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Composite Sign Posts #6959

Installation Instructions

Please open and inspect all items upon receipt. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us immediately.

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Quality Commitment

Nature Explore is dedicated to children's education and safety. All of our resources are field-tested by experienced teachers and researchers prior to being available in the Sourcebook. Items that are hand-crafted, such as instruments, tables or balance beams, are done so by trusted professionals who share in our mission to connect children with nature. Our natural resources are crafted out of wood and other materials carefully selected for functionality, safety and durability.

If you ever have questions or would like more information about items you would like to order or have received, please contact us via phone or email. We are happy to discuss things in detail with you or send you additional information.

If inquiring about an existing order please have your 'bill to' zip code and order number handy (Ex: SO90001234). Also, our warranty, return and exchange policies are located online for your quick reference.

All items created by and manufactured exclusively for Nature Explore are done so in accordance with all relevant and applicable safety standards and recommendations as set forth by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and ASTM International. Be sure to consider additional regulations that may be unique to your site.

How to Install a Composite Sign Post

Tools Needed:

1. Post Driver (preferred) or Rubber Mallet *
2. Tape Measure
3. Level

If permanently installing:

4. Shovel / Post Hole Digger / Auger
5. Fast-setting concrete mix

Parts List:

- 1 - 1" x 2" x 5' long Post



**If you are using a Rubber Mallet or hammer, please be aware that it can break the ends of the sign post if hit uneven. To protect the post, gently tap the post into the ground to stabilize. Then position and hold a piece of wood on the top of the post. This will protect it from splintering. Hit the wood piece until the post is driven into the ground at the desired depth.*

- 1 Thoroughly read and review all instructions before you begin.
- 2 The composite post is designed with a pointed end which may be driven directly in to the ground using a post driver or rubber mallet. If using a standard hammer, protect the top of the post from dents or marks with a thick rag or felt. The height of the Post above ground should measure about 42" high. Using a level, check to see that it is straight.
- 3 Your Composite Sign Post is now ready. Posts are made to be used with Nature Explore Aluminum Signs.



PERMANENT INSTALLATION

Nature Explore recommends checking local regulations prior to permanent installation

- 1 Dig your footing holes 6-10" diameter, 12"-18" deep.
- 2 Place the sign post into the hole. The height of the Post above ground should measure about 42" high. Using a level, check to see that it is straight.
- 3 Pour concrete into the hole. (We found that using a fast-setting concrete mix worked well. It is poured into the footing when it is dry and then water is added without the need to mix the concrete. Follow manufacturer's instructions.)



Nature Explore Classroom resources are designed to bring children closer to nature and help them develop life-long learning skills. To ensure safety and effectiveness, please be sure to follow the instructions for installation, building codes, warnings, and maintenance. Failure to follow all of the instructions will void any warranty offer. Furthermore, even Nature Explore Classroom resources installed and maintained in accordance with the instructions can present hazards to children in the absence of adequate supervision.

Depending on the location and nature of the outdoor classroom, the supervisors may be paid professionals (full-time park or school/child care facility staff), paid seasonal workers (college or high school students), volunteers (PTA members), or the parents of the children playing in the outdoor classroom. The quality of the supervision depends on the quality of the supervisor's knowledge of safe play behavior. Therefore, supervisors should understand the basics of safety in an outdoor classroom.

Outdoor classroom supervisors should be aware that not all equipment and items are appropriate for all children who may use the outdoor classroom. Posted signs or labels indicating the appropriate age of the users should be checked before play begins, and supervisors should direct children to equipment appropriate for their age. It is also very important to recognize that preschool-age children require more attentive supervision than older children do.

Building Codes:

Variations in building codes, specific local development covenants, or site conditions may require modification to the installation of the product. Outdoor classroom owners are ultimately responsible for complying with all applicable permits, building codes and other regulatory requirements, and should review their outdoor classroom with local building inspectors. All appropriate building permits should be obtained prior to starting installation.

Liability:

Nature Explore shall have no liability or responsibility for actions or inaction in connection with any Nature Explore item or any damage or liability that arises during the construction and/or use. Always read and observe all safety precautions provided by the Consumer Product Safety Council regarding toy safety, playground safety, and any other applicable programs. Likewise, always read and observe all safety precautions provided by any tool or equipment manufacturer consulted during installation.