

IRON BELLE TRAIL SIGNING and LABELING

The Iron Belle Trail (IBT) is a collaborative effort between Communities and the DNR to create a unique and one of a kind trail traversing Michigan. This signage guidance document is meant to meet the needs for both DNR managed trails and those trails owned and managed by our partners.

It is understood by the DNR that the trail segments come in many different forms and have a variety of local/State and Federal requirements; as well as community desires for look and feel or branding. Therefore a lot of flexibility is being built into this guidance to allow for communities to build the Iron Belle Trail brand as it fits into their community needs.

The number of signs needed on a trail will vary based on type (walking, biking, on road, remote trail, urban trail) or the complexity of the trail. For example a straight rail trail will need fewer signs than an on road portion of the trail that has several turns. It may also be desired to recognize the Iron Belle Trail at Kiosk locations in a given community.

Signing and Labeling guidance is supplied below, but communities can assess their needs individually:

- Place a logo plaque on existing signage at Kiosks in trailheads or other sign locations.
- Place a logo plaque at every road crossing coming from both directions.
- Place a logo plaque at every major direction change coming from both directions.
- Place the logo on printed maps and information pertaining to the particular trail.
- Place the logo on new signs developed for trail segments.

Three sizes of IBT Logo plaque should be considered depending on the application. 4"x4" may work best for confidence posts. 6"x6" or 8"x8" for trailhead or other applications where higher visibility is desired.



Vinyl or Lexan aluminum backed IBT logo plaque, made using [logo standards and colors](#) as described on DNR website

IBT on Existing signed and named trails (ie. Paint Creek Trail, NCNST, Detroit RiverWalk)

Attach IBT Logo plaques to existing signs at trailheads or other locations using the appropriate size for the sign.

IBT on Existing named trail that does not have signage yet (Great Lake to Lake Trail, Kiosks at Trailheads)

DNR will work with Communities to integrate logo into proposed signs and have approval by Regional DNR trail coordinator or IBT Coordinator

IBT on State or County Road

Signage on roads must meet MUTCD and FHWA standards. The sign below meets these requirements; the specifications can be obtained from the IBT trail coordinators and regional DNR or MDOT coordinators. Trail names, logos and organizations should be separated from the route and destination signs, but on the same post. **DNR is still clarifying this guidance with MDOT.**

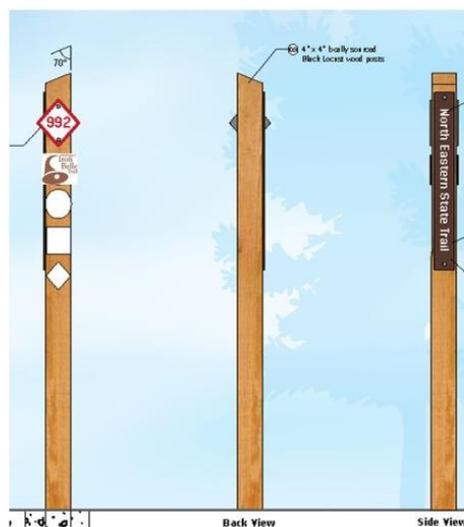
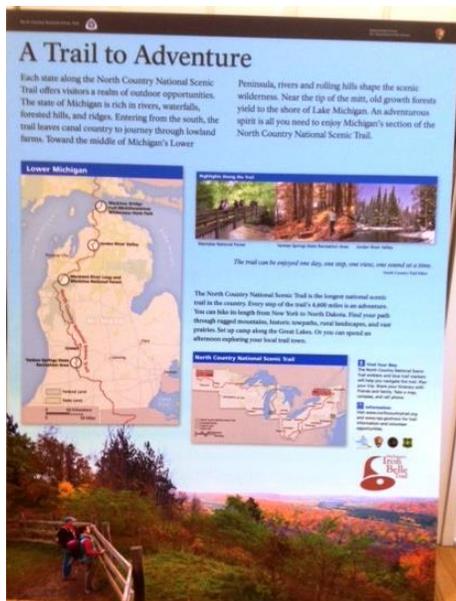


IBT and NCNST

DNR will work with NPS and NCTA, based on their business needs, to integrate logo into proposed signs or use 4" x 4" logo plaque and have approved by Regional DNR trail coordinator or IBT Coordinator. All requests for signage on the NCNST should go through the main NCTA office.

IBT on new segments of route (trails not slated to be named other things, sidewalks)

Example sign panel at a trailhead



4" x 4" plaque for confidence posts