



## Course details

### Course title

Personal Development: Map Reading Beginners

### Course code

Q00020997

### Course date

Start: 29/01/25

End: 05/02/25

### Number of classes

2 sessions

### Timetable

Wed 29th Jan, 14:00 to 16:00

Wed 5th Feb, 14:00 to 16:00

### Tutor

Alastair Clark

### Fee range

Free to £14.80

### How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

### Venue

Online

## **Level of study**

Beginners

## **Course overview**

The course will focus on using a combination of careful landscape observation and detailed interpretation of information on the map to enable you to find your way on walks in lowland areas of British countryside. To do this, we will consider how maps are created and look at the important conventional symbols used by the Ordnance Survey. Staying safe in the countryside is of course another important consideration which we will address. All of these skills will then be applied to discuss ways in which good planning can contribute to the sense of wellbeing that a varied and stimulating walk can provide.

## **Course description**

Consider the meaning of map scales. The online course will then take you on two virtual walks in the Derbyshire countryside during which we will examine the range of observations and skills that can be applied to ensure good navigation.

Knowledge of the symbols for a range of rights of way will be deployed during the virtual walks along with a consideration of the ways that roads, woodland, water features, buildings and field boundaries are shown. The course involves a 2 hour practical exercise to be completed by all learners in their local area and the feedback and reflection on this exercise will contribute to whole-group learning as well as identifying key issues to be revisited in the final session.

Safety and responsible use of the environment are embedded throughout the course. The course will explore the elements of good planning to ensure safe, manageable varied and healthy countryside experiences.

Following the course, we recommend that you consolidate your learning through continuing to practise the skills covered.

Staying safe and gaining maximum well-being benefit from your country walks.

## **What financial support is available?**

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

## **What other support is available?**

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment

journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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