

## Compass Work Level 1

### OBJECTIVE

To identify the parts of an orienteering compass and how to use it.

### MATERIALS REQUIRED

Orienteering compasses, topographic maps.

### DISCUSSION

Many of our outdoor pursuits require travel off of designated trails and routes. The ability to return safely often relies on a combination of outdoor survival and effective map and compass skills.

### ACTIVITY

Demonstrate how to hold the compass level at waist height. Caution participants about the use of compasses near metal objects containing iron or steel. Provide the students with a diagram of a compass (below) and ask them to label the parts as you describe them.

**Time:** 1.0 hour

Intro: 5 min

Activity: 30 min

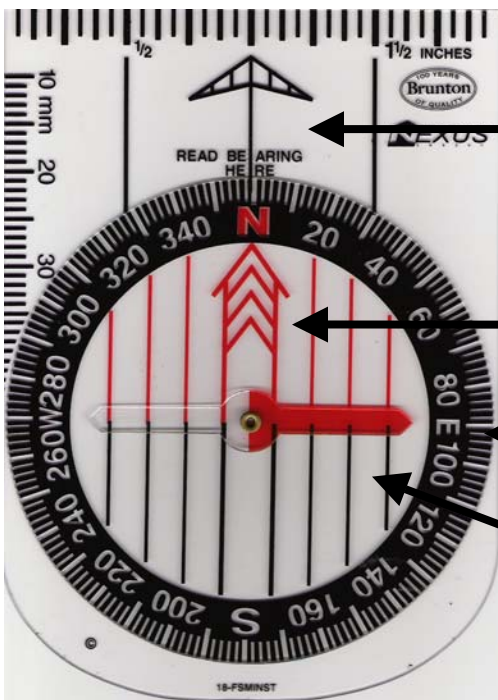
Discussion and

Review: 25 min

### Safety

Possibility of getting lost.

### NOTES



1. Sighting line or  
Direction of travel arrow

2. Orienteering arrow

3. Azimuth (direction) ring

4. Magnetic needle

# Step Outdoors

Label the parts of a compass

