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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 

When you follow a trail made up of trail signs, use your eyes and take it easy. Be sure that each sign is actually a sign and not one that you are just imagining. If you think that you have missed a sign, go back to the spot where you brushed out or undid the last one and start off again.

As is true of most skills, following a trail cannot be learnt by reading about it. You will need to get out with other Scouts from your Patrol and PRACTICE.

- The trail should be one which an observant Scout can follow easily, but which an ordinary person would not even see!
- Make the signs on the left hand side of any track you may be following.
- The signs should be close to the ground or at least no higher than the knee.
- They should never be made where they will damage or disfigure property.
- They should be regularly spaced.
- If more than one person is to follow a trail, the earlier ones must not spoil the trail for the others. The last person should destroy the signs when he has finished.
- The signs need not be large – about as big as your hand.
- Make sure your signs can be recognised as man-made. It is surprising how often twigs lying naturally on the ground look like an arrow.