

## Signage and Map Plan

As mentioned earlier, signs and maps play an important part of this trails plan.

### ***Large Trailhead Kiosks***

The existing trailhead kiosks are good as far as they go. The biggest shortcoming of these currently is the inadequacy of the maps. The current maps display only a fraction of the existing trails.

The Ashland Forest Resiliency Stewardship Project (AFR) in conjunction with the USDA Forest Service is coordinating an interpretive plan for the watershed. This effort will result in designing and installing comprehensive interpretive signs in the following locations: the Granite Street swimming reservoir; the White Rabbit parking area; the Four Corners parking area; and the Mt. Ashland ski area parking lot. These sites were chosen because they are the most popular access points to the watershed trail system. Each interpretive sign will include educational and historical information pertinent to the region, trail use do's and don'ts, and safety reminders. These signs will also include a map of the entire watershed as well as smaller more detailed maps of trails in the surrounding area.

AWTA does not seek to reproduce this effort, but want to ensure that kiosks include:

- ❑ A comprehensive trail map with a “You Are Here” identifier arrow
- ❑ Risk and Hazard warnings
- ❑ Trail Etiquette Notes



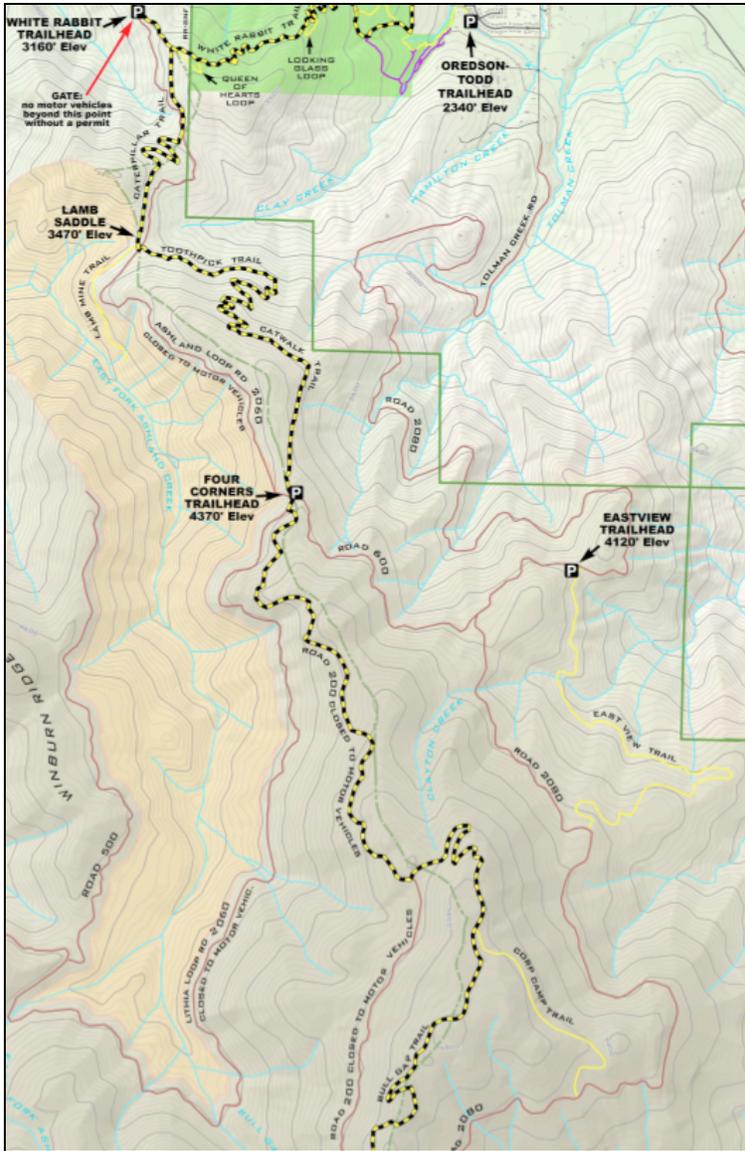
Current Kiosk Offerings

## Comprehensive Maps

A good map can provide:

- ❑ A sense of distance and altitude change
- ❑ A sense of trail difficulty (blue circle easy to double-diamond difficult)
- ❑ Route reassurance and confirmation
- ❑ Guidance to destinations and interest points
- ❑ Resource protection
- ❑ Risk and hazard descriptions
- ❑ Safety information

We've looked at a lot of maps and believe we can significantly enhance the existing map, not just with more trails, but also with distance information, difficulty, etc.



Part of Current Ashland Watershed Trails Map

## ***Intersection Posts***

Within the trail system, we envision a significant number of trail posts, equipped with countersunk information plates (see below for form factor information). These seem to work well in other trail networks (for example, the Phil's network of trails in Bend, Oregon and the trail network in Sisters, Oregon)

Information we might convey:

- ❑ Names of trails
- ❑ Intersection numbers (corresponding to a map)
- ❑ Distance between next points (where possible)
- ❑ GPS coordinates (per Ashland fire chief suggestion)
- ❑ Trail difficulty ratings
- ❑ Trail user recommendations/limitations (e.g., pedestrian/equestrian only or mountain bike only)
- ❑ Directional use limitations (e.g., downhill only, or uphill only)

## ***Intersection Signs Form Factor***

We are looking at a wooden post with plates countersunk, something like this:



Sample post.