Notes 1.3 - Compass Directions

History

Early civilizations used stars to navigate and determine direction. The discovery of magnetism and a magnetic north pole, led to the development of the compass.

Cardinal Directions

The compass has 4 primary directions, each 90 degrees apart at right angles. These include the measure of **North**, **East South** and **West**.

Intermediate Directions

Halfway between each cardinal direction is an intermediate direction. These include the measure of **Northeast**, **Southeast**, **Southwest** and **Northwest**.

Orienting a map - means turning the map so that the "N" or North in the compass rose is pointing north.