

Notes

Direction to next checkpoint

Simply the direction would you go if travelling "as the crow flies" in terms of points of the compass. If the next checkpoint is directly above your current position on the map then the entry should be "N". There is no need to take into account magnetic offset, there are only 16 possible answers with an angle of 22.5% degrees for each. An offset of 3% will not make enough difference for this route card so dont worry the scouts by bringing the subject up. If they are capable of understanding the concept then they should be doing the full route card.

Distance to next checkpoint

The more accurate the better. If the scouts are only capable of measuring with a ruler then a straight line will have to do but there is likely to be greater error in the time estimate.

Time to next checkpoint

This is the only point scoring section on the card for lead teams therefore the closer to reality this estimate is the better. "Allow 1 hour for every 3 miles (5 km) forward, plus ½ hour for every 1000 feet (300 metres) of ascent." Naismiths Rule has to be the starting point. If you are thinking about "Trantors correction tables" then you are taking it too far - STOP!