

PRACTICAL NAVIGATION SKILLS

BASIC MAP & COMPASS

LEARN HOW TO:

- IDENTIFY OBJECTS ON A MAP
- DETERMINE HEADING WITH A COMPASS
- DETERMINE WHERE YOU ARE WITH A MAP & COMPASS
- USE OTHER INDICATORS TO DETERMINE DIRECTION
- USE OTHER NAVIGATION AIDS (E.G. GPS)
- STRATEGIES FOR STAYING FOUND AND GETTING UNLOST

This course will cover basic map and compass skills to provide attendees with confidence that they will be able to find their way to and from their next outdoor adventure. Handouts will be provided with information on some of the topics covered. This is a practical-based seminar with student participation. We will discuss ways to determine direction without a compass as well as recommended strategies to figure out where you are based on landmarks, terrain, and a topographic map. Though we will not cover GPS usage in this seminar, we will relate the different advantages and disadvantages of traditional (map and compass) and modern (GPS) navigation tools. Finally, we will provide concrete strategies to ensure that your next adventure does not end up being your last one because you became lost.