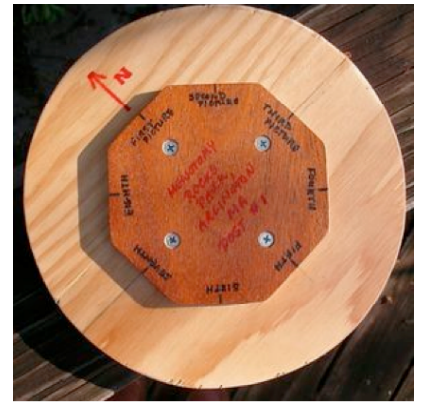


Installing and Using a Picture Post

Installation Instructions:

1. Place post head onto base.
2. Use a level to center and level the post head.
3. Find *True North* by setting the compass declination to the number you determined previously.
Align an edge of the 5" octagon post head east/west with respect to true north.
4. Double-check your alignments.
5. Using permanent marker or paint, label the post head with location information and basic instructions (see photograph to the right).



Photograph Guide:

1. Set the camera zoom to the widest angle lens setting (aka zoomed all the way out).
2. Consistently align a feature of your camera to a corner or marking on the octagon.
3. For the first photo, place the back of the camera against the octagon so the camera is facing **North**.
4. Continue taking photos in a clockwise order. You will be able to arrange your photographs in the correct views when you upload them.
5. Shoot the last photo with the camera on its back and the lens pointing skyward.



How Often To Take Pictures?

- To study the seasonal plant cycles, at least once a day during spring "green up" and during autumn "green down".
- During the remainder of the year, take pictures once a week unless there is an event of interest that you want to capture more often.
- If possible, try to take photographs around the same time each day - this standardizes sky conditions for later analysis.