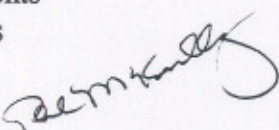


DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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STAFF DIRECTIVE 97-21

TO: Superintendent of State Parks
District Superintendents
Park Superintendents

FROM: Philip K. McKnelly 

SUBJECT: Revision to Staff Directive 94-17
Location and Installation of Highway Directional Signs

North Carolina State Parks constitute a major recreational and tourism resource which should be readily available and easily located. It is important that each park have adequate highway directional signs for the proper function and use of the park areas and facilities. Each park should have appropriately planned and conveniently located signs which convey basic park directional information.

- In the case of new parks, areas or facilities which constitute an identifiable operational location, the Park Superintendent will assure that adequate highway directional signs are in place 14 days prior to the opening of such facilities. The signs should be covered until the facility opens.
- Park directional signs shall comply with all Department of Transportation specifications and shall be located and installed in accordance with Department of Transportation guidelines. Each park's directional signs should serve to clearly direct park visitors from the area's major thoroughfares to the park or recreation areas along the safest and most convenient routes available.
- Superintendents of park and recreation areas to be opened after Labor Day, 1995, shall develop and implement a directional sign plan six months prior to a scheduled opening that will ensure production and availability of the signs at least 30 days before facility openings, and installation 14 days prior to facility opening.
- Park directional sign plans will be submitted on a Construction Project Request form in accordance with Staff Directive 97-20. Concurrence by the appropriate district superintendent and the Superintendent of State Parks constitutes Division approval for the plan. The park advisory committee should be consulted regarding the preparation review and approval of the park direction sign plan.

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