

Wilderness Wayfinding

How to Survive
in the Wilderness
As You Travel

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The first truly complete easy-to-follow guide to finding the right path in the forest, mountains, desert or any wild environment. Let an expert teach you about maps and compasses, land navigation, building emergency shelter, finding water and food, forecasting weather, administering medical and much more.



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Better off buying the boyscout handbook Significantly you are better off purchasing the boyscout handbook. If they had held heading west they would have found a street. This book does advocate two good stuff indirectly, which is to say they assume. The initial two chapters of the reserve are spent explaining USGS map legends in a very limited method. Save your money on those initial two chapters with the free pamphlet the USGS will send out you when you buy among their maps. The 3rd and fourth chapters deal with compass work but in no better fine detail than the standard boyscout handbook or any of the easy to get armed service manuals on navigation. And his chapters on getting water are just down correct deadly. He does actually spend twenty pages very briefly outlining ways of finding the cardinal points without a compass but doesn't describe why they work or how to get anything more than simple north south (Kemosabe sunlight arises we go other way we find California). So far in the 1st four chapters the majority of the them have been spent with the writer either trying to convince you he understands what he's talking about or that he is funny so that you can miss the first three paragraphs of any chapter. The second thing this publication advocates by assumption is certainly that every once in a while it is alright to violate guideline number one of wilderness survival. There are illustrations vaguely instructing you on how to get drinking water from plastic stills, but doesn't clarify how to get drinking water into them. Having a very basic idea of where you are and where you came from can save your life. And in the next chapter he advocates hunting deer for meals or rabbits which is merely good assuming you brought a gun. And rule number 1 is stay place and wait for help to come for you. In the morning you have collected drinking water but you won't learn that from this book. I was raised in Alaska and am a previous Marine and as such I have an extremely hard time believing the author was a Marine. Initial that before you go in to the wilderness you have either studied the terrain or bought a map of the local region. Which is to say that if you plan to leave your car in Yosemite or the Mojave desert you understand that if you continue west long enough you will strike a highway. Two Oakland police officers got lost and nearly died on a mountain that's in the center of Oakland that's three miles across. If you do manage to have a sheet of plastic material dig a shallow pit the plastic can cover an hour roughly before sunset and fill it with vegetation and your very own urine and place a can or cup in the center after that cover with the plastic and place a rock over the cup. Or if you go to Montana and you make a right off I-90 that in the event that you go south long enough you make contact with the interstate. If I was on Survivor Island I would want the boyscout handbook with me. He tells some mythical tale about how exactly it rains all the time in the Mojave and digging on the much part of bends in dry stream beds about three feet down could keep you alive. And the truly laughable point about the chapter comes next where he advocates following wild mustangs and deer to watering holes. But occasionally that can get you killed, waiting for three days in the desert or deep snow can eliminate you. So if you can deduce where a road or city is at a two days walk you may want to make the walk. Especially if you or your party are wounded. Speaking of wounded the section on medical in this reserve is horrible, once again the boyscout handbook or the inexpensive military manuals are better. As the information in this book is just a cheap rehash of common sense navigation books the ideas of earning sure you know at least the general layout of the surrounding areas (I-5 is west, highway 275 is north, and the Yosemite selection of mountains is to the east) and getting a map if not a map and compass. And realizing that using situations you should find help rather than waiting are good ideas to add to your survival repitoir. But I paid much less than four bucks for this publication and experience upset about it. But if you have only ever used a GPS and don't know how to

discover north without it you should certainly get yourself a basic book like this for when your batteries die.



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