# **TRAILHEADS**

A Trailhead is a specified area for public access located at the beginning of a trail or periodically along a trail. These areas will typically provide a range of services for trail users depending on the trailhead's location. A MAJOR TRAILHEAD is typically located along a roadway corridor and in a situation where vehicular access is available to the amenity. These facilities will typically offer the most services to trail users (vehicular parking, restrooms, benches, bike racks, etc...). A MINOR TRAILHEAD is typically used as a starting/stopping point and will offer limited amenities (for example: benches, trash receptacles, and drinking fountains, etc...)

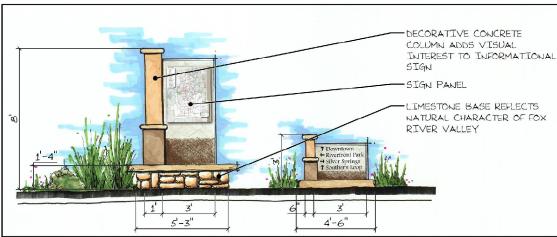


TYPICAL RESTING AREA



EXAMPLE OF MINOR TRAILHEAD





Trail Wayfinding Signage - Trailhead Marker & Directional

# **KEY ELEMENTS OF A MAJOR TRAILHEAD**

# **CONVENIENT**

- ◆ Trailheads should be easily accessed from the street
- ◆ Adjacent to public right-of-way
- ◆ Located in Key Locations
- ◆ Provide Ample Space for Loading and Unloading
- ◆ Provide shelters if targeting long-term bike parking
- ◆ Trail heads are typically not used if out of the way and inconvenient

- ◆ Located in visible public spaces
- ◆ Controlled Access
- ◆ Well lit and maintained
- ◆ Separated from high-traffic vehicular routes
- ◆ Do not impede pedestrian traffic

### VISIBLE

♦ Should be visible to passersby to identify and encourage use ◆ Must be well landscaped and well maintained. Trailheads establish a first impression for the greenways, trail corridors, and community.

# **TYPICAL TRAILHEADS MAY INCLUDE:**

# Vehicular Parking

Motorized vehicular parking should be provided at Major Trailhead locations

# Restrooms

Restrooms should be provided for trail users' convenience and should meet ADA accessibility requirements

Shelter

Long term storage for bicycles can be incorporated into shelters located at Major Trailheads in order to make trail usage more convenient for users. Shelters also provide relief for trail users' from the

# Bike Racks

Bicycle parking should be provided at all Trailheads in order to encourage use of trails.

# Benches, Picnic Tables, Trash Receptacles

These amenities facilitate the comfort of trail users and improve the overall experience of a bicycle

# Informational Kiosk & Directional Signage

Informational Kiosks and directional signage must be placed located at all trailheads. These amenities should include Trail system maps, Trail Rules and Regulations, and can include site specific information about the City, interpretive information about the area, and also highlight distances between facilities along the trail.

# Landscaping

A Trailhead establishes a first impression for a trail user of not only the trail system, but of the community it is located within. It is important for these areas to be well landscaped and maintained in order to enhance the visual experience of the users, and to encourage use. Vegetation should be non-invasive and should incorporate native plant material. Shade trees should also be utilized to provide relief for trail users from the elements, and evergreens can be planted to serve as a

# **Drinking Fountains**

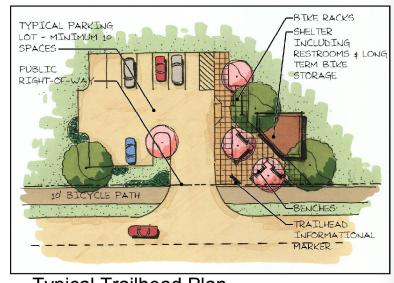
These facilities should be provided at all Trailheads and should meet ADA accessibility requirements.

# Lighting

All Trailhead locations should be well lit in order to increase the safety and security of the facilities. Lighting should be at a pedestrian scale.



Typical Directional Signage



Typical Trailhead Plan

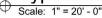






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