

Trail Markings

Below are most of the markings you'll come across on a trail run by any of the four Middle Georgia area hashes, including WRH3. Keep in mind that hashes in other areas of the country and/or world may use different markings. Some hares may also use special marks for certain circumstances, which should be explained before the hash begins. If in doubt, ask for a chalk talk!



Hash marks - the basic mark of the trail. These take the form of either globs of flour, toilet paper hung from something, and on occasion (such as in urban areas), dots of chalk.



A check mark. This signifies that the trail could go in any direction from here. The next trail marking will be a little ways away. The pack will split up and yell "Checking!" to signify that they are looking for the trail. From a check, you must see at least THREE hash marks to know that you've found a trail. When looking for a trail from a check, you'll hear people calling "On One!" and "On Two!" - meaning that they've found a certain number of hash marks past a check, but are still looking for trail. "On-On" is yelled when a trail is found...



A kicked check mark. Once trail is found, the FRBs should always kick checks in the direction of the trail for the sake of the slower members of the pack. Failure to do so will result in being called a big jerk, wanker, or something of similar meaning, and will almost always result in drinking a down-down for it.



Just because you've found -a- trail from a check point doesn't mean it's the right trail. This mark means you've been following a false trail. Return to the last check point and look for true trail.



Again, this means you've been following a false trail - or rather, "You've been fucked". You're more likely to see these after a nice, long extension of a false trail - often through swamp or shiggy. Go back to the last check and look for true trail.



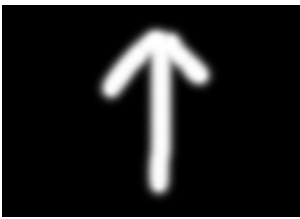
Count Back (# of marks). The hare has tricked you! Count back the number of marks indicated (it can be anywhere from 1 to 100,000) and treat that mark as a check point.



Turkey-Eagle Split. From this point, you can choose to take one of two trails - the turkey or the eagle. The turkey is an easier trail that is likely to be shorter and have less shiggy; the eagle will likely be longer and contain shiggy, marsh, river crossings, etc etc etc.



Beer Stop, Yay! Your hare has decided it's time for a break. Grab a beer and catch your breath. The trail isn't over yet, but you can still chill for a few minutes.



A hare arrow. This indicates which way the trail continues. You will ONLY see this arrow if you're on a true trail.



Another hare arrow. This has the same meaning, but after seeing an arrow like this, don't expect to see any more trail markings for a while.



Song Check. When you reach this mark, you must stop and wait on the rest of the pack. Once the pack is together, the FRB is required to lead the pack in a song - not a down-down song either, but an entertaining, hash-appropriate song.



Beer Near! This is what you want to see. This indicates that you've almost reached the end of the trail, and the circle (and beer!) are nearby.



On-In. You've made it! This is where the pack will circle up. Grab your bag, change your clothes, have some snacks and a tasty beverage, and plop down in your chair. You've earned it.