

	WATER BODY IDENTIFICATION SIGNS		<i>Issued: DEC 2006</i>
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RECOMMENDED PRACTICES	PART	HIGHWAY SIGNS	
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General

The identification of landmarks, such as prominent water bodies, along Alberta highways can aid motorists in orientation and navigation.

Standard

Lakes, rivers and some creeks visible from the highway are identified by Lake Name (ID-3), River Name (ID-2) and Creek Name (ID-2A) signs. These lake, river and creek identification signs may be installed to identify water bodies of historic, geographic or economic interest and which are visible from the road on which the sign is placed.

These Lake, River and Creek Name identification signs shall have the name of the lake, river or creek in white lettering on a green background.



ID-3	450 mm x variable length	
Colour	Symbol and border Background	White Green
Sheeting	ASTM Type III or IV	

Lettering on water body identification signs should be 150 mm ClearviewHwy 2-W font. The water body name should be placed on two separate lines if necessary to keep the sign width reasonable.

Guidelines for Use

Lake, River and Creek Name identification signs may be considered for lake, river or creek locations 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.



ID-2	450 mm x variable length	
Colour	Symbol and border Background	White Green
Sheeting	ASTM Type III or IV	

Any rivers and creeks which cross the highway and are being considered for signage must pass under a bridge or through a culvert structure greater than 1.5 metres in diameter.

In those instances where the highway closely parallels the lake or a town, village, provincial park or similar development is located adjacent to the lake 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

Lake, River and Creek Name identification signs shall be placed in accordance with the following:

- Where a road crosses a river or creek the sign shall be placed approximately 20 m in advance of the crossing location facing approaching traffic.

- Where a river runs parallel to but is not crossed by the road, signs may be installed on a single support, back-to-back, on the same side of the road as the river.
- Where a lake is adjacent to a road, signs may be installed on a single support, back-to-back, on the same side of the road as the lake.

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

References to Standards

Recommended Practices Section: General	Placement of Signs
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