How to Communicate Access Through Signage





Use of the International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA)



Use of the ISA can convey mixed meanings





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The Blue ISA implies a specific level of access in the built environment

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NPS and USFS use Brown as a standard for signage in their parks

The ISA should only be used when all elements of the feature displaying it are accessible

Public Outdoor Recreation Area Survey

The purpose of this survey is to establish the best way to display information about accessibility for all users at **Outdoor Recreation Areas**. The intention of this survey is to evaluate **your preferences** as a user of outdoor recreation areas; questions do not have a correct or incorrect answer



For the purpose of this survey, we are using the campsite and the NPS campsite symbol as the example for each question.

Should the Blue or Brown ISA be used in the Outdoor Recreation Environment?



- ☐ Blue should be used
- ☐ Brown should be used
- Either Blue or Brown can be used

Would use of the Brown ISA at a campsite imply that the campsite is reserved?



Do you think the following statement should be included on signs at designated **campsites** to remove confusion about the site being reserved?



For those not requiring access and mobility features, please do not use this site until after 10pm and move to another available site before 10am

- ☐ Yes
- No signage is necessary
- Yes, However I prefer alternate language

Would it be acceptable to pair the ISA in brown with the campsite symbol?



- Yes, should be paired when the campsite meets all access requirements.
- No, it does not need to be paired

If a campsite has some accessible elements, like a table, tent pad or grill for example, should the **campsite** be identified with some type of signage?

- ☐ Yes, campsites with some access elements should be identified
- No, only campsites that are fully accessible should be identified

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The remainder of this survey is trying to determine the best type of signage for the situation where **some** access elements are provided at a campsite.

Please answer the following questions assuming that some type of signage would be provided when one or more accessible elements are provided.

Please rank the following symbols to indicate which symbol(s) you think would best show that a campsite contains some access features that are accessible but is not a fully accessible campsite (1=most effective, 8=least effective):



Active ISA

(Unofficial Logo that has been proposed to replace the traditional ISA)



Web Access Symbol inside Trail Shield Shape



Modified Active ISA



Recreation Universal Access
Symbol inside Trail Shield Shape
(Acquired from Universal Access to
Outdoor Recreation: A Design Guide.

PLAe, Inc.)



Adaptation of Access Information Logo for "Mobility"



Access Information Logo –
Developed by Beneficial Designs
and used on signage that
contains trail access information.

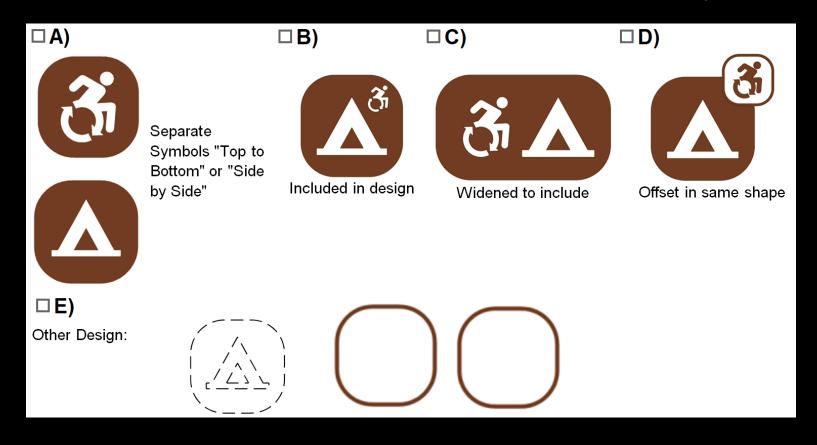


Suggest your own design

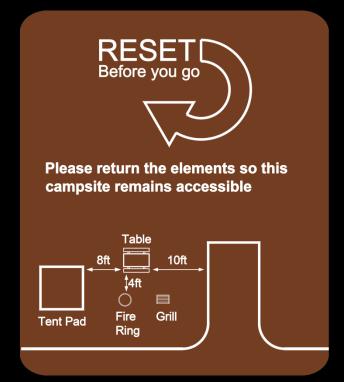


Access Information Logo paired with Trail Shield Shape

Of these options, which layout do you think best combines your favorite access symbol from the previous question (shown as the <u>modified</u> active ISA here) with the campsite symbol?



If a moveable picnic table is provided, moving the table might cause the campsite to be inaccessible. Would the following statement, with an image, be appropriate at designated campsites that provide accessibility features?



- □ Yes
- ☐ No signage is necessary
- ☐ Yes, However I prefer alternate language

If a campsite is **partially** <u>or</u> **fully accessible**, is it better to say that it has **Access Features**, **Accessibility Features**, or **Mobility Features**?

- ☐ Access Features
- Accessibility Features
- Mobility Features

A fully accessible campsite might be signed like this



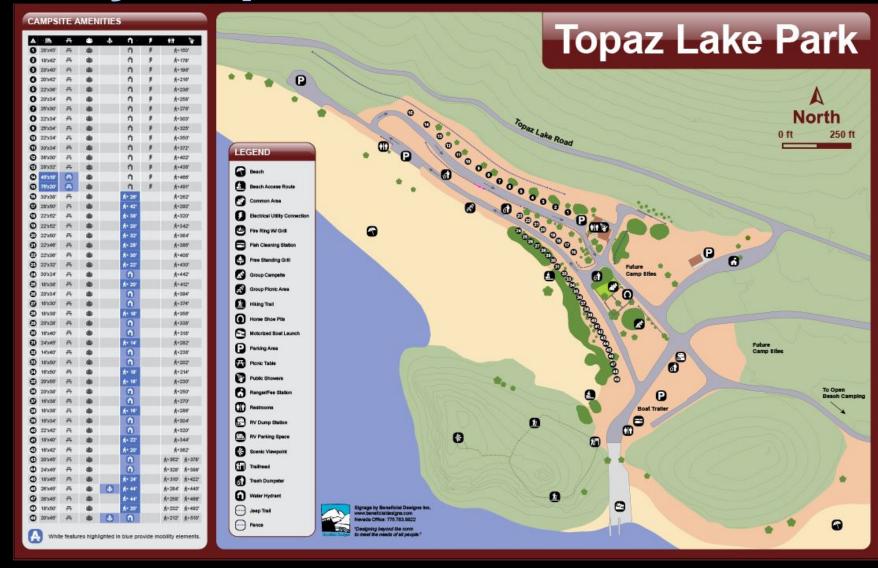
A campsite with some access features might be signed like your choice in Question 7

Do you feel that this system would work to indicate the difference between a fully accessible campsite and one with some access features?

- Yes

Comments?

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Tables added to Panel Maps & Web Pages

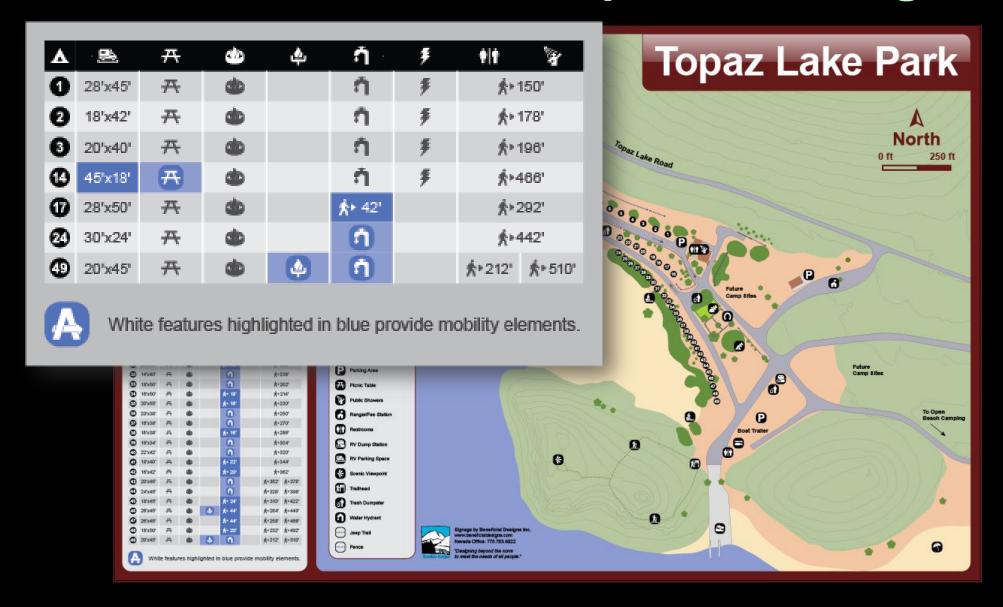


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White features highlighted in blue provide mobility elements.

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