

Guidance for Civil War Trail Signs

Civil War Guidance:

- Only locations that have been designated by the Virginia Civil Trails, the North Carolina Department of Commerce and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources are eligible for Civil War Trails Signing. These locations will be identified on the Civil War Trails Web Site <http://www.civilwartrails.org>.
- Billing information should be directed to:
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- All signs will be provided by Virginia Civil War Trails at no cost to the Department. The Virginia War Trails will reimburse the North Carolina Department of Transportation all costs associated with the initial installation of the sign including materials and labor.
- The Department of Transportation is not responsible for insuring the presence of installed signs. All costs associated with the maintenance of the signs will be at no cost to the NC Department of Transportation.
- Once the original 280 directional signs that have a red border, red bugle, two red bars and blue lettering on a white background are exhausted or January 1, 2007 (whichever occurs first), this sign design will not be permitted for replacement of damaged or missing signs or for new locations. Only signs with a blue border, blue lettering, red bugle red bars on a white background will be permitted.
- One directional sign may be placed 500 feet or less from the designated location for each direction of travel. This is to provide notice to the motorist that they have arrived at the designated site. All sign spacing and height requirements must following the guidelines established in the MUTCD.

- Civil War Trails signs may be installed to the Civil War Trails site not to exceed five miles, with the appropriate blue and white arrow panel indicating which direction to turn.
- Civil War Trail signs will not be permitted on full or partial control access facilities. However, signage may be allowed from the interchange ramp terminus when the interchange is less than five miles from the Civil War Site.
- A Civil War Trails sign may be attached (above or below) to an existing Supplemental Guide Sign (white on brown) where the Supplemental Guide Sign includes the Civil War Trails Site. If the Civil War Trail Sign is attached below the Supplemental Guide Sign, the sign location must be protected by guardrail. The Civil War Trail Sign must be attached to the sign post and not directly to the sign itself.
- The Civil War Trail Signs shall not be attached to a primary guide sign, regulatory, warning or to any other official highway sign. Separate installations on u-channel or 4"x4" wood post is preferred.