



## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

### SIGNALS

The CPRR uses trackside signals to show turnout position for turnouts that are difficult to see from an aisle. In most, but not all, cases signals indicate turnout position for the **main line** regardless of where the signal is placed. The entire railroad is NOT signaled.

Whenever possible, signals are placed on the engineers side of the track. However, space limitations may require the signal to be placed on the fireman's side. Signals attached to mast's are used most of the time but may also be found on overhead structures such as bridges. Elevated signals (on masts or bridges) are used only for major turnouts such as passing sidings, branch line junctions, or reverse loop junctions. When masts are used, oval signal heads are used for eastbound traffic and round signal heads are used for westbound traffic. Signals attached to bridges are rectangular and are direction neutral. Ground signals are sometimes used at industrial sidings and are a variety of shapes.

Two light main line signals (elevated) are relatively simple and easy to understand: red indicates switch points thrown against the main and green indicates a clear main. There are also masts with two three color signal heads. On those, yellow indicates switch points thrown against you at the turnout after the one you are approaching.