

Signs

Stripe the pavement in front of the ramp, 40 feet before the ramp, and 40 feet after the ramp as a no-parking zone.

Ramps should be identified with the international symbol of accessibility (Figure 9). These boat ramp signs were not commercially available in early 2000. They must be custom made. A separate sign could

explain how the ramp is to be used. Other signs could identify safety concerns like the ramp's abrupt edge, or towing a boat with passengers to and from the water.

In areas of deep snow, poles can help snow plow operators identify the edges of the ramp. The snow poles could be removed each spring or left in place to help drivers line up with the ramp. Reflectors are recommended (Figure 10).

Rules for signs, ramps, handrails, and pathways are in Appendix B.



Figure 9—The international wheelchair symbol identifies this loading platform as accessible.



Figure 10—Reflectors are recommended for loading platforms.

Accessibility Standards

Information on accessibility standards is available from the following sources:

Access Board
1331 F Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20004-1111
Phone: 202-272-5434
Fax: 202-272-5447
TDD: 202-272-5449

- **Uniform Federal Accessibility Standard, Federal Standard-795.** April 1988. Free.
- **Americans With Disabilities Act Accessibility Guide-lines, Federal Register-Vol. 56, No.144.** July 1991. Free.

MIG Communications
1802 Fifth Street
Berkeley, CA 94710
Phone: 800-790-8444

- **Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation.** 1994. \$44.95
- **A Pocket Guide to Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation.** 1994. \$9.95

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