

# Finding Your Way in the Bush

How to navigate and plan bushwalks

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A new enhanced edition of this practical guide has been released with revised text, more diagrams, maps and photographs.



The new edition reflects suggestions from a group of experienced bushwalkers and instructors based on years of field testing the original version.

Written by George Carter and sponsored by the Canberra Bushwalking Club, this book is for those who love to walk and run in the great outdoors and are keen to acquire the skills needed to venture into wilderness areas and tread where few know how.



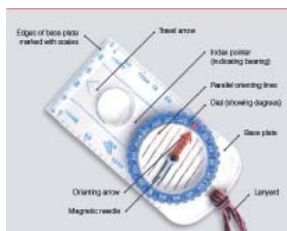
To begin, you will learn basic map reading, how to use an orienteering compass and how to use a GPS (Global Positioning System).

Then, when you have acquired these basic skills you will be introduced to a wealth of practical navigational techniques and short cuts as well as advanced map reading skills.

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## Beyond the basics

You will find out how the topography can be your friend or enemy and learn a range of techniques on how to use different geographical features to advantage including how to estimate times to traverse them.



For example, you will learn about the pros and cons of walking on ridges: how to tell if you are drifting off a ridge, how to recognise where ridges divide and subdivide, why you can get lost descending ridges but not ascending them.

Moving even further beyond the basics you will learn advanced map reading skills: including how to relate data on the map to what you see, how to visualise heights and distances and how to identify unmarked cliffs and waterfalls.

To enable you to spend more time looking at the scenery, handy **navigation shortcuts** are explained such as



using 'handrails', 'attack points' and the position of the sun or your own shadow.

Finally, you will find useful information on **how to plan** a safe and interesting trip, including planning

*en route* so you reach your ultimate and intermediate destinations in reasonable time.

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