

# Wilderness Navigation I



## ***Who should consider this:***

- **Outdoor enthusiasts:** especially those who leave the trails behind.
- **Self Guided Adventurers:** Whatever your destination, getting there might be half the fun. Make sure it is for you! Save headaches, time, money and maybe your life.
- **Search and Rescue:** You must be able to efficiently plan and go to exactly where you intend.
- **Teachers and guides:** You have extra responsibility for doing the right thing and knowing it.

***What:*** Learn to make better observations, raise your expectations about what your trip will be like and then execute your decision! A

topographic map and a compass are the most essential tools for land navigation. This course covers their combined use when you need them most- in the wilderness. You will build confidence and skill with: Terrain and contour interpretation, “staying found, selecting and raveling on a compass course and problem solving if lost. Includes classroom and field work.

***Student bring on to field:*** sturdy shoes, clothing etc for ~2.5 mile hike at Gazzam Lake and environs. Water, snacks, rain protection as necessary. Any and all navigation instruments are optional. Bring them to learn with your own equipment.

## ***Equipment loaned to students:***

Altimeter, GPS receiver &  
Compass

***Students keep:*** Map, Syllabus

***Instructor:*** Nick Beer has designed land navigation classes for adults and kids including compass skills, map reading, terrain interpretation, GPS essentials, and survival. He has worked in experiential education since 1982 and climbed, skied, hiked, sailed and travelled on four continents. Send content questions to: [info@wildernessnavigation.com](mailto:info@wildernessnavigation.com).

***Enrollment:*** Bainbridge Island Parks and Recreation

([www.biparks.org](http://www.biparks.org)) Spring and Summer Catalog listing:

<http://www.biparks.org/programsandclasses/documents/spring/outdoor.pdf>

