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MESSAGE	STICKS	STONES	PEBBLES	LONG GRASS
Keep Going or This Way				
Turn Right				
Turn Left				
Wrong Way			 Or make an "X"	
Danger, Warning			I Have Gone Home 	Go This Way # Paces 

Use these trail signs to lay a trail or to follow an established trail. Also refer to the boxes with miniature trail signs for more examples.

Do not destroy signs as you find them, unless you are instructed to do so.

Distress Signals

If lost in the woods, here are some helpful suggestions:

Stay put, it's easier to find you if you stay in one place. Move only if there is impending danger.

If you must move, leave a clearly marked trail so rescuers can follow it.

Put brightly colored clothing, preferably red, at the tops of trees or bushes visible from the air.

Make a giant "X" (need medical help) or "V" (need assistance) in an open space with natural objects such as rocks or use clothing, or dig into the earth.

Signal search planes with a mirror or shiny object reflecting the sun's rays.

After nightfall, build a fire in an open area.

Use a whistle to attract a rescue party. An acorn can be used or carry a whistle with you.

Yelling is not effective, will dehydrate you and cause excessive fatigue.

Save your energy, stay calm. Panic is your worst enemy.

Build a shelter, if it becomes necessary to stay the night or in bad weather.