



Rustic Sign Posts #4275

Installation Instructions

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



Quality Commitment

Thank you for your shared commitment to connecting children with nature and your support of children's life-long learning. Nature Explore is dedicated to providing quality, research-based educational materials for your outdoor spaces, as well as outdoor classroom design services and educator workshops.

Our natural products are field-tested by trained educators who observe children using them in play—focusing on safety, educational value and versatility—prior to being offered in the Resource Guide. Our natural products, such as wooden instruments, tables or balance beams, are hand-crafted by trusted professionals who support our shared mission. All natural products are constructed of materials carefully selected for functionality, safety and durability.

We encourage you to contact us with questions or for more information on our natural products and services. If inquiring about a past or existing order, please have your order number handy (Ex: SO90001234) so we may answer your questions and provide additional information as needed. **All of our warranty, return and exchange policies can be found online or sent by request. Please contact us at service@natureexplore.org or 1-888-908-8733.**

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 Rustic Sign Post

Nature Explore Recommends that permanent installation be performed by a licensed and bonded contractor.

Tools Needed:

1. Shovel / Post Hole Digger / Auger
2. Tape Measure
3. Tamping Post at least 2" Diameter
4. Level

Materials Needed: (Not included)

1. Unfiltered Limestone "Crush and Run"
(or similar substrate that includes fines down to dust)

Parts List:

- 1 - 5' long x 3"-4" Diameter Post

For Best Results:

To help extend the life of your Rustic Sign Post, upon assembly and every year we recommend:

- Application of a commercial wood-protector or water-seal

Check with local building codes, playground experts, and wood preservation experts for your local rules and regulations and to ask what would be best to use around children.



- 1 Thoroughly read and review all instructions before you begin.
- 2 Dig your footing holes 6"-8" in diameter, depending on the exact diameter of your Post. The hole should measure 12"-18" deep. Remember, you can always dig a larger hole and fill it to fit the posts tightly.



- 3 Using the Tamping Post, compact the soil at the bottom of the footing hole.
- 4 Next, place the Post into the hole. The height of the Post above ground should measure about 42" high.
- 5 Next, back fill the remaining space around the Post with Unfiltered Limestone or a similar substrate. Tamp the material in around the post, leaving a 4" gap below the surrounding surface. The top 4" can be native soil.
- 6 Your Rustic Sign Post is now ready. Rustic Sign Posts are made to be used with Nature Explore Wood Signs. To attach a Nature Explore Wood Sign, pre-drill a hole into the Sign before you mount it to the post. Secure with a quality decking screw.



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.

Important Facts About Natural Wood Products

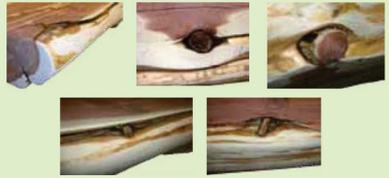
Nature Explore field-tested components are made of natural materials that bring children in close contact with the beautiful patterns and colors of nature. Due to the nature of raw and untreated wood, you will notice graining, knots, checking (a natural cracking process that occurs as wood releases moisture across the annual growth rings), and in rare instances, insects. This is not a defect in the product, but a natural process that should be expected. Additionally, unfinished wood will naturally develop a beautiful silvery-gray patina over time.

Below are some examples of what you may encounter and can expect with your order:

Natural Cracking and Checking



Knots, Branches, Etc.



Nature Explore items such as Tree Cookies, Natural Balance Beams, Marimbas, At-Ease Benches, etc. are natural, untreated wood products and require regularly scheduled, routine maintenance in order to maintain safety and extend the life of the item. Some items will arrive with an initial coat of sealant while others are left untreated (please refer to product overview & specifications). It is our recommendation that you apply an initial sealant and maintain a schedule of reapplication annually to biannually to extend the life of your product. When considering treatment options we advise seeking the expertise of local wood workers, lumber yards, general contractors, etc. to understand which options are most effective and safe for your area. Routine sanding of the tops, sides and interior (if applicable) surfaces of the item will minimize splinters, reduce the chance of mildew and extend the life of your product. As your natural wood product becomes acclimated to your local environment, and sometimes even occurring in the transit process, a mildew discoloration will appear. You can reduce the risk of continued mildewing by making sure your item is installed on a surface with adequate drainage such as mulch or gravel. Installing or placement directly on grass surfaces is not recommended as it allows moisture to be trapped underneath.