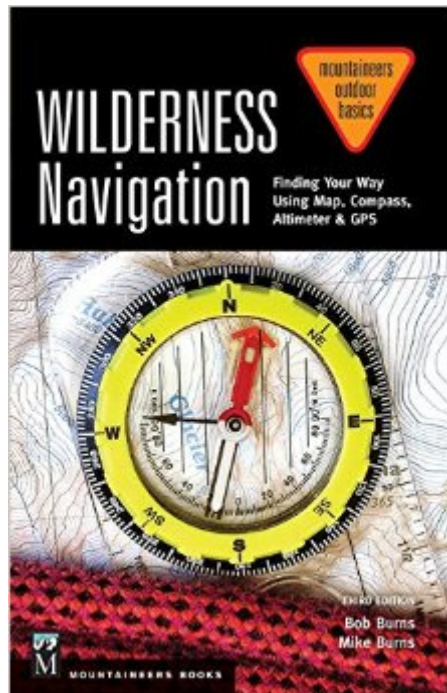


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# Wilderness Navigation: Finding Your Way Using Map, Compass, Altimeter & Gps (Mountaineers Outdoor Basics)



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The best-selling text on wilderness navigation has been updated and organized to make it easier to learn this vital skill. The official textbook for thousands of navigation courses throughout the world.

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I learned land navigation when I was in the Marine Corps and then spent years teaching land nav to our SWAT team. As a trainer I always thoroughly research what skill I am teaching. Over the years I have collected almost every book on land nav this book makes this skill super simple to learn a lot of books end up confusing the reader. besides going into how to read a map and what all is in the map index. This book breaks map and compass navigation down to 4 skills you need to concentrate on. They are taking and following a field bearing to measuring and plotting bearings on a map. Once you have these skills down the only way to get better at land nav is to spend a lot of dirt time practicing these skills.

I thought I knew how to use a compass until I read this book. What I learned is that it is a powerful tool capable of a great deal more than just pointing north. Based on instruction found here, I bought a high quality compass and topographical maps for an upcoming trip. No, I don't consider myself an expert now, but I am going to put some of these newfound skills to the test. There are chapters on using a GPS and the UTM systems, but I want to work with the basics first. If your goal is to master the basics, this book is a great place to start.

I teach Map and Compass to approximate 100 plus students for the San Diego Sierra Club, North County Chapter. It is through a class we teach called the "Wilderness Basics Course". It's the only reference I now use and recommend to my students. The author's ability to take a very complicated subject and make it easier for individuals to understand is excellent!

Well written, up to date, and easy to read. Great background study for someone preparing to navigate by compass and/or GPS.

Covers more than maps, but covers gps devices. It is a fairly current book. I recommend this book as a refresher for experienced users, or for the novice users. There are great illustrations to help you along the way. There are great scenarios the book presents that actual people will encounter.

This is a great book, especially if you are a beginner. It starts with the very basics and then goes all the way to advanced navigation.

Have looked through the book and I love it. It has been years since I was a Scout and Eagle Scout where I did a lot of orienting and such, so I needed a review and this book is great....Bought a new Suunto Compass to go along with this. May never need it since I do more extensive day hiking and not as much multi day backpacking, but it is good to know to teach others and guess what, in the wilderness, you just never know.

Bought this and a great compass for my husband. While I love the fact that the book and compass are both superior and he is thrilled with them both, why is he still in my living room? Just because it's winter and the snow is too deep, I suppose. Looking forward to summer, what can I say...

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