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Re: Deciphering private land/public land

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There's actually misinformation on both sides. Private property advocates say it's illegal to trespass on private property without asking permission first. They are wrong (but it's still a good idea to follow). Hunters and fisherman sometimes say that signs have to be spaced ____ ft apart, signed, dated, have phone numbers, etc. They too are wrong (but it too is a good idea for landowners to follow).

The law is actually pretty simple. The starting point is that you are allowed on the land. The landowner must inform you in some manner that you aren't allowed. But if informed, you're informed, it doesn't matter how. If you see a single sign, you have been informed that this landowner doesn't want you there. Even if his boundaries aren't clear, once informed, it's on YOU to find out his boundaries! A note on your windshield, being verbally told, a fence designed to keep out people. All legally valid ways to inform you that you aren't allowed on said land.