

	NAMED MOUNTAIN/GEOGRAPHICAL LANDMARK IDENTIFICATION SIGNS		Issued: NOV 2013
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General

The identification of landmarks, such as prominent mountains and geographical features, along Alberta highways can aid motorists in orientation and navigation.

Standard

Mountains and other geographical landmarks visible from the highway are identified by Geographical Landmark Identification (ID-4) signs. These identification signs may be installed to identify geographical features of historic, geographic or economic interest and which are visible from the road on which the sign is placed.

These Geographical Landmark Identification signs shall have the name of the landmark in white lettering on a green background. Where necessary, the name of the landmark may be shortened using recognized abbreviations (i.e., Mount abbreviated to Mt., Mountain abbreviated to Mtn.)



ID-4	450 mm x variable length	
Colour	Symbol and border Background	White Green
Sheeting	ASTM Type III or IV	

In cases where the geographical landmark is a highway summit, the ID-5 sign, which includes the summit elevation, should be used.



ID-5	600 mm x variable length	
Colour	Symbol and border Background	White Green
Sheeting	ASTM Type III or IV	

The criteria and process for consideration of a new Geographical Landmark Identification sign is the same as for new Water Body Identification signs, detailed in the Recommended Practices guideline entitled Process for Consideration of New Water Body Identification Signs.

Guidelines for Use

Geographical Landmark Identification signs may be considered for geographical features meeting all of the following criteria:

- Must be listed in the Alberta Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture Geographic Names Database, thereby having an officially recognised name.
- Clearly visible from the highway or located a maximum of 200 metres from the edge of pavement.
- Of historic, geographic or economic interest.

- Significant as a reference point along the highway for the purpose of motorist orientation and navigation.

In those instances where the highway closely parallels the geographical landmark or a town, village, provincial park or similar development is located adjacent to the geographical landmark the signing for these developments is usually sufficient to direct motorists to the area and may eliminate the need for any additional identification signs.

Guidelines for Placement

Geographical Landmark Identification signs shall be placed in accordance with the following:

- Where a mountain or geographical landmark is adjacent to a road or runs parallel to a road, signs may be installed on a single support, back-to-back, on the same side of the road as the mountain/geographical landmark.
- Where a road crosses over a geographical landmark the sign shall be placed approximately 20 m in advance of the crossing location facing approaching traffic.

- The sign should, as best can be achieved, be placed such that it makes clear to motorists which geographical landmark the sign applies to.

Signs should be placed in accordance with the Recommended Practices guideline entitled Placement of Signs.

References to Standards

<i>Recommended Practices</i> Section: General	Placement of Signs
<i>Recommended Practices</i> Section: Guide and Information Signs	Process for Consideration of New Water Body Identification Signs