

Trailhead*

Trailheads are defined in F106.5 as an outdoor space developed to serve as an access point to a trail. The junction of two or more trails, where no other access point is provided to the trails, is not a trailhead.

The scoping provisions for trailheads are contained in F247.3 <http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/recreation-facilities/outdoor-developed-areas/final-guidelines-for-outdoor-developed-areas/text-of-the-guidelines>. The provisions require new signs provided at trailheads on newly constructed or altered trails to include information on the length of the trail or trail segment; surface type; typical and minimum tread width; and typical and maximum running slope and cross slope. The U.S. Forest Service currently provides this information on trailhead signs posted on certain trails in national forests.

The scoping provisions require at least 20 percent of each type of outdoor constructed feature provided within a trailhead to be accessible. The scoping provisions also require an outdoor recreation access route to connect accessible parking spaces or other site arrival points to the accessible outdoor constructed features, elements, spaces, and facilities within the trailhead.

Resources:

For guidance on the design of Outdoor Recreation Access Routes, see Section 1017 of the **Final Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas**, dated September 26, 2013, which can be accessed at <http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/recreation-facilities/outdoor-developed-areas/final-guidelines-for-outdoor-developed-areas/text-of-the-guidelines> and the **DCR Greenways and Trails Toolbox**, which can be accessed at http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/greentrailtools.shtml

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