



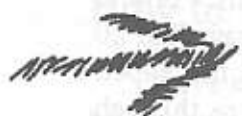
Trail Signs



Trail marking and trail reading are among the most useful and interesting Scouting skills you will learn. Start with simple trail signs when hiking and playing games, then go on to reading and following the tracks of birds, animals, and human beings, and interpreting the stories they tell.

Trail signs can be made with chalk, stones, twigs or grass, as shown in the sketches below.

THIS IS THE TRAIL



BRANCH

STICKS

PEBBLES



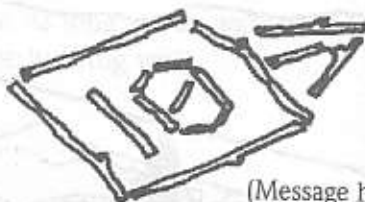
THIS IS NOT THE TRAIL
TO BE FOLLOWED



GONE HOME



HIDDEN MESSAGE



CHANGE DIRECTION

(The stick is bent)



(Message hidden
any number of
paces in this
direction)