Recreational and Cultural Interest Signing, Guide Signing For Recreational Information Centers, and Camping Signs on Highways Other than Freeways

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Purpose
To define the Utah Department of Transportation (Department) acceptable use of signing for recreational and cultural interest facilities, recreational and cultural information centers, and for camping signs on highways other than freeways.

Policy
Signing for major recreational and cultural interest destinations on highways other than freeways is allowed under the guidelines as prescribed in the currently adopted edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and this policy.

1. Signing for recreational and cultural interest destinations is considered supplemental to overall signing and may not be installed where there is insufficient longitudinal spacing from adjacent signing of higher priority.

2. Signs for recreational and cultural interest destinations will be located in advance of the closest intersection that provides the most direct and best route to the destination. Normally, one sign at the cross street is all that is necessary to provide direction to the destination that may be reached from the intersection. An additional advance sign may be located ¼ to ½ mile from the intersection.

3. The recreational and cultural interest destination signs may contain up to three qualifying destinations. Show the three destinations that create the greatest traffic demand in the event there are more than three qualifying destinations. Selection of the qualifying destinations will be coordinated with the local governmental agency.

a. Signing may contain the name of the recreational or cultural interest destination with symbols showing the types of recreation available.
4. The destination should be located no more than 15 miles from the highway intersection except for major traffic generators.
   
a. A confirmation mileage sign should be installed on the cross street for destinations further than 1 mile from the intersecting route.

b. Trailblazers will be installed when the destination is not located on the crossroad, or is not readily visible from the crossroad.

c. Signing will not be installed for the facility until the local governmental agency has installed appropriate trailblazing signs when the destination is not located on a state highway. The access road to the facility must be traversable under normal weather conditions by 2-wheel drive passenger vehicles.

5. Isolated recreational and cultural facilities in rural areas may be signed specifically, for example, Ski Area or Camping Area.

6. Signing for recreational and cultural information centers may be provided for communities or other geographical areas that contain several recreational and cultural interest facilities when individual signing for those facilities cannot be accommodated. A recreational and cultural center is a location that meets the following criteria:

   a. Reasonable accessibility from the state highway system

   b. Adequate parking facilities for interested parties

   c. Staffed a minimum of eight hours per day, seven days per week

   d. Sponsored by an impartial group representing the area

   e. Either provide or provide access to restroom, phone, and drinking water facilities

   f. Provide compliance with ADA and civil rights requirements

7. Signing for camping may be installed on state highways other than freeways if the following services and criteria are met:

   a. Camping facility is located within five miles of the state highway.
b. Camping facility is operated 24 hours each day, 7 days each week.

c. Camping facility is licensed by the appropriate public agency.

d. A minimum of ten camping spaces are available.

e. Drinking water and modern sanitary facilities are available.

f. Adequate off-street parking is available.

g. Advance signing will consist of the appropriate MUTCD camping symbols and the distance legend. The intersection signing will consist of the same camping symbols and a directional arrow. The distance to the campground will be included with the intersection signing when the campground is not visible from the highway. Names of campgrounds or operating agencies will not be shown.

8. Priority for destinations that may be considered for signing is as follows:

a. National Parks

b. National Forests

c. National Recreation Areas

d. National Monuments

e. State Parks

f. National Historic Sites

g. National Landmarks

h. Museums of Regional Significance

i. Civic Centers

j. State and County Fairgrounds

k. Lakes and Dams

l. Ski Areas
9. Destinations that are excluded from signing include:
   a. Universities and Colleges
   b. City and County Parks
   c. Police and Fire Stations
   d. Post Offices
   e. Court Houses
   f. Cemeteries
   g. Prisons
   h. Historical Homes, Buildings, or Sites
   i. Churches
   j. Libraries
   k. Clubs
   l. Private, Charter, Elementary, Middle, Jr. High, and High Schools
   m. Shopping Centers
   n. Subdivisions
   o. Privately-owned Museums
   p. Theaters
   q. Seminaries
   r. Power Plants
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Responsibility: Region Director or Region Traffic Operations Engineer

Actions

1. Receive request for recreational, cultural, information center, or camping signs.

2. Review request for feasibility and compliance with MUTCD and Policy 06C-30.

3. Respond to requestor with sign placement decision.

4. Arrange for installation when the decision is made to proceed with sign installation.