

BUTTE CREEK Compass Course

This is a large and difficult compass course. Please be aware of the following:

1. Plan on at least 2-1/2 to 3 hours to complete the course. Note: we have verified that the markers exist and they are in their proper locations.
2. Everyone should wear proper hiking boots. You will have to go through mud (the roads are typically muddy), hike through rough terrain and maybe cross a small stream or two. Tennis shoes and sport shoes ARE NOT appropriate for this compass course.
3. An appropriate number of adults should accompany Scouts on this course.
4. Markers are painted bright yellow and are visible. You do not need to cut brush or dig holes to find the markers.
5. When you think you are close to the location of a marker, increase your chances of finding the marker by spreading your Troop out and advancing in a line.
6. Be sure that everyone brings their Ten Essentials, including water and compass.
7. Important!! Close all gates. If you open a gate, be sure to close it behind you.
8. If horses are using a trail, please move off the trail and follow all directions given by the wranglers. **This is for your safety.** Keep in mind that a horse can kick about ten feet, and they wear steel shoes. This can result in SERIOUS injury. To avoid being kicked, move off the trail or road and away from the horses.

Starting Point:

To get to the starting point, follow the road past the horse barn. Go through the gates (remember to close the gates), following the road until you come to an open area on the right. Look for the location of a flag pole. Start at the base of the flag pole. (Please note: the flag pole may not actually be upright).

The Course:

Starting point to #1: 259°g / 240° magnetic -- 350m/1148f

#1 to #2: 210°g / 191°magnetic -- 725m/2379f

#2 to #3: 105°g / 86° magnetic -- 730m/2395f

#3 to Starting point: 3°g / 344° magnetic -- 890m / 2920F

Major hint: The most current map is from 1986. Features shown on the map (such as roads and ponds) may no longer exist, and there may be new features not shown on the map. For example, look for faint signs of an old road near point #1.