

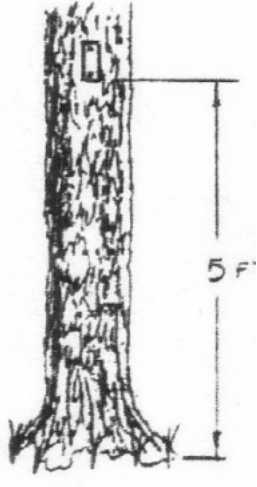

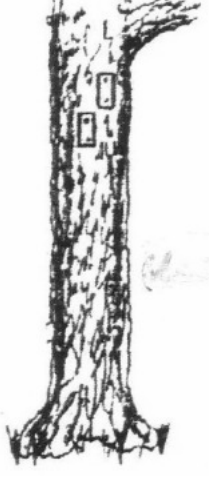



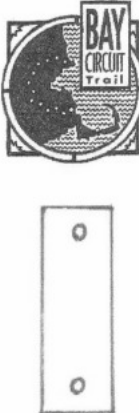
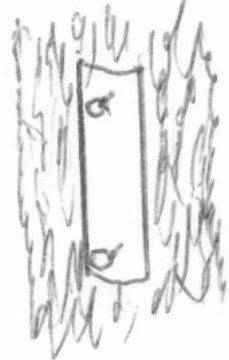
**Bay Circuit Alliance  
Trail Maintenance Advisory Committee**

**Trail Marking Tips**

1. Try to mark the BCT so that a hiker can follow the trail without referring to the trail guide.
2. If you are marking the trail for the first time, walk the route and plan how you intend to mark it.
3. White blazes are the primary trail markers. BCT logos are used at road intersections, trailheads, and other access points to identify the trail.
4. Include a blaze under the BCT logo so that the hiker will associate the white blaze with the BCT.
5. Align blazes facing the hiker so that the blaze is seen when looking down the path. Do not place blazes or logos at right angles to the direction of travel.
6. Mark a turn at a trail intersection with 2 offset vertical blazes before or at the turn, and a single confirmation blaze that hikers see immediately after they make the turn. Mark the turn for both the north and southbound directions.
7. If there is no turn at a trail intersection (cross or T), mark the trail on the other side of the intersection with a single blaze that can be seen from the intersection. Mark in both directions.
8. When marking an area with an ill-defined pathway or with a maze of intersecting trails, make sure that the hiker can always see the next blaze.
9. Use separate trees for north and southbound blazes so that if one tree falls, the other blaze remains.
10. Blazes are usually spaced no more than 500 feet apart. This means the hiker will at least see a blaze about every 3 minutes of travel and ten blazes every mile. Along roadways, spacing can be increased to 1,000 feet. You can use a pedometer, watch or GPS to space the blazes.
11. Before installing markers on a tree, look up and see if the tree is healthy.
12. When nailing blazes to trees, leave 3/4" of exposed nail to allow for tree growth.
13. Try to install the blazes at eye level.
14. Take loppers and a folding saw so you can brush out any obstructions in front of trees or poles where blazes are located.
15. After you have finished marking the trail, have another hiker unfamiliar with the BCT route follow the trail. This will give the trail maintainer feedback on trail navigation and any marking problems.

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<p>Place blazes at eye level facing the hiker.</p>	<p>Use two vertical offset blazes for a left-hand turn before or at the intersection.</p>	<p>Use two vertical offset blazes for a right-hand turn before or at the intersection.</p>

		
<p>At a turn, the confirmation blaze should be visible from the intersection.</p>	<p>Place logo at trail access locations, and add a blaze beneath to associate the blaze with the Bay Circuit Trail.</p>	<p>To allow for tree growth, leave 3/4" of the nail exposed.</p>