

Beginner Map and Compass for Hikers

Presented by: AMC's Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter



Saturday, June 1 - Sunday, June 2, 2024

Blue Hills Reservation, about 20 minutes south of Boston, MA

No prior experience required!

We start with basic instruction and progress over the two day workshop to cover intermediate and advanced skills.

You'll use terrain features such as valleys, brooks, and hills to reach your destination as well as compass bearings.

What you'll learn:

- Types of maps and why topographic maps are preferred.
 - How to read a topographic map: scale, distance, colors, etc.
 - The parts of a compass, how it works, and how to hold it.
 - Measure a bearing from a map and plot a bearing onto a map.
 - Declination, how to account for it, and then forget it.
 - Using a compass to follow a bearing or take a bearing.
 - Orienting a map and using it at intersections.
 - Planning a route and use of offsets when bushwhacking.
 - How to not get lost and find your way back if you do get lost.
- ...and more!

Visit the event page to register and learn more. Class size is limited.

<https://activities.outdoors.org/search/index.cfm/action/details/id/149724>

Cost:

Adult: \$150 member / \$200 non-member & Youth: \$90 member / \$130 non-member
Includes two days of instruction, printout of class material, laminated crib-cards.

Note: Cost does not include compass.

Pro tip for non-AMC members:

Become a member of AMC SEM using the link found on the event listing to get a discounted adult membership and save on registration.

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