



Volunteer Position Description:

Trailhead Sign Brigade

QUALIFICATIONS: A Trailhead Sign Brigade volunteer renews the Superior Hiking Trail trailhead signs. They will sign up for trailhead sign renewal using a Google Doc.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Renew Superior Hiking Trail trailhead signs. This may include removing nails and staples, removing aging signage, re-digging posts and, in rare cases, dismantling a sign for re-assembling and remounting.
- Follow the rules and policies of the Superior Hiking Trail Association, including general Trail rules such as keeping dogs on leashes and abiding by the SHTA Personal Safety Policy.
- Report the work done and the hours contributed via an online form or paper form.
- For volunteers on Forest Service property (Superior National Forest), sign the Forest Service Volunteer Services Agreement form and abide by all Forest Service regulations.
- You may find someone to partner with via Google Doc, or you may set up your own schedule. This task will usually require two people.

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES:

- We hope Sign Brigade Volunteers can provide these tools for this task: a socket wrench set; hammer; small pry bar; small shovel; power screwdriver/drill; handsaw; work gloves.
- The Superior Hiking Trail Association can provide (or reimburse your purchase of) screws, nails and lumber (for installing new posts), and personal protective equipment.
- We can also supply, with advance notice and where circumstances dictate (e.g. re-digging posts), shovel, mattock, tamping bar and, where necessary, lumber and hardware for new posts.



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Why Do This:

While the basic underlying trailhead sign construction was very solid – cedar boards, carefully routed lettering – things got added and attached over the years, making these venerable signs cluttered and tattered looking.

This assignment is about cleaning up the image of the SHT and the functionality of the signs. Contact SHTA staff for (what we hope will be) an updated list on the condition of trailhead signs.

What To Do:

There are three discrete tasks for this Brigade.

Remove clutter: any board that is neither the directional signs nor the “rules” sign should be removed. If it’s in rough shape, remove the vinyl logo sign, including the nails or staples that held it on, AND those tiny plastic crumbs stuck under the nails. “Foot Travel Only” sign should be re-mounted, on a tree along the Trail, not far from the trailhead. If faded, it should be replaced. Pack out with you any used hardware.

Straighten out the sign: Some signs are leaning left or right or back or forward. Straighten them and firm them up in the ground by expanding the post hole and jamming rocks into the hole. Tamp the rocks in with shovel or tamping bar, then pack more dirt into the hole. Give it a wiggle to be sure it’s well planted.

Re-mount the sign: A rare few signs are starting to fall apart. They will need to be taken out of the ground; the directional and rule boards re-mounted on new posts; and the newly assembled sign put back into the ground.

Tell Us What You Did:

A before and after photo, with you in it, would be great to have. That, and a brief report of what you did at which trailhead. Let us know if you think the lettering should be repainted. We will need to know how many hours you spent, including transit time to your work site(s).



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This is a classic example of a sad trailhead sign. Here's what to do:

- Put the Foot Travel Only sign on a tree along the Trail, not far from the trailhead.
- Remove the "Spur Trail" sign at the top. (Keep signs like these as a souvenir or take with you to toss.)
- The sign depicted here should be dismantled and re-mounted. The posts are likely rotted and need to be replaced. (In "real life," this trailhead sign was de-cluttered in summer 2018, but has not been re-mounted.)

NOTE: We have not made a decision about the Superior Shuttle pamphlet boxes. Until further notice, leave them there.