



Oregon-California Trails Association

TRAIL MARKERS AND THE OCTA TRAIL MARKING POLICY

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Trail Marker and Trail Marking Policies

- The purpose of trail marking is to identify trail resources and promote their protection.
- The intent of this policy is to provide guidelines while allowing flexibility to mark diverse segments of the trails.

You can't protect it if you don't know where it is!



Chapter Responsibilities

- Appoint a person to oversee trail marking
 - Chapter Trail Marking Coordinator or
 - Chapter Preservation Officer
- Chapter board of directors or the executive committee should formally “approve” all trail marking activities
 - “Official” chapter event to be sure of insurance coverage under National’s policy
 - Assure consistent and accurate trail marking



Trail Markers

Carsonite:	Carsonite International White or Brown CRM3066 5' 6" long 3.75" wide 2.5 pounds About \$30.00 each with decals
Steel Rail:	6' long with 18" horizontal top rail 2.5" x 12" plate bolted to fishing Engraved diary quote for location
Novalloy:	Interpretive sign Aluminum; gold lettering on black panel
Concrete:	BLM favorite 6' long 8" at bottom tapered to 4" at top
Decals:	BLM, USFS, USFWS or NPS labels Metal or plastic on posts or trees Trail name decal



Beckwourth Trail Carsonite

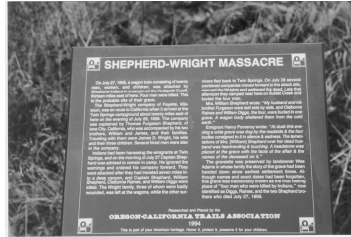


Driving a Carsonite Marker





Shepherd-Wright Novalloy



The Shepard-Wright Massacre Grave Site



Steel Rail Marker





Steel Rail Marker

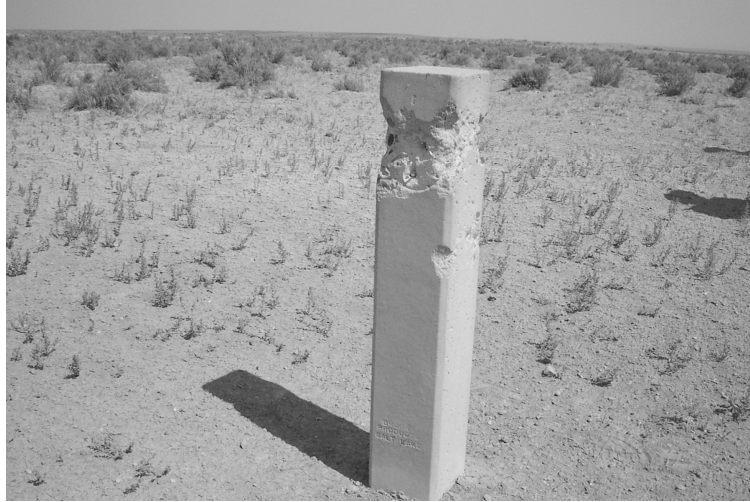


Novalloy and Steel Rail at Grave Site





Concrete Post (Wyoming)



Wooden Post





Highway Trail Site Sign

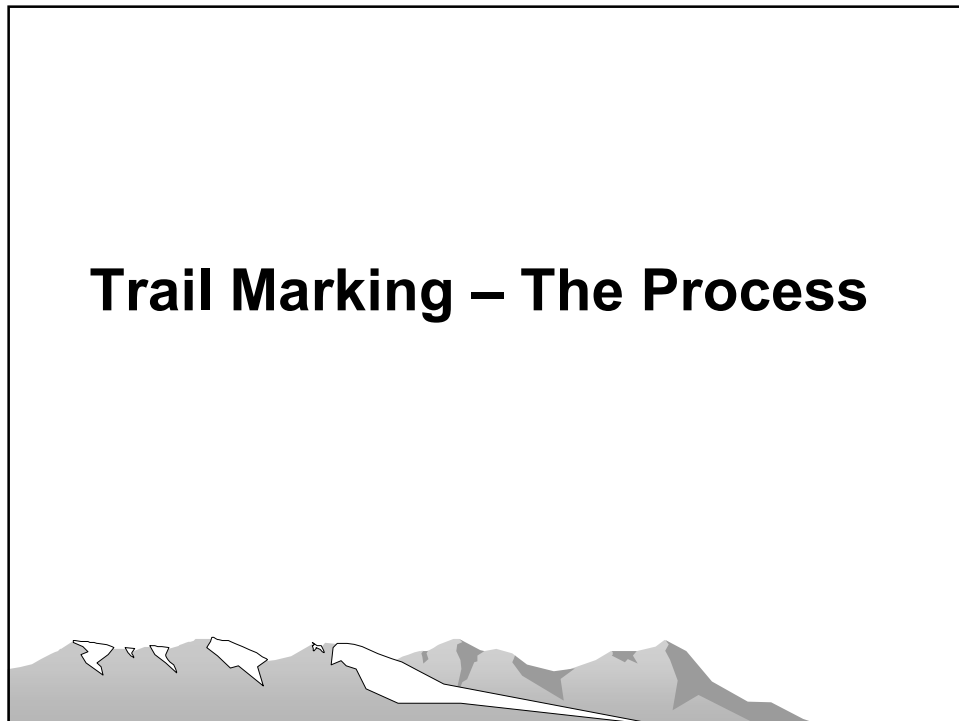


Carson Route – California Trail





Trail Marking – The Process

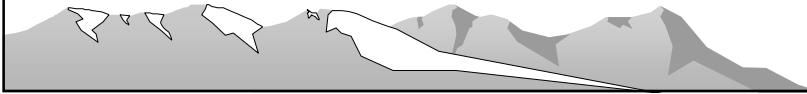




The Process

- Initial planning
- Research
- Permits
- Final approval
- Installation

See “OCTA Trail Marking Policy” for details and forms.



The Process- Approvals Needed

Initial Planning: Get chapter approval
 Project leader
 Type of markers
 Funds needed

Mapping/Research been done

Landowners: Permission & Release

Public lands: BLM; Forest Service; Parks, etc.
Permit

County or state roadsides
Permit



Final Approval (Before Placement of Marker)

Minimum information required:

1. Mark location on 7.5 map
Carsonite approximate along route
2. Description of marker to be used
Carsonite - steel rail - cement - Novalloy – other
3. Location of existing markers in the area
4. Text to be used on markers
Carsonite - approved decals
Steel rail - engraving to be reviewed by chapter
Novalloy - must be reviewed by National Graves and Sites Committee Chair (Randy Brown); he usually asks Publications Committee member for assistance.
5. Copies of all permits and permissions
6. Identify any controversy of the trail marking.



OCTA Forms

- Form 1 – Waiver of Responsibility
- Form 2 – Landowner Release
- Form 3 – Easement
- Form 4 – Trail Marker Documentation
- Form 5 – Marker Locations (Multiple)
- Form 6 – Certification of Accuracy

See “OCTA Trail Marking Policy” for details and forms.



Form 1 - Personal Waiver

The undersigned agree that neither the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA), its directors, officers, employees, and agents, nor to the extent legally permissible, any private or public (state or federal or instrumentality of either), landowner or tenant licensee in possession of any land on or over which any tour, field trip, or outing takes place, or through which it travels, in connection with or as part of any meeting or convention of OCTA, shall have any responsibility or liability, in whole or in part for any loss, damage, injury to person or property, delay, and delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connection, cancellations, changes in schedules, program, or itinerary, or mechanical defect or failures, or for any negligent act or omission of any nature whatsoever which results from, or arises out of, or occurs at or during any activities, programs, tours, field trips, or outings there at, or part thereof, or any accommodations, transportation, food, or other services or facilities furnished or supplied there at, or any additional expenses occasioned thereby, or any liability sustained or incurred as a result of any of the foregoing. All persons registering at or attending any such meeting or convention shall be bound by the foregoing and deemed to have consented to the same by such registration or attendance.

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**Form 1
Waiver**



Form 2 - Landowner/Manager Permission and Release

I hereby grant the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA), a non-profit corporation, with headquarters in Independence, Missouri, and its member's permission to enter onto my property to conduct a survey of the _____ (name of trail) and place a historical marker or markers on my/our property to mark the route of the Trail or a related site.

Property location and legal description is: _____

Any marker will remain the property of the Oregon-California Trails Association, and will in no manner transfer any possession, title, or easement to the real estate or property on which it is placed. Also, OCTA agrees that upon receipt of the landowner's oral or written request, the marker will be removed or relocated, at the request.

In the event it is necessary or advisable to repair, replace, or update a marker, OCTA and its members shall have the authority to do so, and will advise the property owner prior to entering the property.

Property Owner: By _____ Title: _____

Date: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Oregon-California Trails Association: By _____ Title: _____

Date: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

**Form 2
Landowner
Release**



Form 3 Easement

FORM 3 - EASEMENT FOR TRAIL MAKING POSTS SAMPLE FORM

The undersigned hereby grants to the Oregon-California Trails Association, a non-profit corporation, and its members, agents and representatives, successors and assigns, (herein individually and collectively referred to as "OCTA"), the right in perpetuity to enter upon the property described below to install, maintain, and replace, as necessary, a post or posts to mark the route or site of a pioneer or emigrant trail at the location or locations indicated on the drawing or map attached hereto, marked "Exhibit ____", and by this reference made a part of this document.

For this purpose also the undersigned further agrees to preserve and maintain undisturbed whatever remnants or evidence of such trail(s) still in exist on the said property, as also described below and on the said Exhibit ____

The legal description of the subject property is: _____

The trail remnants or evidence still in existence are: _____

The rights granted by this document shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20__

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone No. _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone No. _____

State of _____ County of _____
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20__, by

Notary Public: _____

Trail Marking Form 3.doc DTW

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Form 4 Marker Documentation

Form 4 - Trail Marker Documentation (Required for concrete post, steel post and Novilloy pedestrian markers)

1. Trail marker number: _____
2. Location (GPS): _____
3. Legal description: _____

4. Trail name: _____
5. Date of marker installation: _____
6. Access route to marker: _____

7. Other information: _____
8. Authentication (MET): _____

9. Description of photographs taken: _____

10. Nearest marker: _____
11. Form completed: [] yes [] no; why? _____
12. Date information sent to National Trail Marking Committee Chair: _____
13. Marker located on USGS 7.5 minute quad: _____
14. Project Leader: _____



Form 5 Marker Locations (Multiple)

FORM 5 - TRAIL MARKER LOCATIONS

Trail _____ Date _____

Marker No.	Latitude	Longitude	UTME	UTMN	Elevation	Form #
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	47
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Form 6 Certification

FORM 6 - CERTIFICATION OF TRAIL REMNANT LOCATION (Required for concrete posts, steel posts and Novallloy pedestal markers)

Authentication for Installation of OCTA Marker No. _____

Comments: _____

Certification: The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing is accurate and correct and based upon knowledge and information known to the same, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Telephone No. _____

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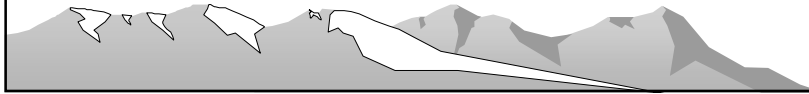


Summary

OCTA Form	Carsonite Posts	Novalloy Pedestal	Steel Rail Markers**
2 Owner Release	Desired	Required*	Required*
3 Owner Easement	Optional	Optional	Optional
4 Single Marker Location	Optional	Required	Required
5 Multiple Marker Locations	Required	No	No
6 Authentication	Optional	Required	Required

* Superseded if easement is granted

** And other "permanent" markers such as concrete posts



CHALLENGE COST-SHARE GRANTS

- OCTA reimbursed for Carsonite markers when placed, documented and matched by volunteer time.
- Send request to Dave Welch to obtain markers.
- Chapter must support project, not just individuals

