



The South African Pony Club



MAP READING ACHIEVEMENT BADGE

GUIDELINES:

To be able to follow a route on an Ordnance Survey map and to be able to point out a selection of features as suggested below.

KEYPOINTS:

Factual knowledge of a variety of symbols to enable the identification of features, both natural and man-made, and to make simple interpretations of evidence from the map.

Symbols: Road types; Church types; Abbreviations; Contour lines; simple patterns; Points of the Compass (using key of O.S. 1:50 000 map).

TEACHING, TESTING IDEAS AND RESOURCES:

- a) Points of the Compass: This can be taught and tested by getting whole group to keep their eyes shut and turn to a compass direction. By altering their initial orientation you can simplify or increase the difficulty of this exercise, which can be a great source of fun. The youngsters will enjoy it, and without them knowing it you can identify those who are competent.
- b) Symbols and Abbreviations can be learned and tested either in one major effort: i.e. between two rallies or over a series of evening at Camp. The ability to interpret contour patterns and relate them to human structures along a designated route is more difficult and time consuming, but it is worth persevering with, as these skills will be used if any form of 'endurance' riding skills are to be introduced to your group. A group walk or ride can be given a commentary using terms and symbols associated with O.S. maps. Conversely, pairs can be sent off to follow the written description of a short route around farmland, through a village, etc. (Whether on foot, or riding, such an exercise would require detailed supervision).

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