

Why Are Road Signs That Color?



Road signs are very important! The color conveys a lot of information that's helpful to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. Let's see what the colors and shapes mean:

RED



Red signs - like **STOP** and **DO NOT ENTER** - generally mean you cannot do something. **YIELD** signs are also red as you must stop and allow someone else (pedestrian, other driver, cyclist) to go first.

YELLOW



Yellow signs are warning or caution signs. These types of signs might warn you of **ANIMAL CROSSINGS** (like deer), **CURVES**, upcoming **INTERSECTIONS** or **MERGE** areas.

GREEN



Green signs are guide signs. These types of signs might indicate **MILEAGE** or highway **EXIT INFORMATION**.

FLUORESCENT YELLOW/GREEN



Fluorescent yellow/green signs are used for **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING** or **SCHOOL ZONES**.

BROWN



Brown signs identify historic or recreational areas, such as **HIKING/CAMPING** facilities, a **MUSEUM** or **HISTORICAL SITE**.

ORANGE



Orange signs are associated with construction. This could be a sign alerting you to **ROAD WORK** or when you need to take a **DETOUR**.

BLUE



Blue signs are informational/motorist service signs. These types of signs might indicate a nearby **HOSPITAL**, where you can get **GAS** or **FOOD** on a trip, and a **REST AREA** or **SCENIC LOOKOUT**.

BLACK/WHITE



Signs with black lettering on a white background are directive. These signs include **SPEED LIMIT** signs, **ONE WAY** signs and **LANE MOVEMENTS**.