

What are HoboSigns ? Depression era symbols used by hoboes. In their travels for work, hoboes made marks with chalk, paint or coal on walls, sidewalks, fences and posts. The signs were meant to let others know what was ahead. (some call them the secrete language of the hoboes)

Ø	1. Good road to follow
†	2. Religious talk will get you a free meal
凸	3. These people are rich (Silk hat and pile of gold)
	4. Camp here
Ť	5. You may sleep in the hayloft here
WW	6. Warning: Barking Dog
	7. House is well-guarded
///	8. This is not a safe place
>⁺┤	9. Good food available here, but you have to work for it
r	10. If you are sick, they'll care for you here
$\odot$	11. This community is indifferent to a hobo's presence
$\overline{\mathbf{O}}$	12. Authorities are alert: Be careful
<u>‡</u>	13. Officer of the law lives here
Ć	14. Courthouse, precinct station
#	15. Jail

$\sim$	16. Free telephone (Bird)
<del>ዀ</del> ነዛ	17. Beware of four dogs
÷	18. No use going this direction
$\overline{\cdot}$	19. Dangerous drinking water
	20. Doubtful
യ	21. A judge or magistrate lives here
r+1	22. Here. This is the place
<b>*</b>	23. A kind old lady (Cat)
÷	24. Hit the road! Quick!
$\lambda$	25. A beating awaits you here
5	26. A trolley stop
$\times$	27. "Ok, alright"
$\bigcirc$	28. This way
	29. A gentleman lives here (Top Hat)
Ø	30. Police frown on hobos here (Handcuffs)
***	31. A man with a gun lives here
0	32. There is nothing to be gained here
$\bigtriangledown$	33. The road is spoiled with other hobos and tramps
	34. Good place to catch a train

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∽	35. Hold your tongue
##	36. A crime has been committed here. Not a safe place for strangers
$\frown_{+}$	37. Halt
r di	38. Dangerous neighborhood
00	39. An ill-tempered man lives here
Ŷ	40. Be prepared to defend yourself
	41. A doctor lives here. He won't charge for his services
$\Leftrightarrow$	42. Keep quiet (Warns of day sleepers, babies)
ン	43. The owner is in
C	44. The owner is out
<u>2</u> 10	45. There are thieves about
4	46. A dishonest person lives here
٩	47. An easy mark, a sucker
$\otimes$	48. Good place for hand out
	49. There is alcohol in this town
$\approx$	50. Fresh water and a safe campsite



http://cyberhobo.com/signs/hobosigns.html