

How to Read Township and Range Road Signs

Ranges are north/south lines on a County map, and the east/west lines are called Townships. The numbers on the Range Road/Township signs indicate:

- (1) the Township or Range and
- (2) the mile within the Township or Range.

You read or count the miles starting from the south with Ranges and from the east with Townships. (For example: “TWP 472” refers to the 2nd mile in Township 47. “Rge 273” refers to the 3rd mile in Range 27.) As each Township is six miles by six miles the miles are numbered from “0” to “5”, and then back to “0” again.

The Correction Line is a Township line that adjusts for the curvature of the earth. The Range Roads that intersect the Correction Line do not match up so Range Roads north of a Correction line are different from those south of the Correction Line at the same intersection. As a result, there are two Range Road Signs at the intersections along the Correction Line.