



How to... use a map & compass!

Session Ideas

# Nature Exploring - Beavers



## Instructions

- Incorporate map reading into your Explore Activity Badge!
- Use compass directions to direct your Beavers to different nature landmarks
- First teach your Beavers what compass directions are by playing the Compass Game
- Point out where N. E. S. W. are in your location, shout out the directions and have the Beavers run to that area
- To make it more challenging, add directions like NE, NW
- Now its time to explore your surroundings! This could be a park, a forest or seaside
- You can instruct your Beavers to different areas by saying phrases like “Walk 100 steps North East” ...

## Islamic Principle

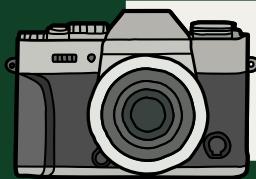
“That is the design of Allah, who has perfected everything...”  
(27:88)

“And He is the One Who spread out the earth and placed firm mountains and rivers upon it, and created fruits of every kind in pairs. He covers the day with night. Surely in this are signs for those who reflect” (13:3)

Reflect and ponder on Allah’s creation to appreciate the uniqueness of the world & its beauty



# Photo Scavenger Hunt - Cubs



## Instructions

- Incorporate map reading into your Photographer Activity Badge!
- This is a creative way to link badges together
- Organise a hike or walk
- Split the Cubs into small teams
- Have each Cub take turns to lead their team to the next checkpoint on the map. Make sure you use all the points mentioned in the video - grid references, bearings and map symbols!
- At each checkpoint or along the walk, there should be a photo challenge for the Cubs to complete
- This is a fun way to keep the Young People engaged on the hike!

## Islamic Principle

Reflect on nature as a sign for the believers

“Do they not see the sky above them- how We built and adorned it, with no rifts in it; how We spread out the earth and put firm mountains on it, and caused every joyous plan to grow in it is a lesson and reminder for every servant who turns to God.”  
(50:6-80)





# **Night Hike - Scouts & Explorers**

## **Instructions**

- Encourage your Scouts & Explorers to be independent and team players
- In the session before you set out for the hike, have your Young People plan what they need to pack, eat and how to dress & layer appropriately
- Next, introduce route planning! Which is great practice for DofE!
- The Young People should plan their route from start to finish, which regular check points. They need to mark out the coordinates and note a description of the route
- Don't forget to discuss safety and basic first aid protocols!



## **Islamic Principle**

Think of the hike differently, remembering that all of Allah (SWT) creation worships him and utters his name. How do you feel now when everything that surrounds you is Muslim?

“The seven heavens, the earth, and all those in them glorify Him. There is not a single thing that does not glorify His praises —but you ‘simply’ cannot comprehend their glorification. He is indeed Most Forbearing, All-Forgiving.” (17:44)

