

# Filling in a Route Card

A Route Card is an aid to assist in navigation when moving across country. Even the best navigator can't remember everything so when planning a patrol or an expedition a route card is used. A copy of the route card would be given to someone not on the expedition in case you became lost or in other difficulties. A route card involves using all the knowledge you have gained in map and compass lessons so far. Below is an example of a filled in route card.

ROUTE CARD								
Commander ..Richard Salter.. Start Point GR...545910..... ETD (Estimated Time of Departure) ..0930hrs....								
Date ...Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January. Finishing Point GR ..545910. ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival) ...1529hrs....								
Leg	From		To		Bearing		Distance	Remarks Landmarks Hazards
	Location	Grid Ref	Location	Grid Ref	Grid	Mag		
1	Prewley Moor	545910	Souron Tor	543898	192°	194°	1.3Km	Steady climb
2	Souron Tor	543898	Kity Tor	568873	138°	140°	3.6Km	Slight descen. Find track and climb steadily. Stream climb
3	Kity Tor	568873	Great Links Tor	551868	254°	256°	1.7Km	Follow track. Cross stream. Bear L.
4	Great Links Tor	551868	Green Tor	562863	109°	111°	1.2Km	Descend to lower tor. Cross stream. Climb
5	Green Tor	562863	Bra: Tor	540856	250°	252°	2.6Km	Cross Stream. Climb. Descend to stream. Climb.
6	Bra: Tor	5540856	Little Links Tor	547869	031°	033°	1.5Km	Contour with higher ground to R.
7	Little Links Tor	547869	Souron Tor	543898	354°	356°	3.0Km	Go on 040° to track. Follow track to T-Junction 54589(?). Follow bearing 357°
8	Souron Tor	543898	Prewley Moor	545910	012°	014°	1.3Km	Steady descen:
Total Distance							16.20Km	

A Route card is split into legs. They are the name given to each section of the route once it has been split down.

Fill in as many legs required to get from the start grid to the finish grid.

For each leg name the location and give a six-figure grid reference. The next leg starts where the previous leg ended.

For each leg give a grid and magnetic bearing from the location the leg starts to the location the leg ends.

Give a brief description of each leg and point out any hazards you may come across.

At the top of the route card you say who's running the expedition, when the expedition is, where you're starting and finishing and at what time you expect this to be.

You also need to work out the distance each leg will be covering. When you have finished the route card work out the total distance.