required at different locations. They adhere to the sign specs outlined previously. Size may vary depending on post width (4" or 6")

Component	Description
Sign Size	90 mm x 90 mm (3½"x3½") -or- 140 mm x 89 mm (5½"x3½") (adapt according to requirements)
Background Colour	Green: CMYK (100-0-100-0) White: CMYK (0-0-0-0)
Mounting	As per other specs
Fonts Type/Size	Franklin Gothic (Heavy)
Icons	Direction Arrow
Font colour	Green text: CMYK (100-0-100-0) Lite Green text: CMYK (100-0-100-0) 50% tint

Through Route

Used to indicate signature or primary through routes, especially on cross-country routes including the extended Shuswap Trail circuit. Note: double text allows arrow to be mounted in either direction.

Note: (Option) Shuswap Trail title. Can also be applied to other routes.



6x6 Post Arrow

Sizing for 6" wide post placement.

Note: (Option) Shuswap Trail title. Can also be applied to other routes.



Text on Arrow

Used to point to specific destination. e.g. Parking Lot, community, etc.

Note: (Option) Distance to destination can be included .





User Icons

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Use (Various)

User Icon sign plates direct and restrict use variations at different locations. They adhere to the sign specs outlined previously. Size varies depending on post width (4" or 6") or application.

Component	Description
Sign Size	90 mm x 90 mm (3½"x3½") -or- 140 mm x 140 mm (5½"x5½") (adapt according to requirements)
Background Colour	Green: CMYK (100-0-100-0) Red: CMYK (0-100-100-0) White: CMYK (0-0-0-0) Black: CMYK (0-0-0-100)
Mounting	• Various
Fonts Type/Size	Franklin Gothic (Heavy)
Icons	User groups (ESRI US Forestry 1 icon set)
Font colour	White Text: CMYK (0-0-0-0)



Hike



Walking Path



Interpretative Walk



Mountain Bike



Nordic Ski



Bird/Nature Watch



Road Cycle



Paddle



Wildlife Corridor



Equestrian



ATV/OHV Use



Toilet Facility



Snowshoe



Motorcycle/OHV



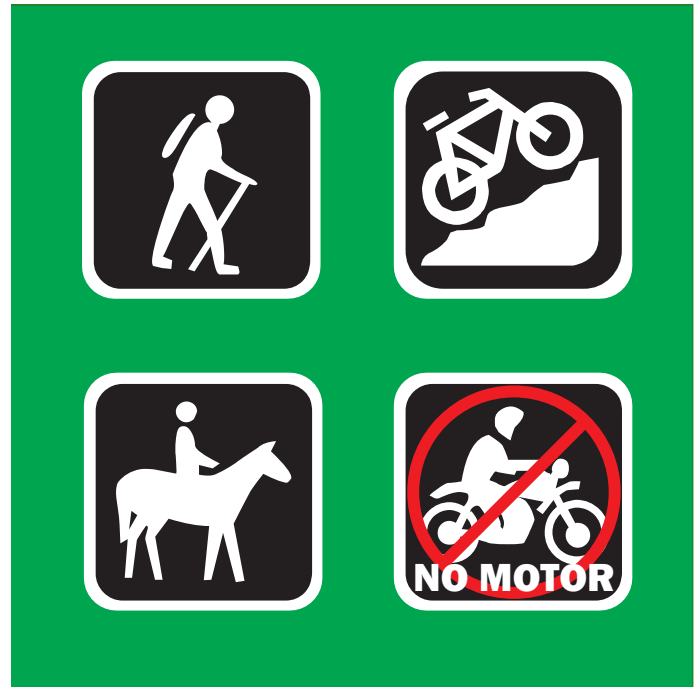
Conservation/
Rehabilitation

User Icon Clusters (Various)

User icon clusters direct and restrict multi-use variations at different locations. They adhere to the sign specs outlined previously. Size varies depending on post width (4" or 6") or application.



Multi-Use



Non-Motorized Only



Hike/Bike Only



Closed to All

Use Restrictions (Various)

Use restriction sign plates highlight closures. They adhere to the sign specs outlined previously. Size varies depending on post width (4" or 6") or application.



Closed to Hiking



Closed to Mountain Biking



Closed to Equestrian Use



Closed to Motorized Access



No Dogs on Trail



Dogs Allowed – Please Pick-up



Dogs Must Be On Leash – Please Pick-up



Trail Rating System and Icons (Mountain Bike)

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Use

The following trail rating system is to be used to classify trail difficulty. The icons are from the Whistler Standards adopted by the Province of BC (MTSA, 2007; Whistler Standards, 2003) While intended for Mountain Bike trails, where hike/cycle/equestrian trails exist and only one rating system is feasible, these icons shall be the default. Additional rating systems are being developed for hike, EQ, and winter only trails.

OVERALL TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY

Due to the distance, need for preparation, and committing backcountry nature of the Larch Hills Traverse, the overall rating is:



MOST DIFFICULT

Option: overall rating for a linked or extended cross-country route

SECTION RATINGS

Individual sections of the Larch Hills Traverse vary in technical difficulty and are defined as follows:

See Whistler Standards for detailed descriptions (Whistler Standards, 2003, p. 8)



Expert Unlimited

Exceptional bike control skills and balance essential to clear many challenging obstacles. High-risk level. Only a handful of riders will enjoy these rides.



Most Difficult

A mixture of long steep climbs, loose trail surfaces, numerous difficult obstacles to avoid or jump over, drop-offs and sharp corners. Some sections are definitely easier to walk.



More Difficult

Challenging riding with steep slopes and/or obstacles, possibly on a narrow trail with poor traction. Requires riding experience.



Easy

Gentle climbs and easily avoidable obstacles such as rocks, roots and pot-holes.



Easier

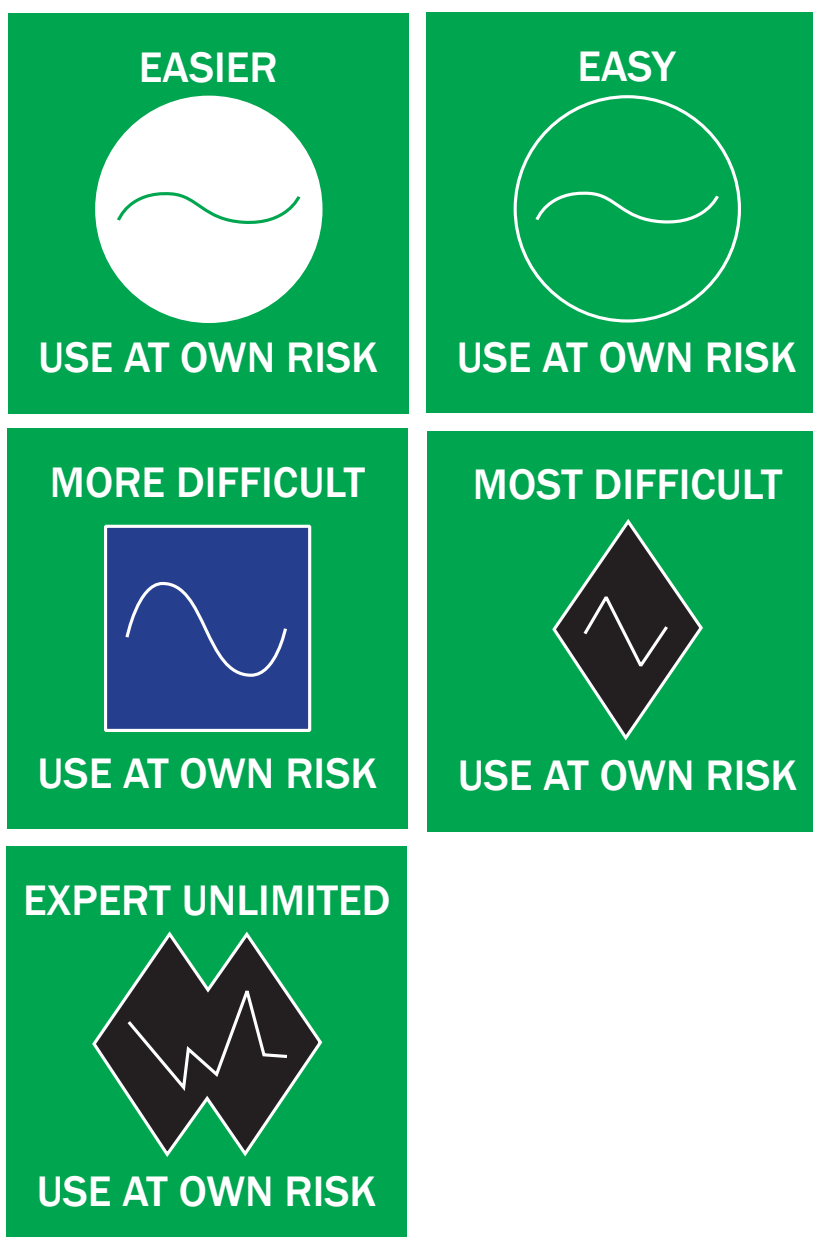
Fairly flat, wide and paved. Suitable for all users.



Difficulty Rating Plates

Difficulty rating plates identify difficulty specific to a section of trail within a wider system or route. The icons are from the Whistler Standards adopted by the Province of BC (MTSA, 2007; Whistler Standards, 2003)

Component	Description
Sign Size	90 mm x 90 mm (3½"x3½") -or- 140 mm x 140 mm (5½"x5½") (adapt according to requirements)
Background Colour	Green: CMYK (100-0-100-0) Blue: CMYK (100-90-10-0) White: CMYK (0-0-0-0) Black: CMYK (0-0-0-100)
Mounting	• Various
Fonts Type/Size	Franklin Gothic (Medium)
Icons	Difficulty Rating (Whistler Standards, BC 2003)
Font colour	White Text: CMYK (0-0-0-0)





Blaze Marker Sign Specs

The Shuswap Trail Sign standards were developed in conjunction with the Provincial Standards for the Province of British Columbia. See: J. Hawkings, *Sign Guidelines*. Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, British Columbia. (December 7, 2007)

Component	Description
Sign Size	76 mm x 76 mm (3" x 3")
Background Colour	Reflective Orange: RGB (255-102-0) CMYK (0-70-100-0)
Mounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trees or posts • place ideally 8 feet high to 9 feet • to trees/posts - aluminum (or galvanized) nails. Leave ¼ to ½ inch from nail head to tree to allow for bark expansion. Single nail in centre or two nails top and bottom. • attach at intervals appropriate to trail and terrain to ensure consistent indicator of route • blaze for travel in both directions. Ensure clear sight lines.
Fonts Type/Size	N/A
Icons	N/A
Font colour	N/A

Use

Blaze markers are used in combination with En Route posts and trailhead signs. They provide additional assurance to trail users, especially following seasonal changes such as snowfall or vegetation cover due to windfall. Blaze markers will be attached to trees, posts, or rock cairns at regular intervals throughout a trail route.

Design Consistency:

See general specs on page 1.

Adaptation options:

See general specs on page 1.

Can add logo or trail title to blaze markers.

Sign Printing:

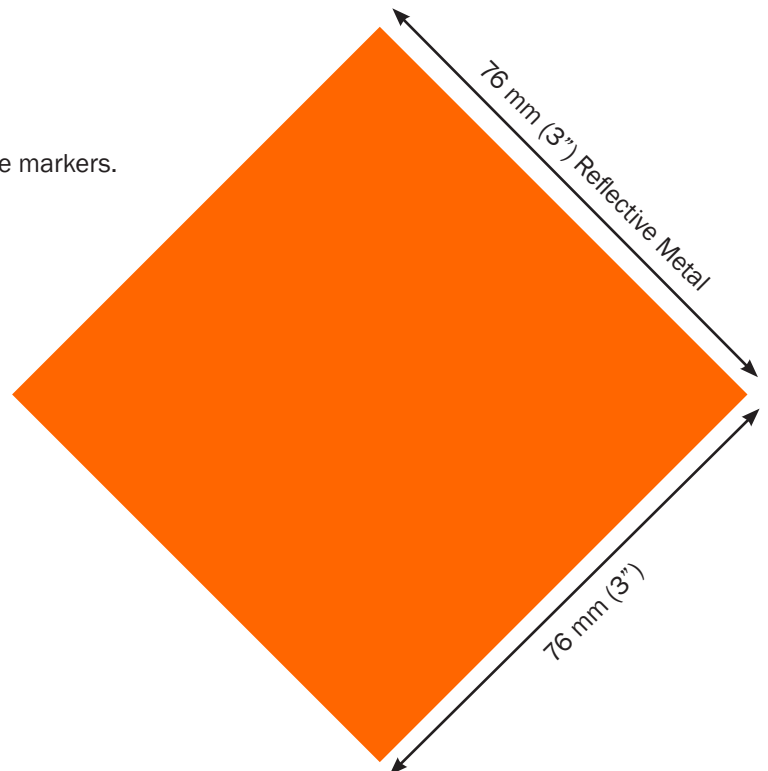
See general specs on page 1.

Mounting options:

See general specs on page 1.

Securing Signs:

See general specs on page 1.



OPTION: Branded reflective blaze marker specific to individual trail or system.



Blazing a Trail

The following guidelines are adapted for use on Shuswap Trails from the Bruce Trail Association's Guide for Trail Workers, 3rd Edition (2001).

- work in teams of two
- attach the first blaze marker at top of trailhead post
- attach the next "confirmation" blaze within 10 metres of the first trailhead blaze
- look down the trail and pick a visible tree 50 - 100 meters away, ideally on the right side of the trail to maintain consistency (but not necessary if the best position is on left)
- have your partner walk to the tree, while keeping an eye on a spot at eye level or slightly higher on the tree, which remains visible as he or she approaches it
- once at the tree hold the blaze up to the spot and look to your partner to confirm the blaze is visible. Avoid small diameter trees. And NOTE: in areas where deeper snow pack is anticipated, utilize an extension holder and framing hammer to extend reach and place the blaze higher.
- use 3" galvanized nails and hammer in leaving at least 1/2" out to allow for bark growth against the blaze.
- as one partner nails in a blaze, the other continues down the trail to prepare for the next blaze by pruning all vegetation within one meter of the blaze, as needed.
- if the trail bends, wait until after the bend to sight on the next most obvious tree.
- a turn blaze must be used at bends where the turn is sharp, or if there could be any confusion as to the direction of the path, where there are other visible paths that could be used, or if it is important that hikers make the turn.
- a turn blaze is a double blaze (one below the other) with the upper blaze slightly offset in the new direction of travel, to indicate a turn.
- a turn blaze is ideally used within 3 meters before the turn, never after the turn.
- a confirmation blaze on the new direction within 10 meters of the turn is required.
- no blaze should be more than arms length from the centre of the trail.
- even though the right side is preferred, the key consideration is where the blaze would be most visible.
- a good testing of your blazing is to invite someone totally unfamiliar with your trail to walk it in the fall when it is covered with leaves, or in the winter when it is covered with snow.
- if there are any areas that cause confusion, attach a piece of flagging tape and add an extra blaze as soon as possible.
- ideally, one direction is blazed and then the other on the return trip, however, it is possible to blaze for both directions in one pass with practice.

