

ORIENTEERING COURSE OUTLINE
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A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This one-day module will provide an overview of some basic principles of land navigation by map and compass. It is hoped this will increase the student's ability to work in the backcountry without getting lost or wandering off a cliff. Classroom topics will include trip preparedness, topographic maps, compasses, and principles of navigation. We will do some indoor and outdoor practical exercises. Some will be led by the instructor, and the last will be a self-guided hike in small groups of students. We will be in the bush, so be sure to wear sturdy, expendable clothing.

B. LOGISTICS

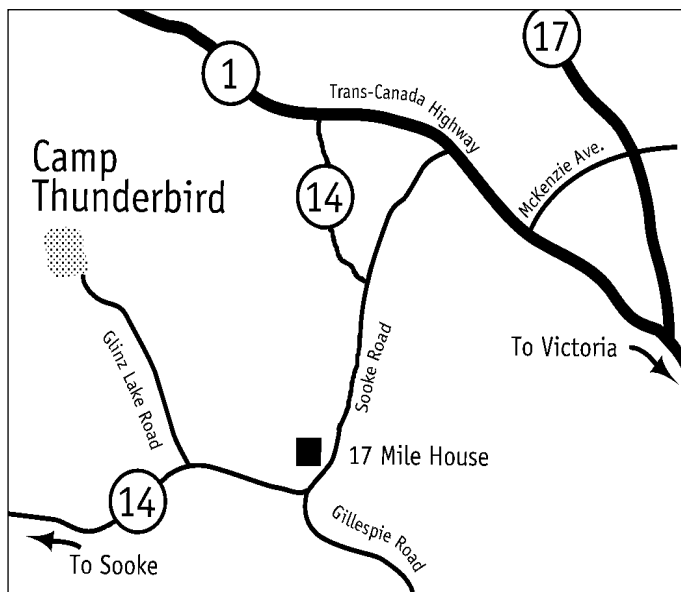
This module will take place at the Thunderbird Outdoor Centre near Sooke. **The ET van will leave Town & Country Lanes (corner of Blanshard St. and Saanich Rd.) at 8:30 sharp. If you want a ride in the van, be on time!**

If you wish to bring your own vehicle, you must let me know ahead of time.

If you drive, take the Sooke Road (route 14), and turn right on Glinz Lake Road shortly after the 17-Mile House pub. There is a big sign at the turnoff. If you cross the Sooke River bridge, you have gone too far!

Class work in Shoemaker Hall will begin at 9:15.

We will try to be back in Victoria by 4:30, but because of the unpredictable nature of this activity, we may be late. So, **please do not schedule anything (like work shifts) for immediately after class.**



Students are responsible for bringing:

- Sturdy hiking boots or hiking shoes.
- Rain gear.
- Warm clothing (bring extra).
- Hat.
- Water.
- Survival kit if you have one.
- **Lunch** and plenty of snacks.
- Sunscreen.
- Ruler, calculator, pencils, etc.
- Notebook and plastic bag to cover it.

The ET program will provide maps and compasses.

C. ATTENDANCE

Students must attend the entire day. Failure to do so will result in an incomplete grade for the course.

D. SAFETY

Outdoor field work can be fun and satisfying, but it is also serious and unpredictable – people get injured in unlikely (usually embarrassing) situations. Please work carefully and don't take silly risks. Watch your step! No running, no pushing people into / over things, no rock climbing, and watch out for branches snapping back from the person in front of you.

Some potentially useful phone numbers, for the late or lost...

- My home phone: 370-2392.
- My cell phone: 220-3401.
- Anna's office: 370-3459.
- Thunderbird Outdoor Centre: 642-3136 ex. 1.

E. EVALUATION

Orienteering is one-third of ENVR 202 (the rest is GPS). The following percent breakdown applies to the orienteering component:

Written assignment	70%
Participation	30%

- Written assignment: An assignment will be given to you at the beginning of the day. It will cover material from all of the day's activities. You may work in consultation with others, but complete and hand in your own individual assignment. This is due at the end of the day.
- Participation: All students will start with full marks in this category. Make sure you participate in all aspects of the day – don't let someone else take all the compass bearings! Marks may also be lost for rude, reckless or otherwise unpleasant behaviour (e.g. lateness, not paying attention, ignoring instructions, jeopardizing individual or group safety, etc.). Naturally, I doubt any of this will happen.

F. APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE

May 24 or 25, 2007:

8:30 – 9:15:

- Leave Town & Country Lanes (corner of Blanshard St. and Saanich Rd.).

9:15 – 12:00:

- Classroom lecture, indoor and outdoor exercises.

12:00 – 12:30:

- Lunch break.

12:30 – 3:45

- Outdoor exercises, including self-guided hike.

3:45 – 4:30:

- Drive back to Victoria.