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An age stand is a sectioned off area with sample '*sign*' that is left exposed to the elements.

## **Lesson objective:**

Set Age Stands for the measuring of the effects of sign aging.

# Identify areas

Lost subjects occur in all environments:

- Open fields
- Bush or forest
- DOC tracks
- Unsealed car park
- Deserts
- Snowed areas
- Urban zones (*not used in this instruction*).

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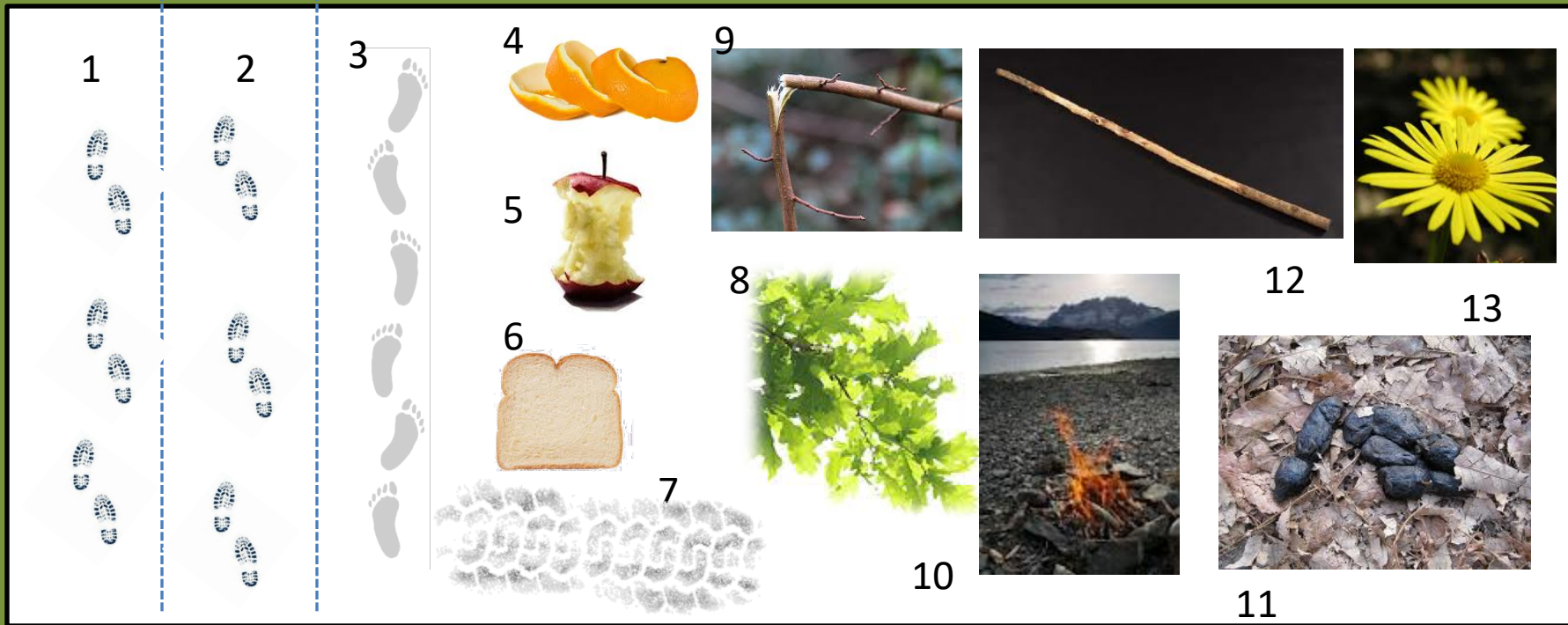


Observer : My name is Date: Today is Reference #: 4  
 Season: Autumn Environment: pine forest nil secondary growth  
 Sign: type, e.g. Orange peel - fresh Location: Kaiangaroa Forest  
 Weather: Weather conditions 48 hours leading up to when the sign was set - through to conditions during the of setting the stand

Ser	Time	Weather	Dimensions	Observations	Remarks
1	0800 (0 hrs)	As recorded above or recorded here.	L = 70mm W = 20 - 15mm Thick = 3 - 5 mm	Bright orange/white inner flesh/centre stem visible @ 5cm length/green stem joint on top of outer skin/	1 <sup>st</sup> observation - no change
2	1012 (+2 hrs)	Cloud clearing to patches, temp 12°, northerly breeze 5km/h	L = 68mm W = 20 - 15mm Thick = 3 - 5 mm (no major changes)	Colour still bright, greying of inner flesh, slight curl on the sides/ends of the flesh, centre stem lost rigidity	Slight aging overall as the sign looks older than fresh due to minor dis-colour.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time set: \_\_\_\_\_ Season: \_\_\_\_\_

Environment: \_\_\_\_\_ Set by: (Person/Group) Ref #: (Photo)



1. Booted track – 0 hrs
2. Booted track - +2 hrs
3. Bare foot track – 0 hrs
4. Orange peel (peeled or torn)
5. Apple Core (royal gala, eaten, whole)
6. Bread slice (rye/white/wholemeal)
7. Vehicle tyre pattern in (soil, clay, sand ..)

8. Leafy branch
9. Broken twig (on tree, green, plant type)
10. Camp fire (remnants)
11. Animal poo (animal? Observation of contents)
12. Debarked stick (still on tree or not?/caused by?)
13. Flower (type, fresh, planted, open petals)

# Moving outside

Don't forget your:

- Notebooks – Stand tables
- Pen/Pencil
- Compass
- Proper clothing
- Sharp eye for detail.

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