

Map and Compass Exercises - Three-Leg Compass Walk

Introduction

This exercise is useful in testing out a Scout's ability in following a compass bearing and pacing. It can also help build confidence in your compass work in practicing for a Patrol hike or expedition. Before carrying out this exercise, it is useful to go over the basics of following compass bearings and pacing with your Patrol.

Items Required

- A Compass (one per Scout)
- Markers (anything can be used for this purpose; a coin or sticker if indoors, a peg or length of bamboo if outdoors)

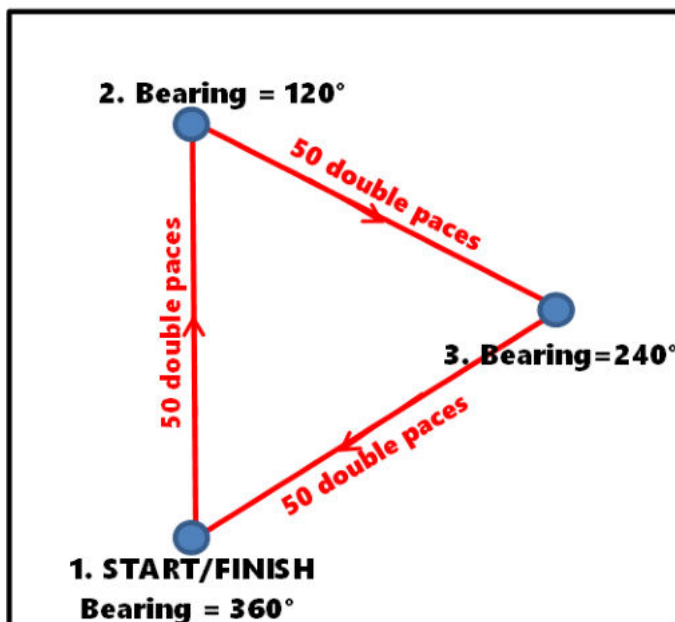
Method:

Step 1

The Patrol Leader or Activity Leader should start by asking Patrol members to mark their starting position on the ground using a coin, stick etc.

Step 2

Each Scout must then set their compasses to due north - 360°. The Scouts are then instructed to walk 50 double paces.



Step 3

After 50 double paces, each Scout should stop and set their compass to 120°. They should then walk another 50 double paces and stop. Finally, they should set their compass to 240° and walk a final 50 double paces.

Step 4

At this point, the Scouts should have completed the triangle and returned to their original starting point (or close enough).

Now Try This One!

