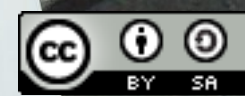
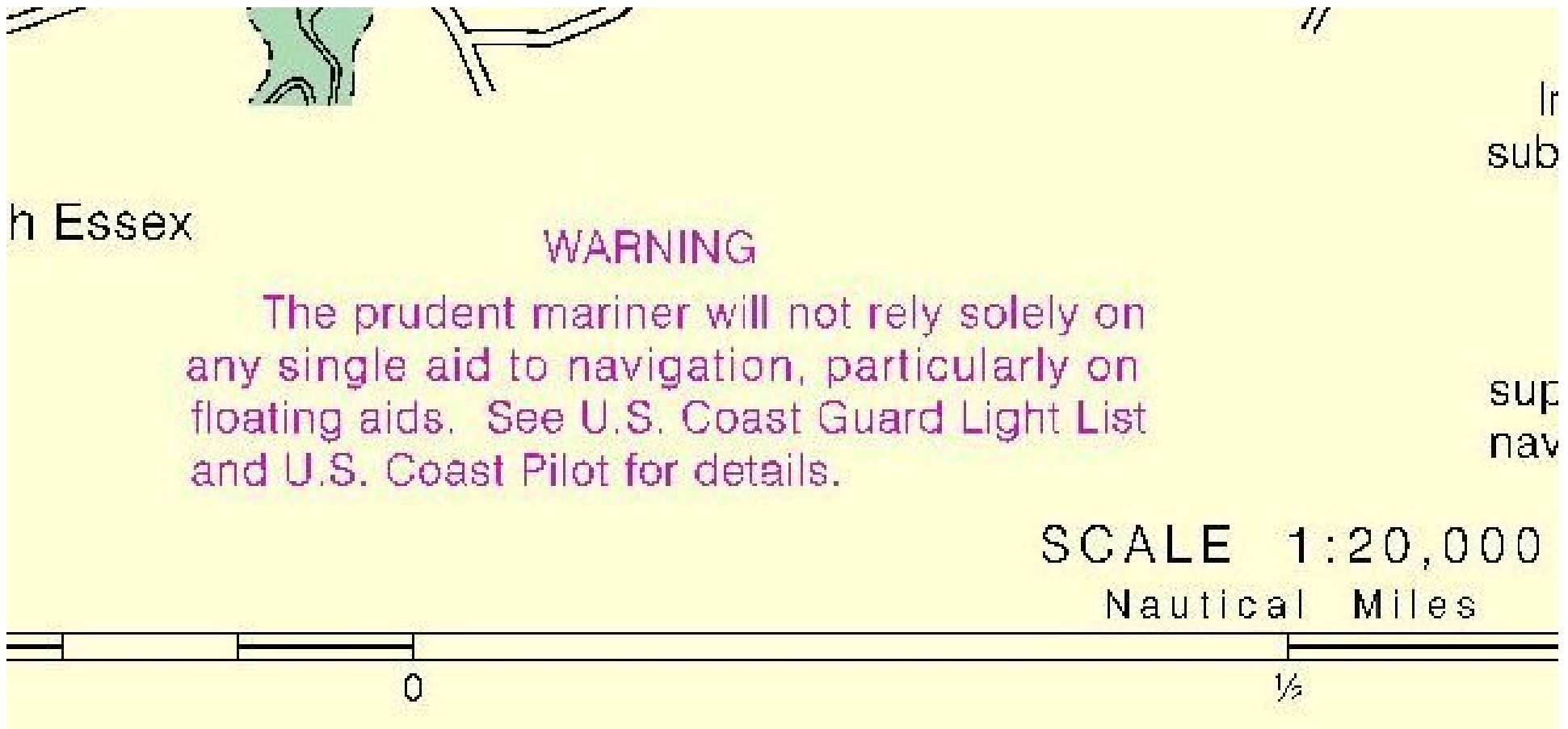


# Land Navigation III

## Wayfinding, Telling North





“The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation”

# Sorts of navigational Knowledge

- Landmarks
- Route Knowledge
- Survey Knowledge

# Route Knowledge



Turn Left

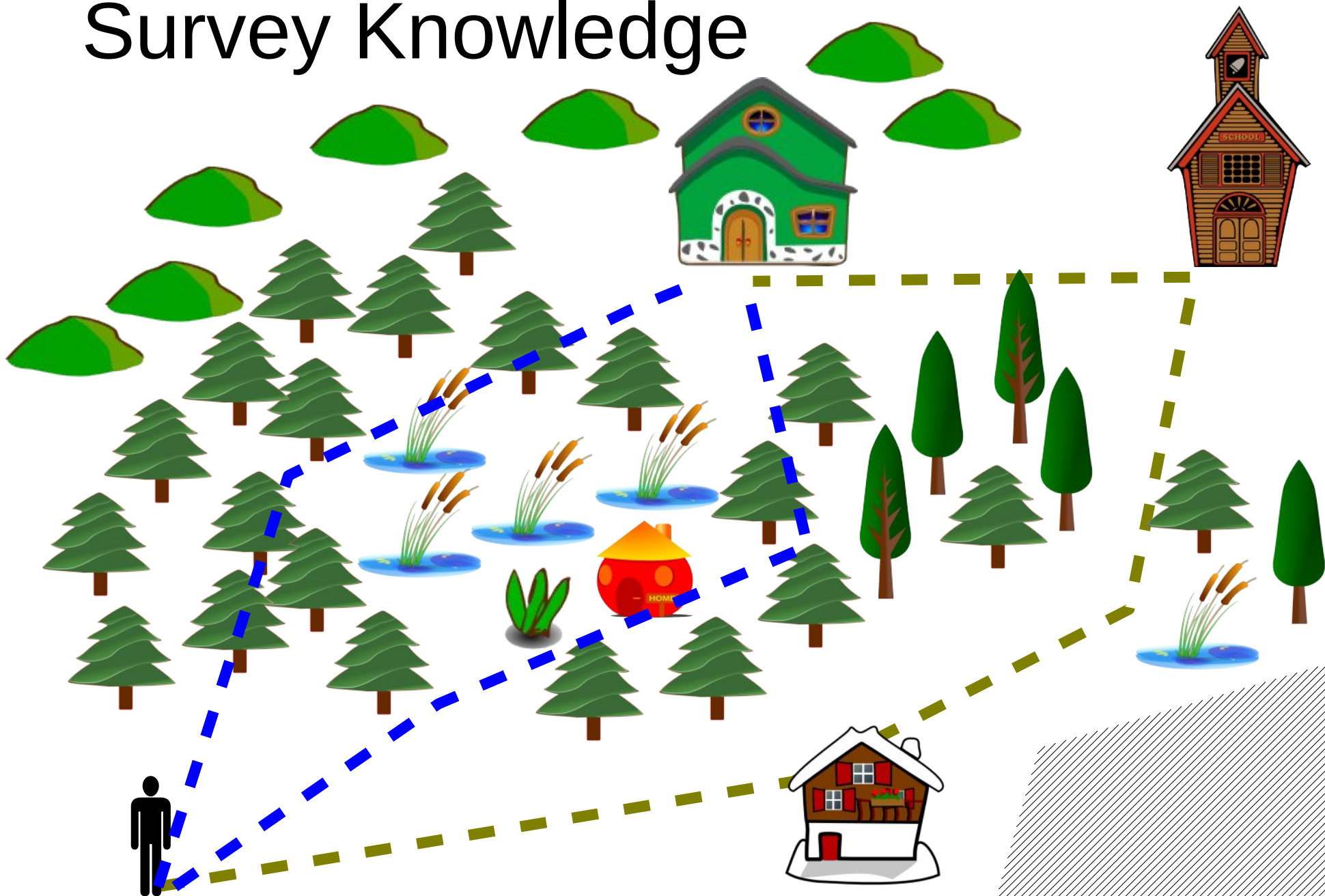


Turn Left

Bear Left



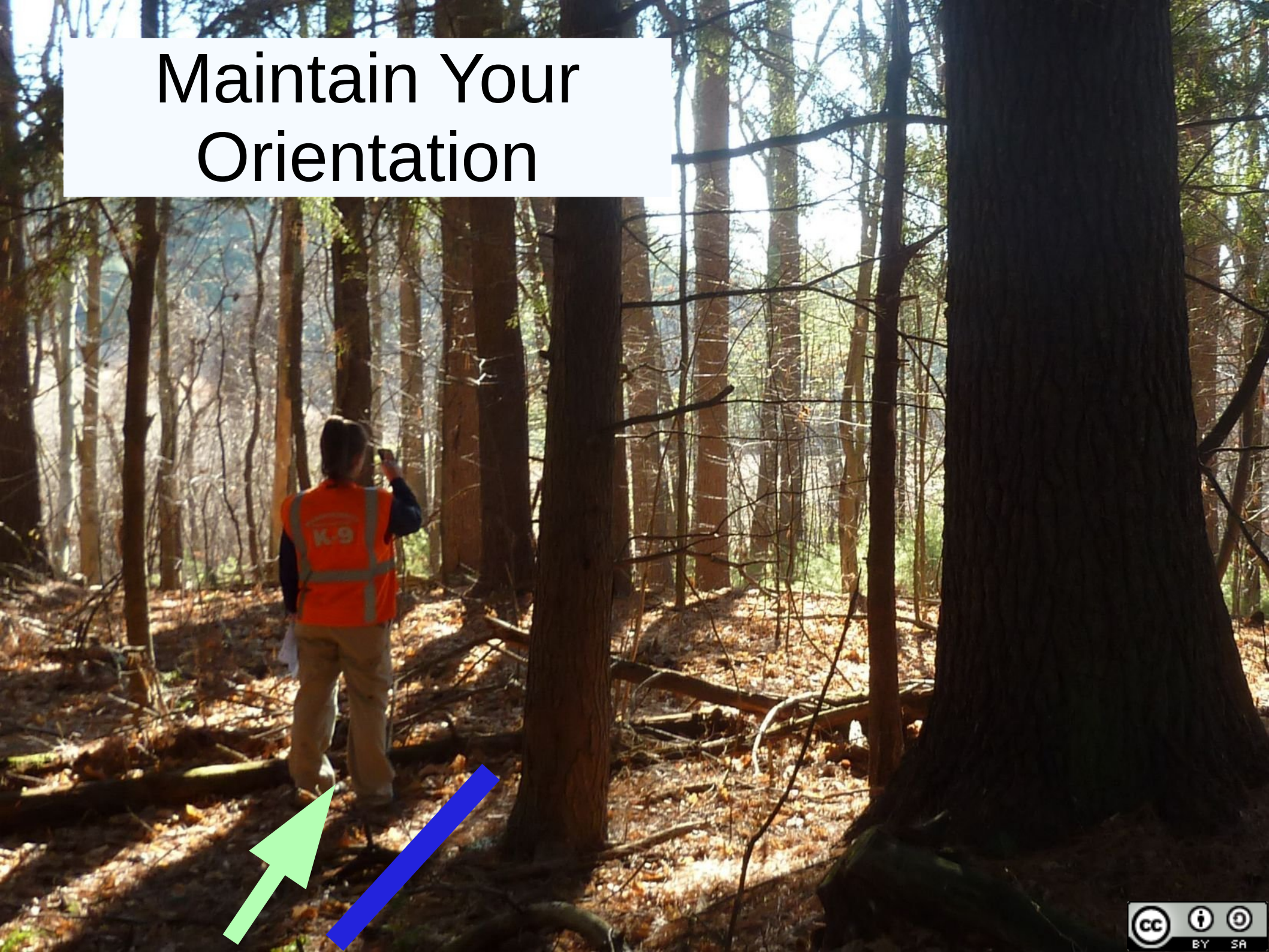
# Survey Knowledge



# Wayfinding

- **Maintain orientation**
- **Plan a Route – pick a course towards your destination**
- **Route Monitoring – keep evaluating that you are on course**
- **Recognize your destination, or that you've gone past it.**

# Maintain Your Orientation



# Maintain Orientation?

## Practical Evolution



# Wayfinding



- **Route Monitoring – keep evaluating that you are on course**

- **Recognize your destination, or that you've gone past it.**

- **Maintain orientation**
- **Plan a Route – pick a course towards your destination**

# Wayfinding Errors

- Mental maps are fluid.
- Confirmation Bias
  - You tend to only notice things that confirm what you already believe.
  - You tend to ignore things that don't fit in with your belief about where you are.
- Bending The Map
  - You tend to warp the map in your mind to make it fit with what you see around you.

**Treat your location as a hypothesis,  
continually test it.**

- **Bending The Map:**

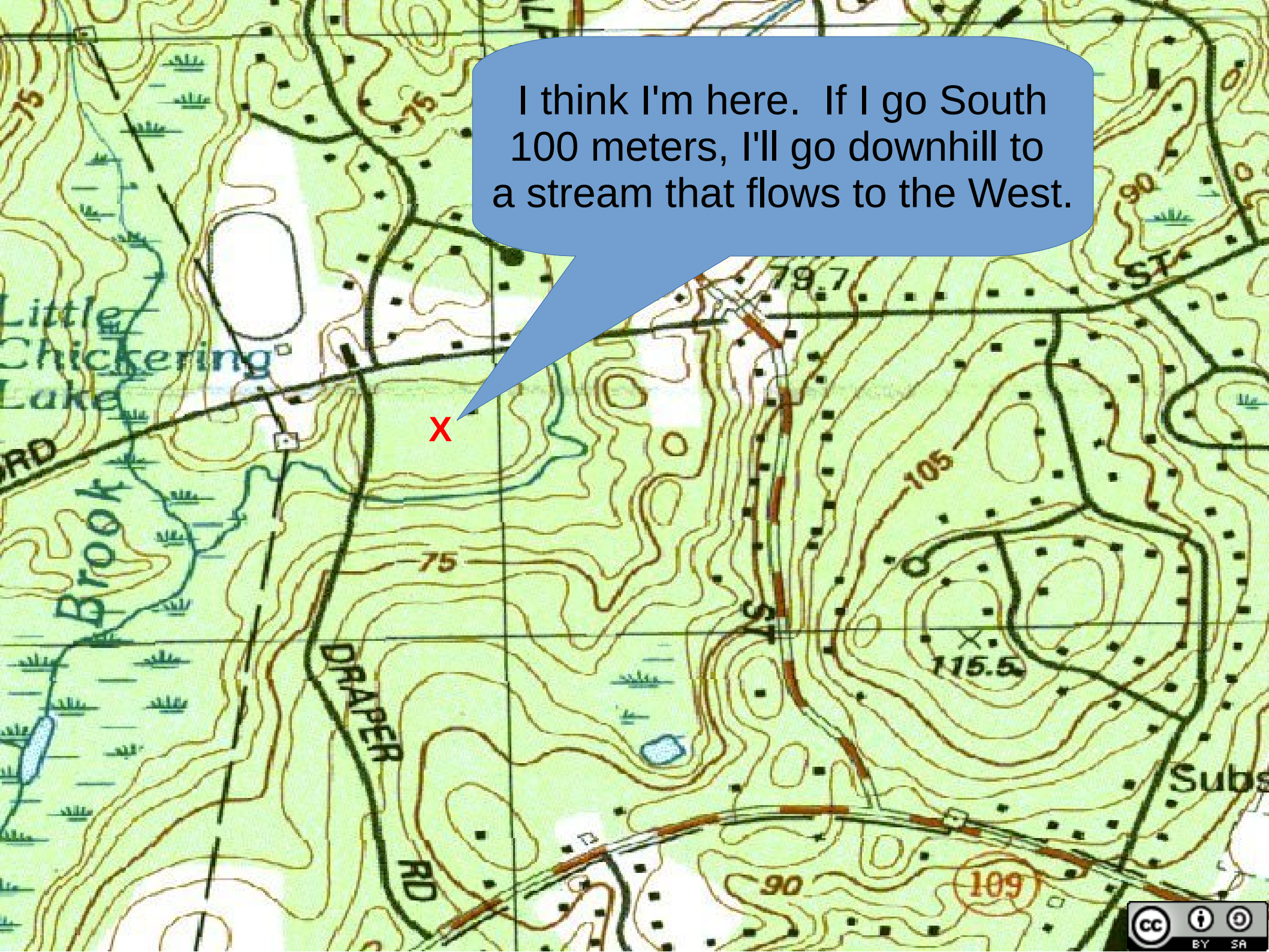
- I'm next to a swamp, I need to turn left after it.





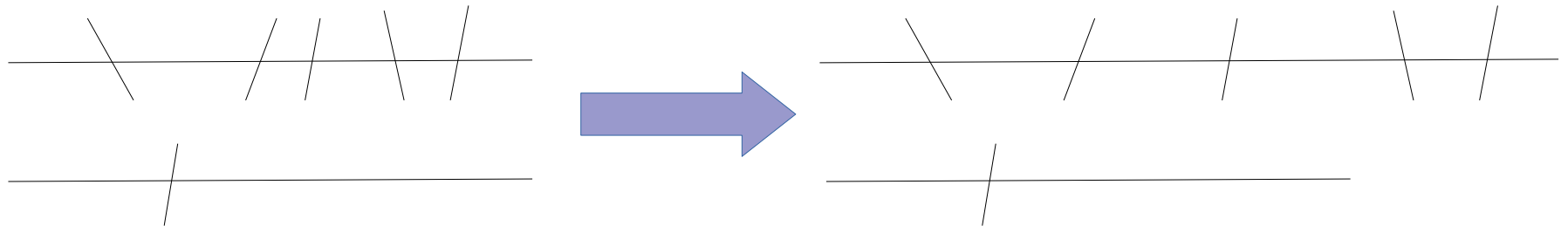
- **Avoiding Confirmation Bias:**
  - The swamp should be on my left, it is on my right. I went too far west.

I think I'm here. If I go South 100 meters, I'll go downhill to a stream that flows to the West.

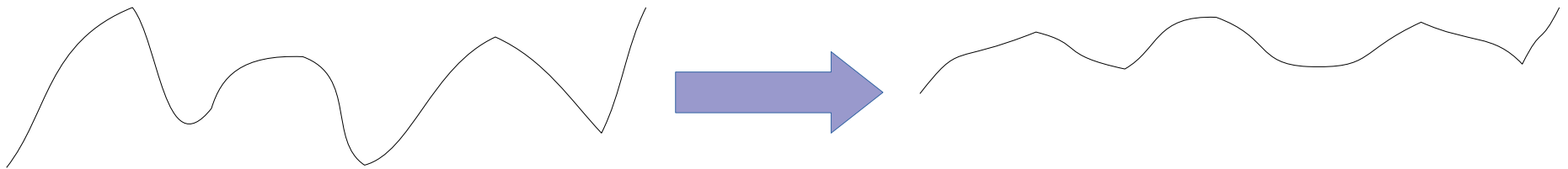


# Some Spatial Mental Illusions

- More intersections (falsely) remembered as a longer path.

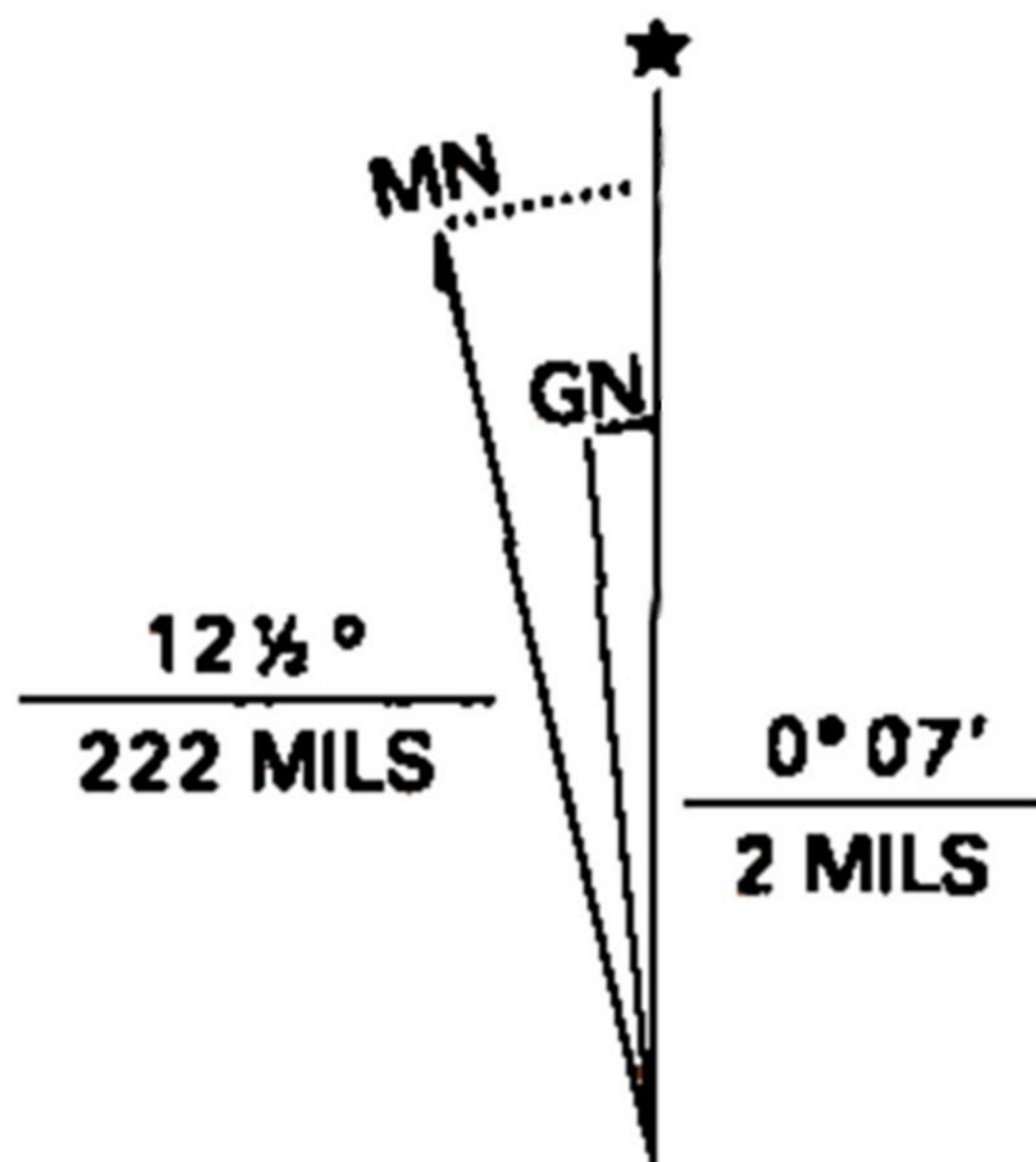


- Winding routes (falsely) remembered as straighter.



# Where does the compass needle point?





**UTM GRID AND 1998 MAGNETIC NORTH  
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET**



# True North

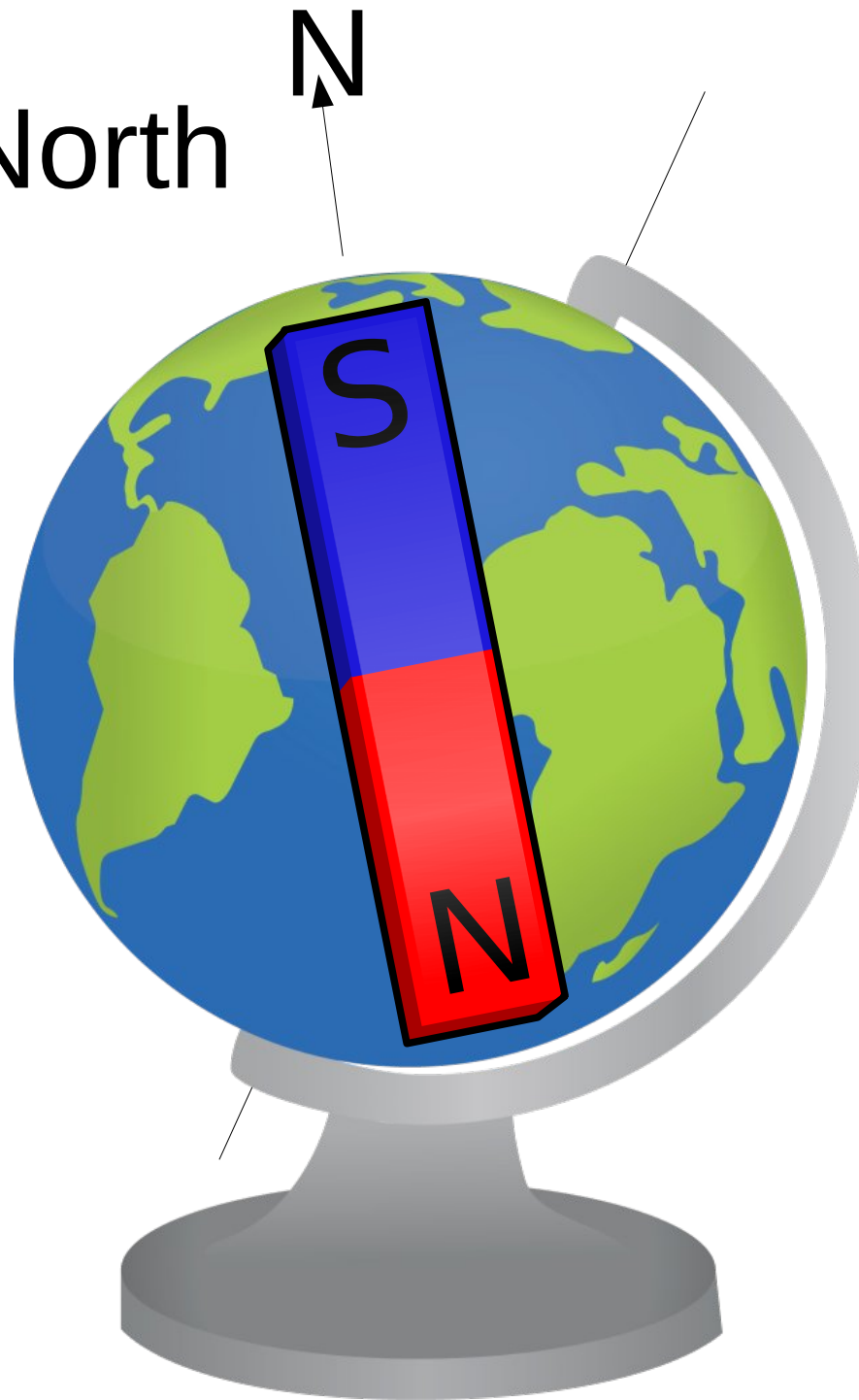


# Magnetic North

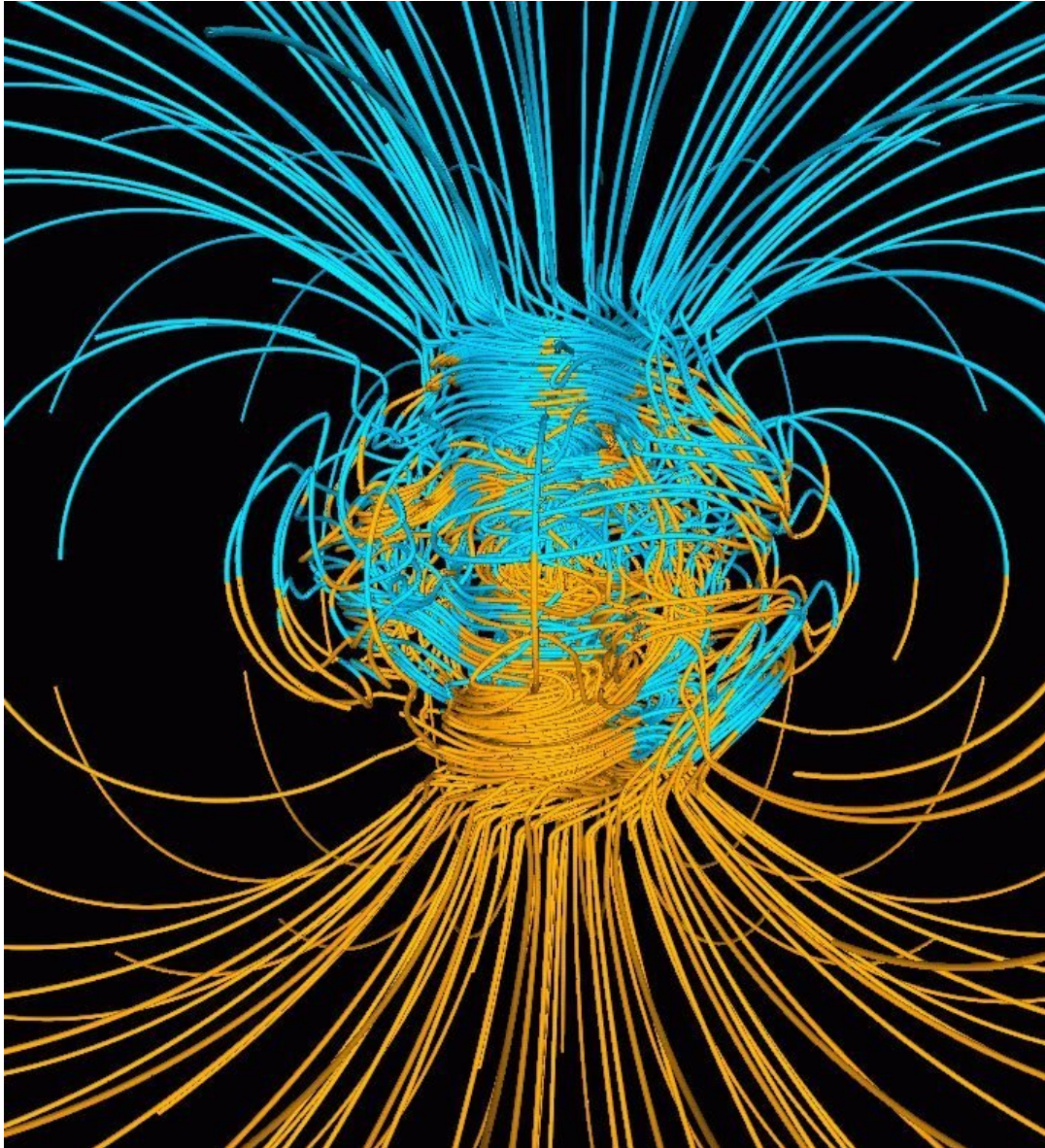
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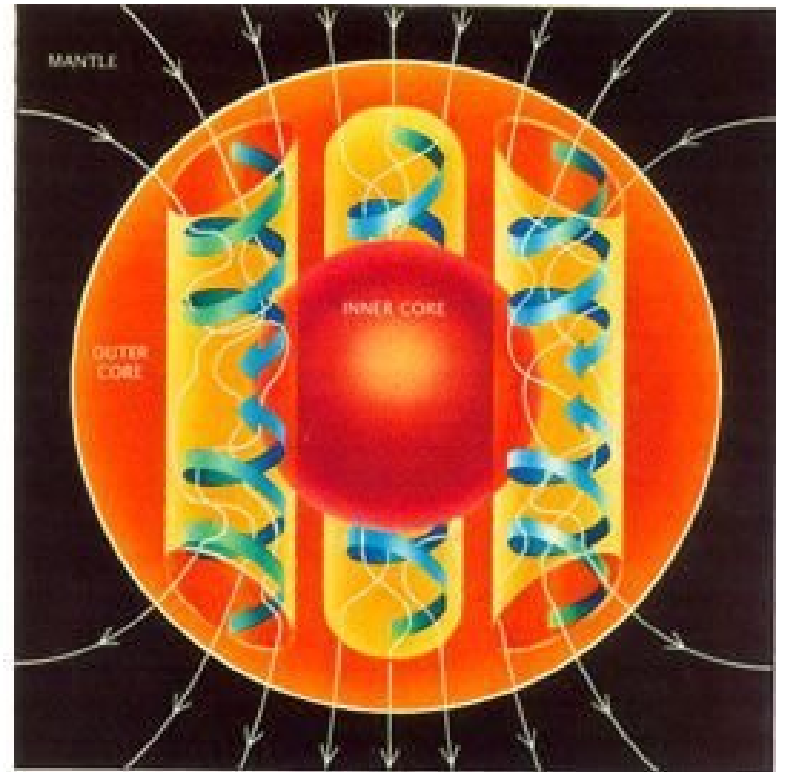
# Magnetic North



# Not quite that simple...



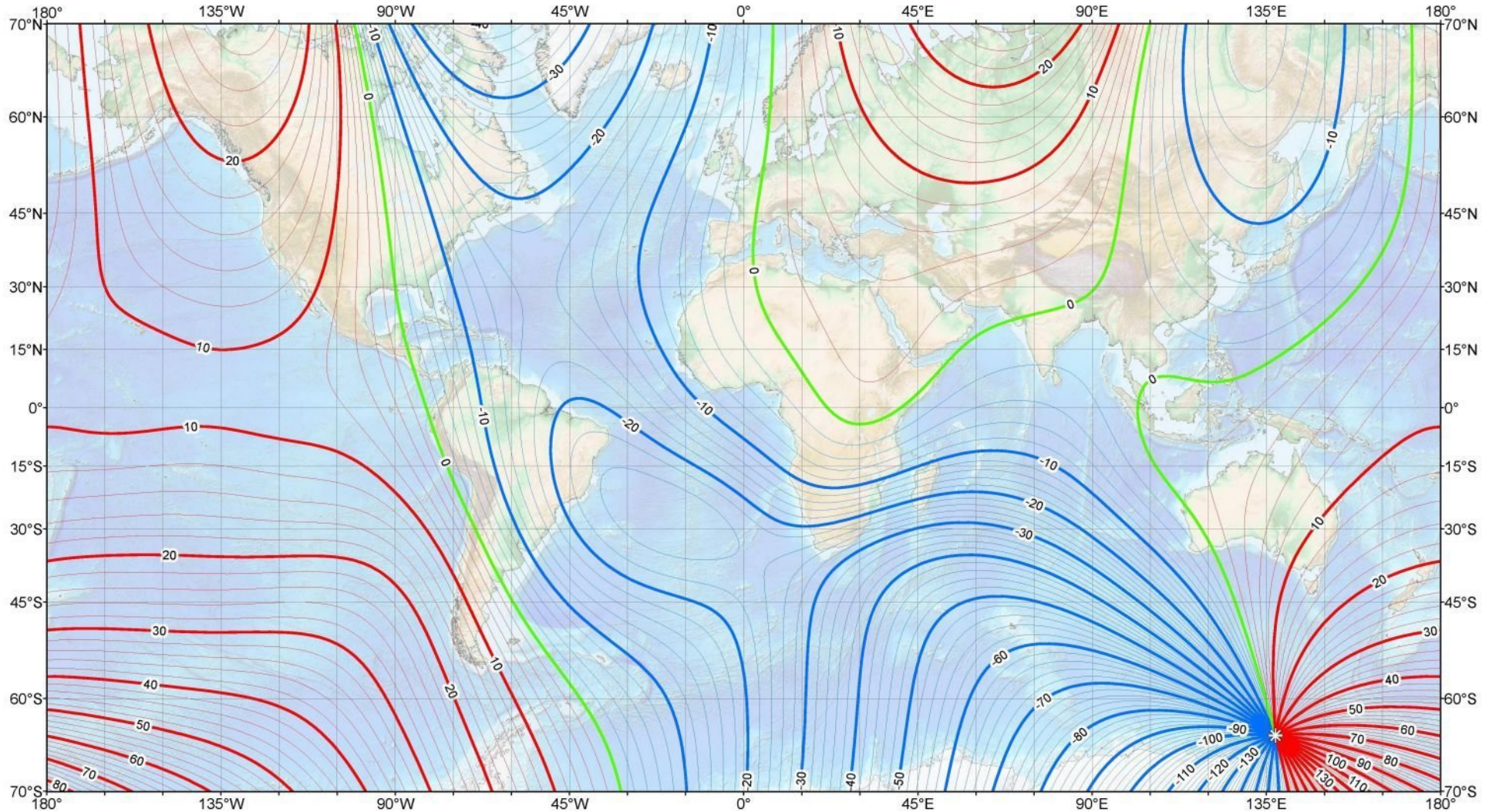
Geodynamo magnetic field line model: NASA



Flow rolls in the outer core: USGS

# The Earth's magnetic field is messy

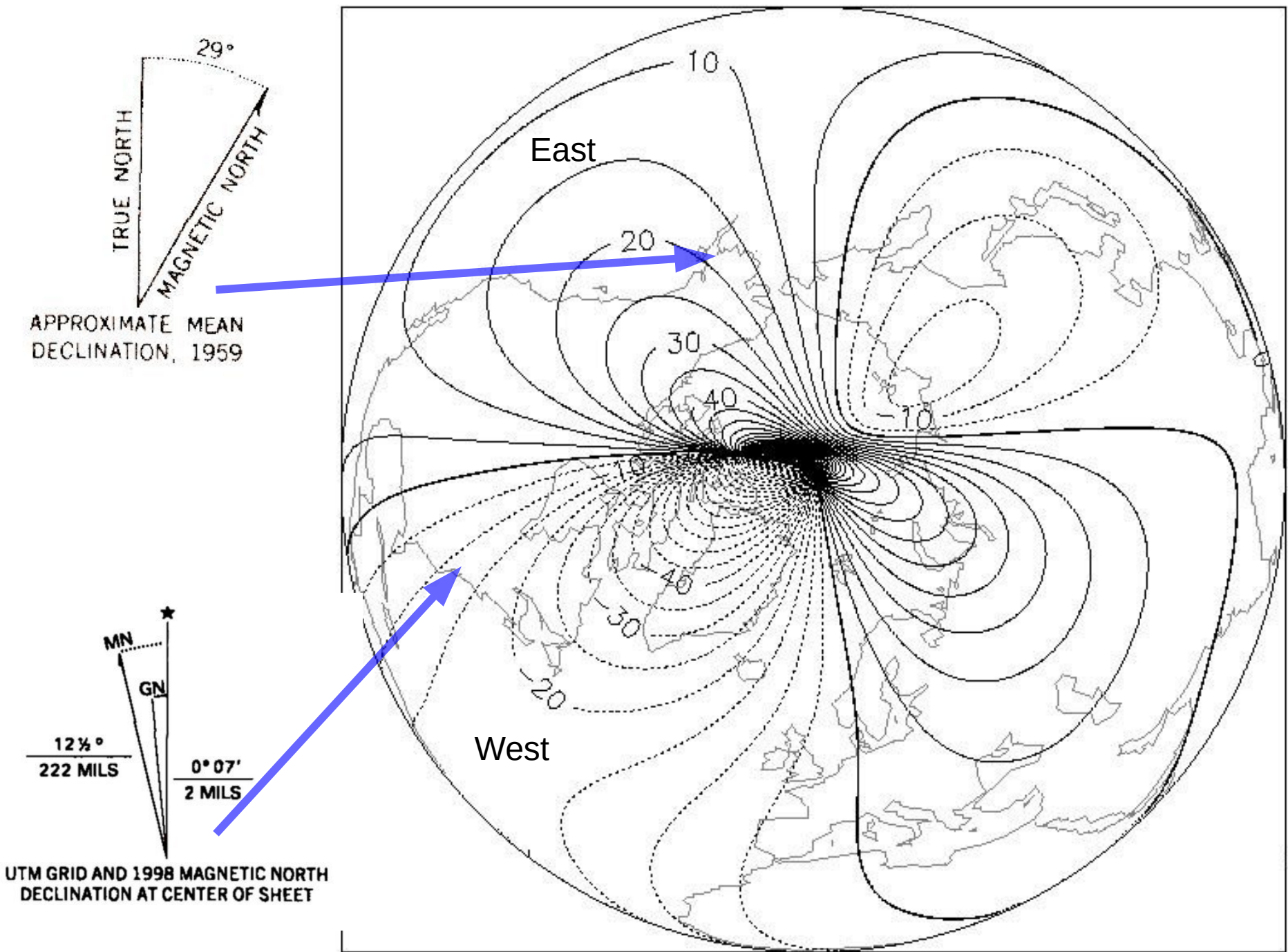
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Main Field Declination (D)



**Main field declination (D)**  
Contour interval: 2 degrees, red contours positive (east); blue negative (west); green (agonic) zero line.  
Mercator Projection.  
☼ : Position of dip poles

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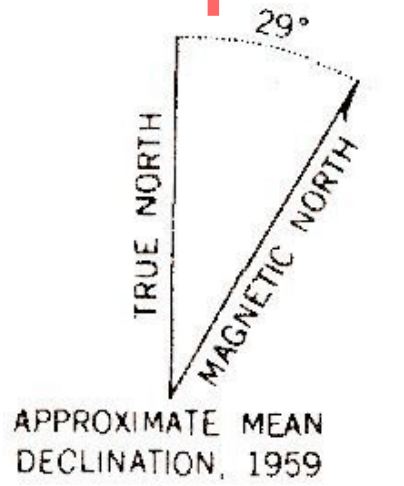
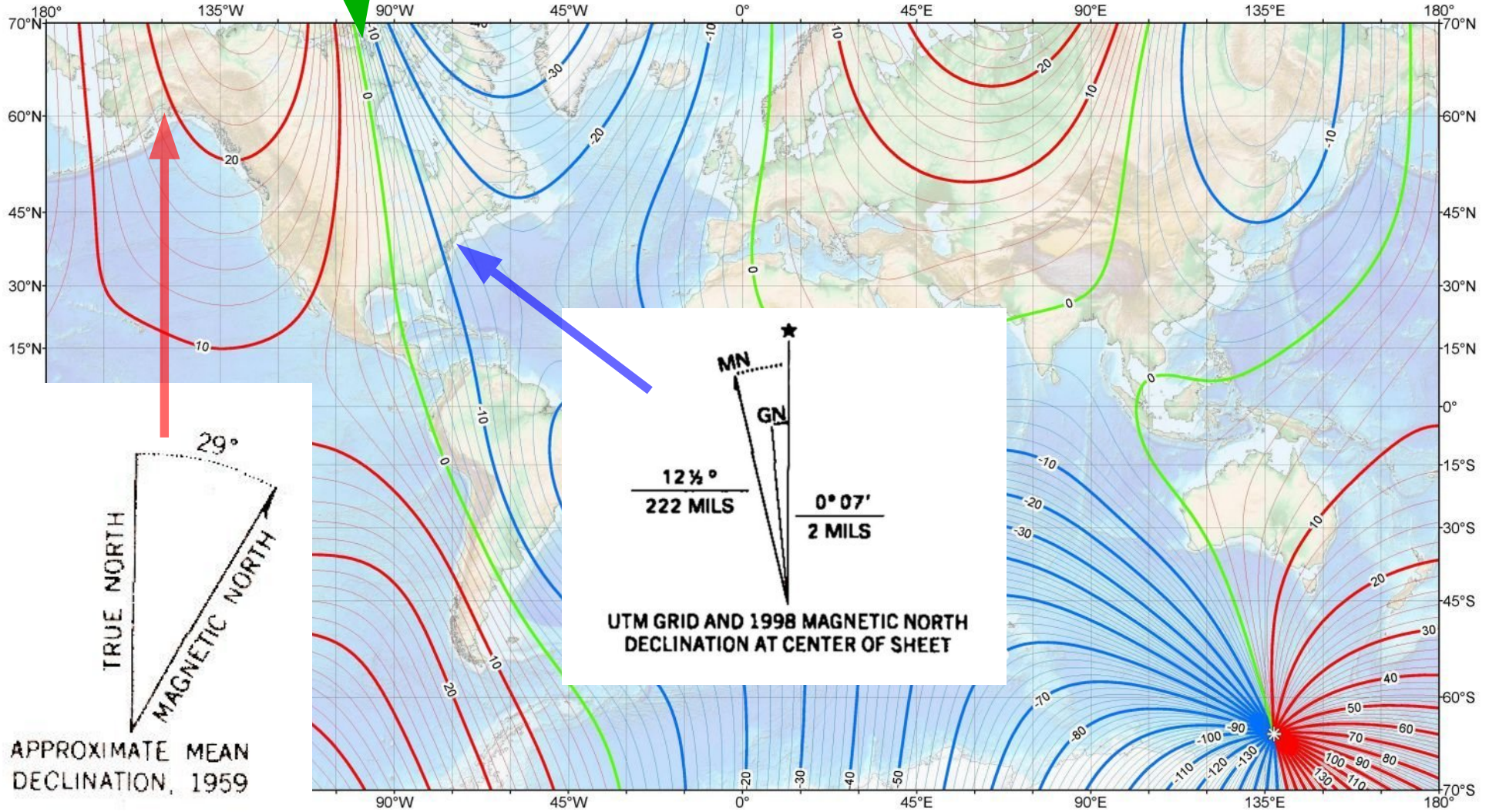
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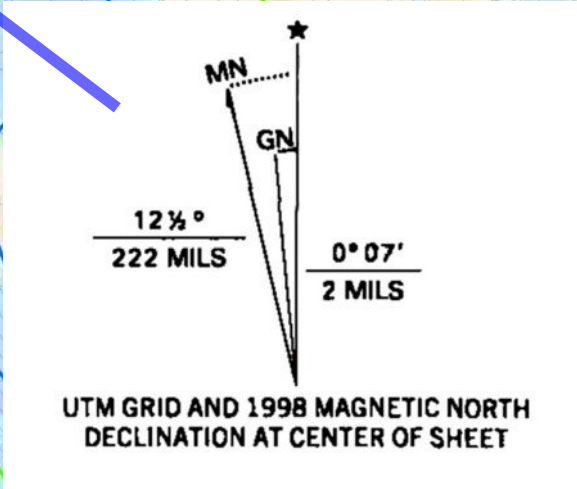
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# Agonic line = declination is zero

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APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION, 1959

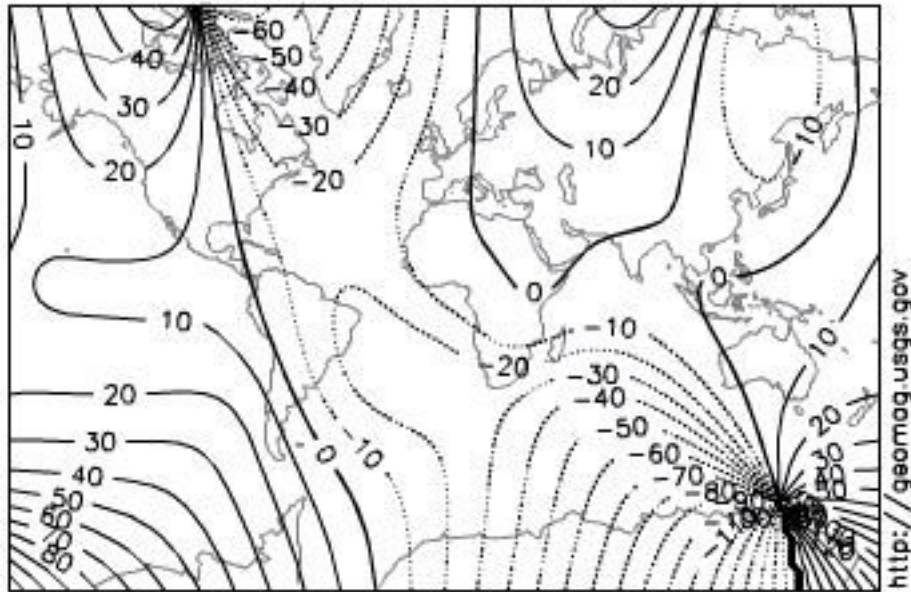


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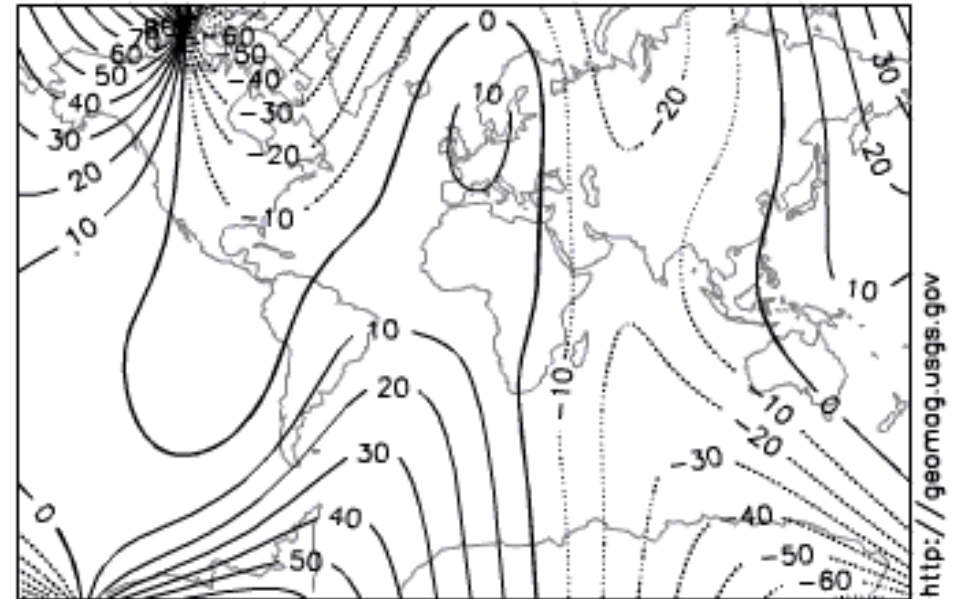
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Declination (degrees east)



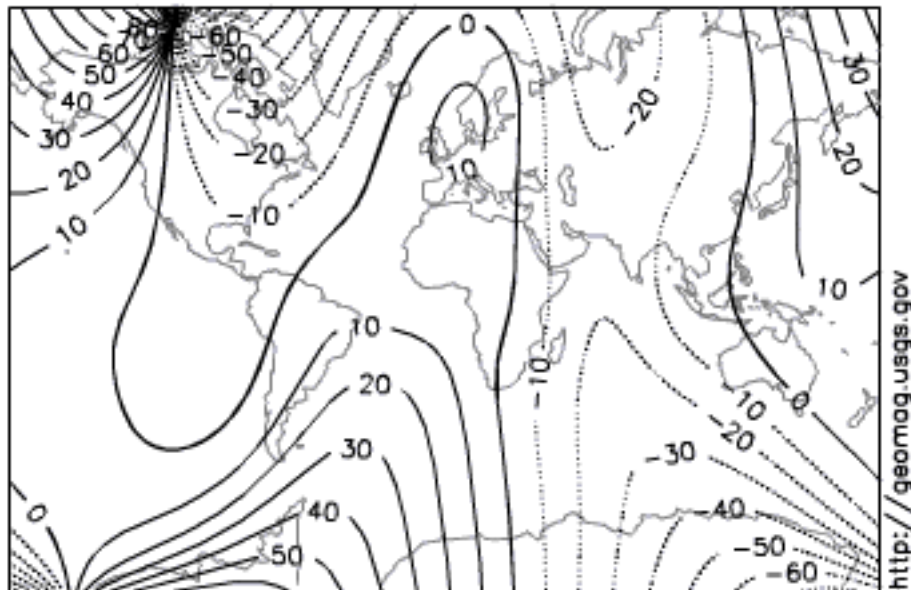
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1590  
Declination (degrees east)



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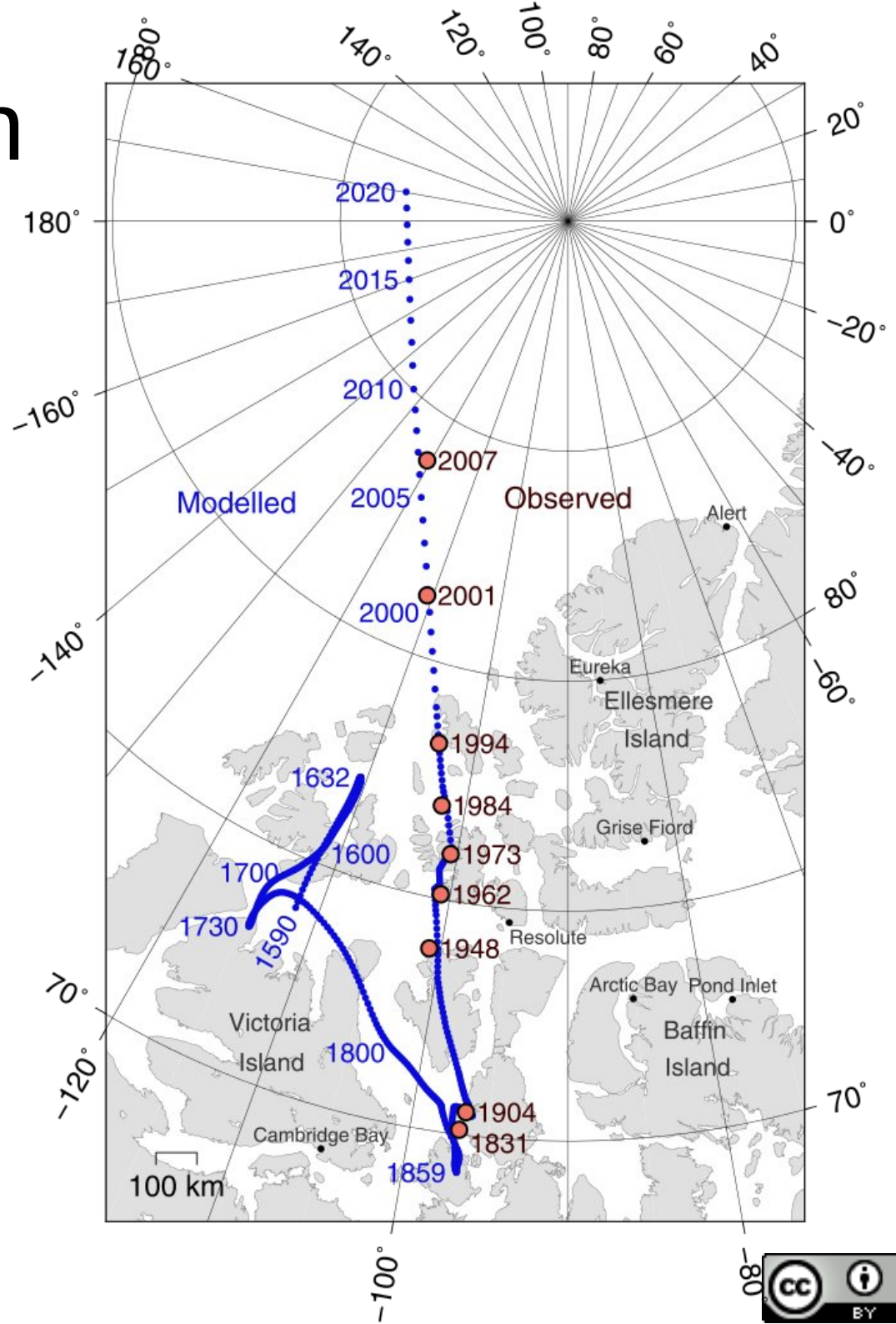


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The Earth's  
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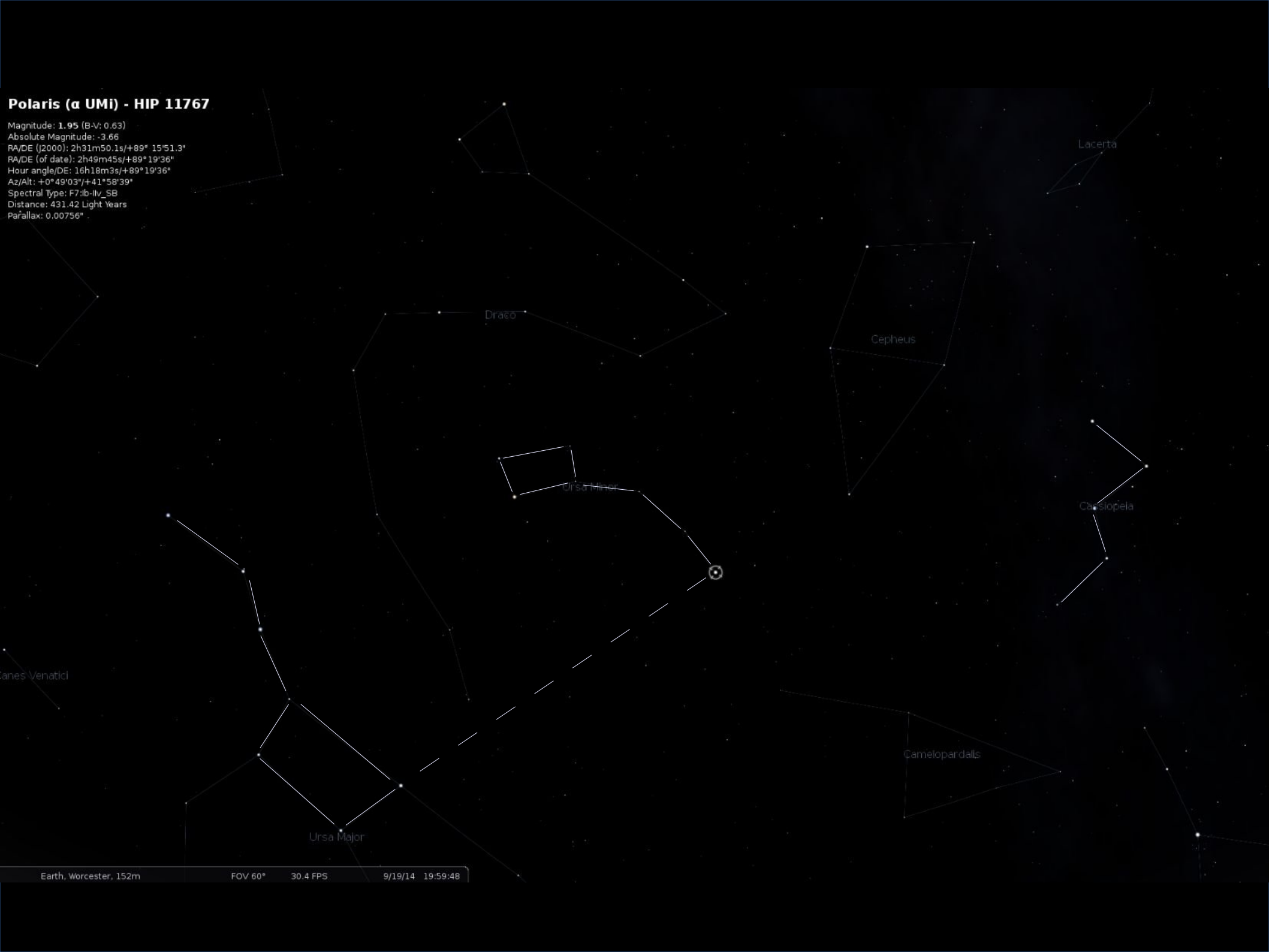
# Changing position of the North Magnetic Pole





# Polaris (α UMi) - HIP 11767

Magnitude: 1.95 (B-V: 0.63)  
Absolute Magnitude: -3.66  
RA/DE (J2000): 2h31m50.1s/+89° 15'51.3"  
RA/DE (of date): 2h49m45s/+89° 19'36"  
Hour angle/DE: 16h18m3s/+89° 19'36"  
Az/Alt: +0°49'03"/+41°58'39"  
Spectral type: F7:lb-IV\_SB  
Distance: 431.42 Light Years  
Parallax: 0.00756"



Canes Venatici

Draco

Ursa Minor

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Cepheus

Lacerta

Castopela

Camelopardalis

# True North



# Telling North

- Sun
- Moon
- Stars







Sun

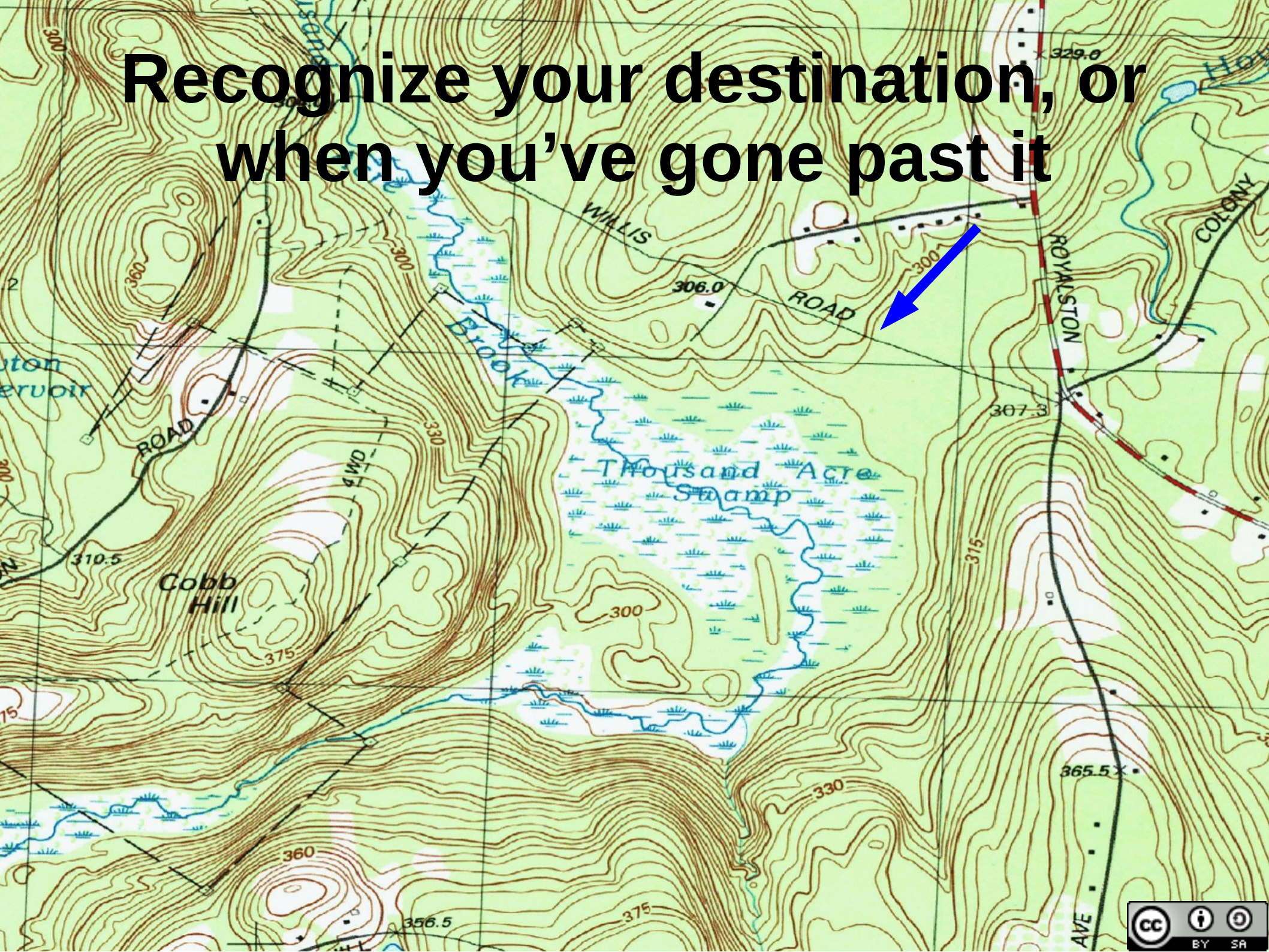


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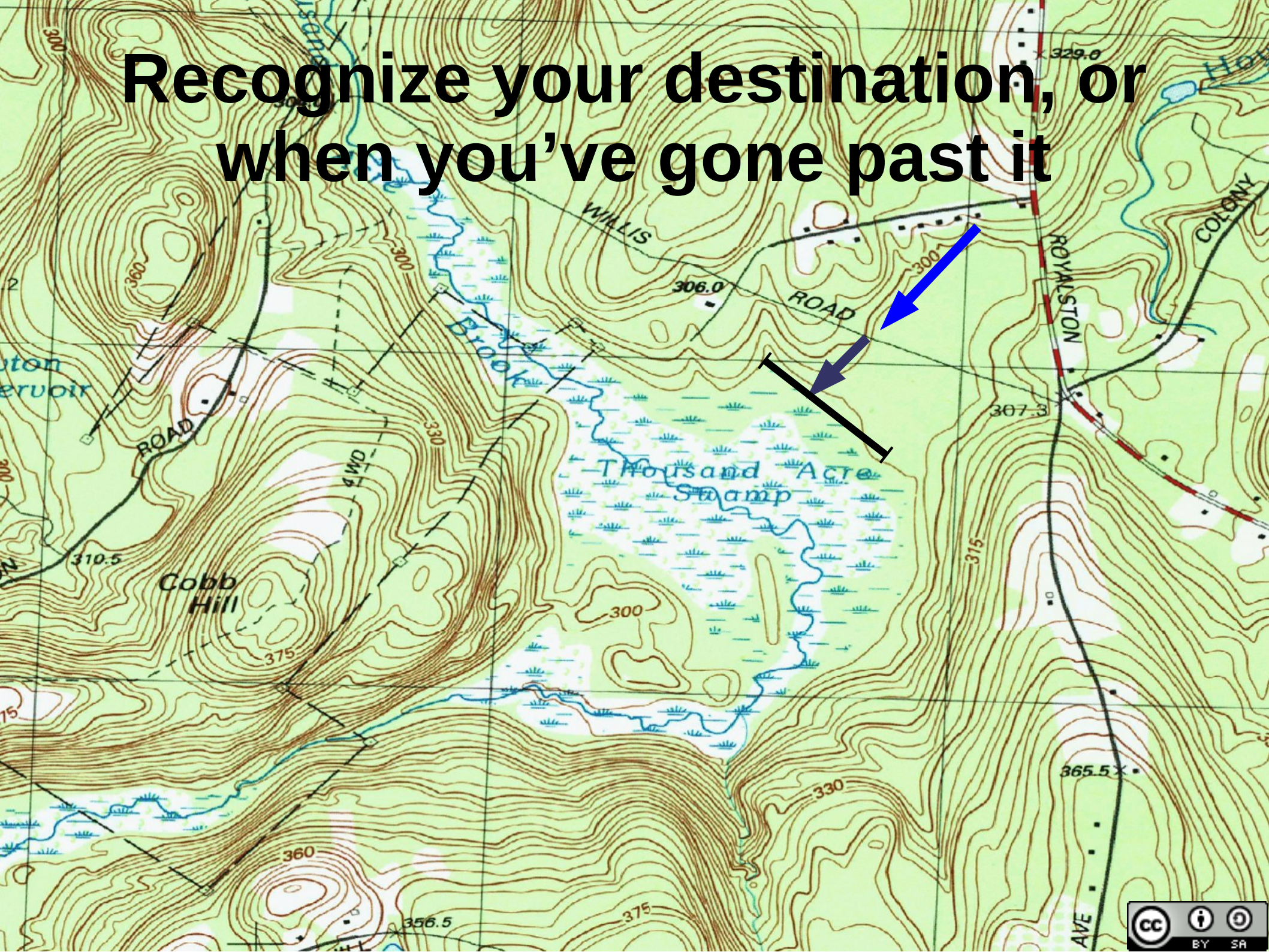
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- Identify backstops (recognize when you've gone past your destination)
- Pay close attention to landmarks
  - Pay close attention to your surroundings (terrain, vegetation, smells, etc)
  - Remember the identity of locations you travel through (give places memorable identities).
  - Look behind you regularly (particularly at trail junctions).
- Track times and directions
- Structure your path



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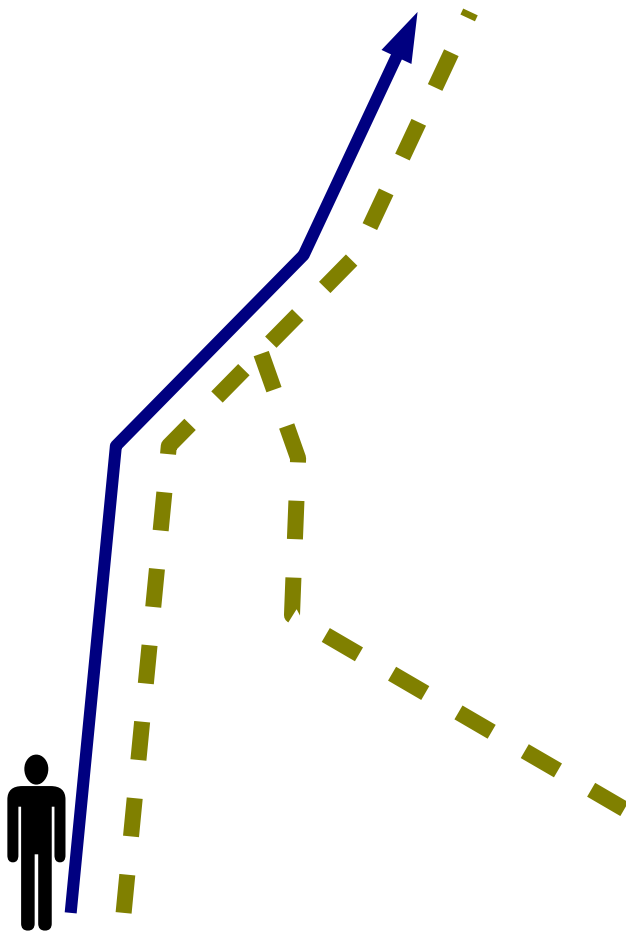
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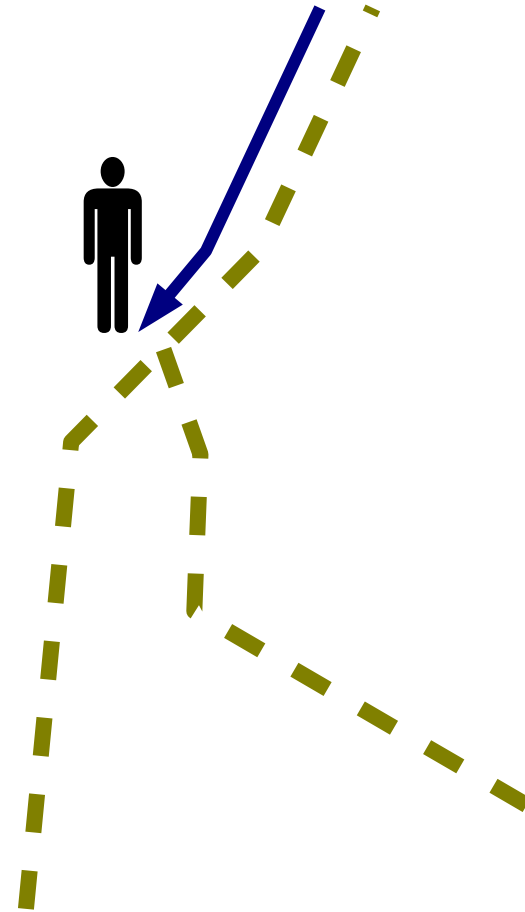
# Give Locations Memorable Identities

- The place where.....
- A thing which looks like a....

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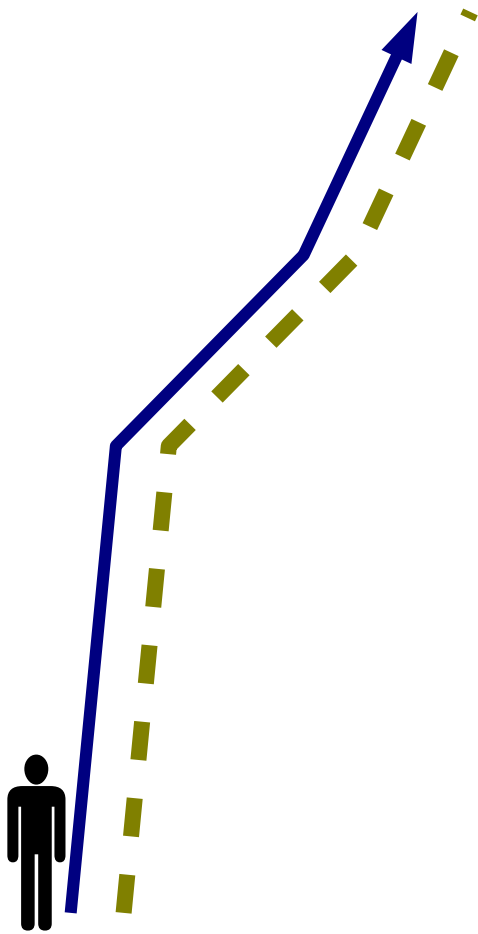


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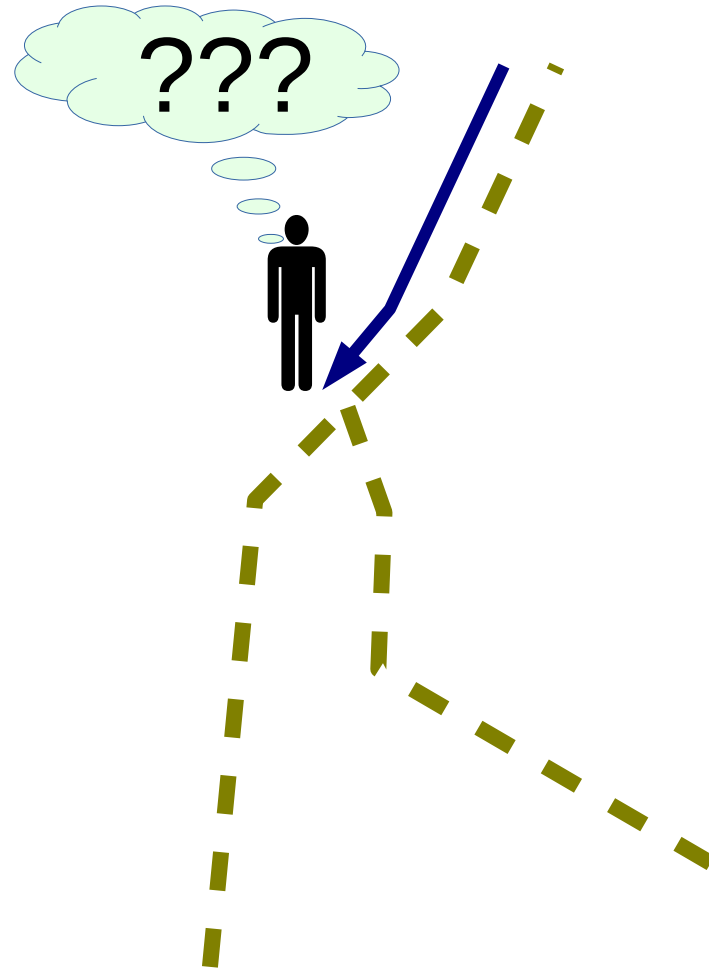


Coming Back

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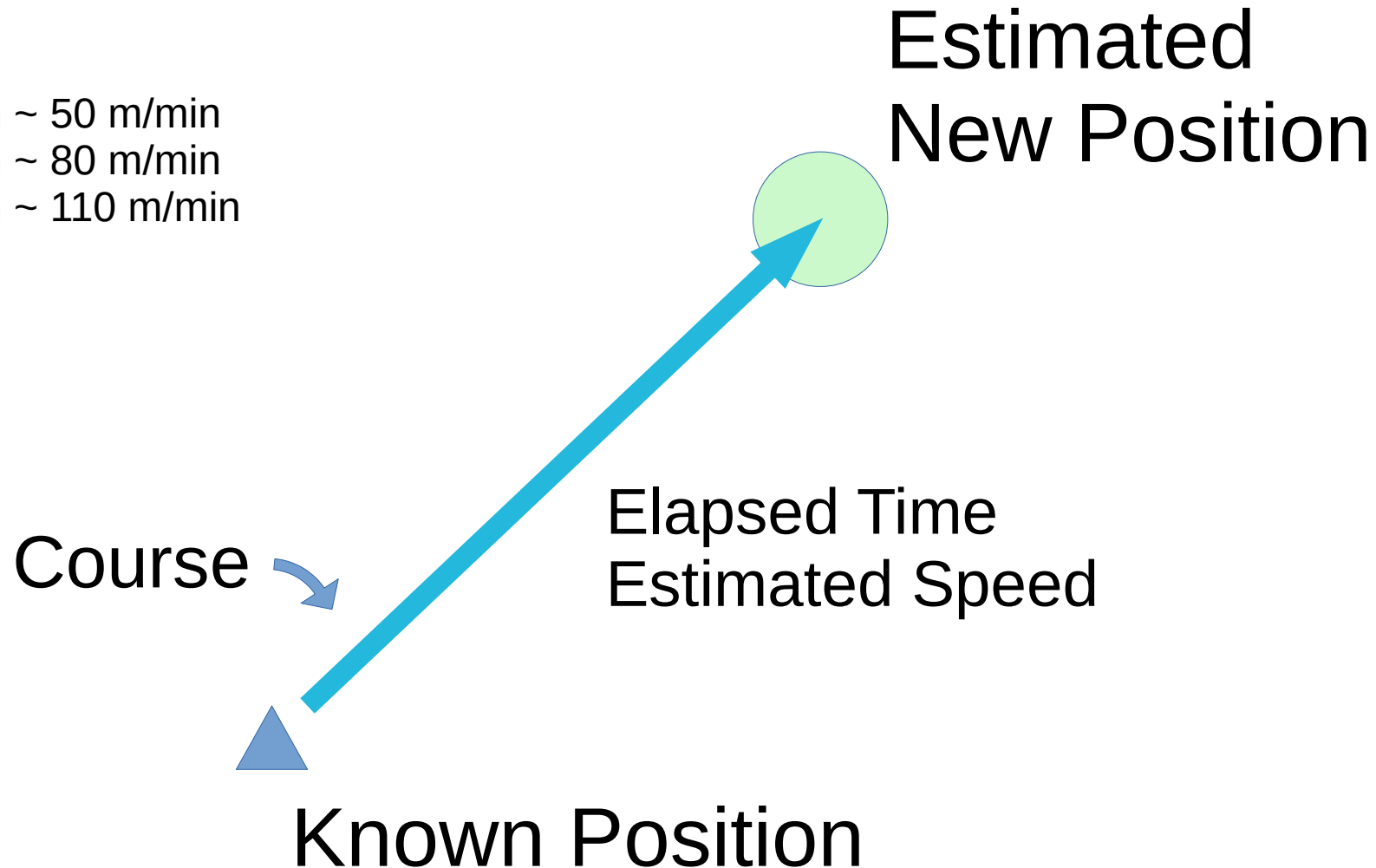
Going Out



Coming Back

# Dead Reckoning

2 mph ~ 50 m/min  
3 mph ~ 80 m/min  
4 mph ~ 110 m/min



# Track Times and Directions

60° 15 min  
350° 30 min  
300° 60 min

15 minutes

60°



# Track Times and Directions

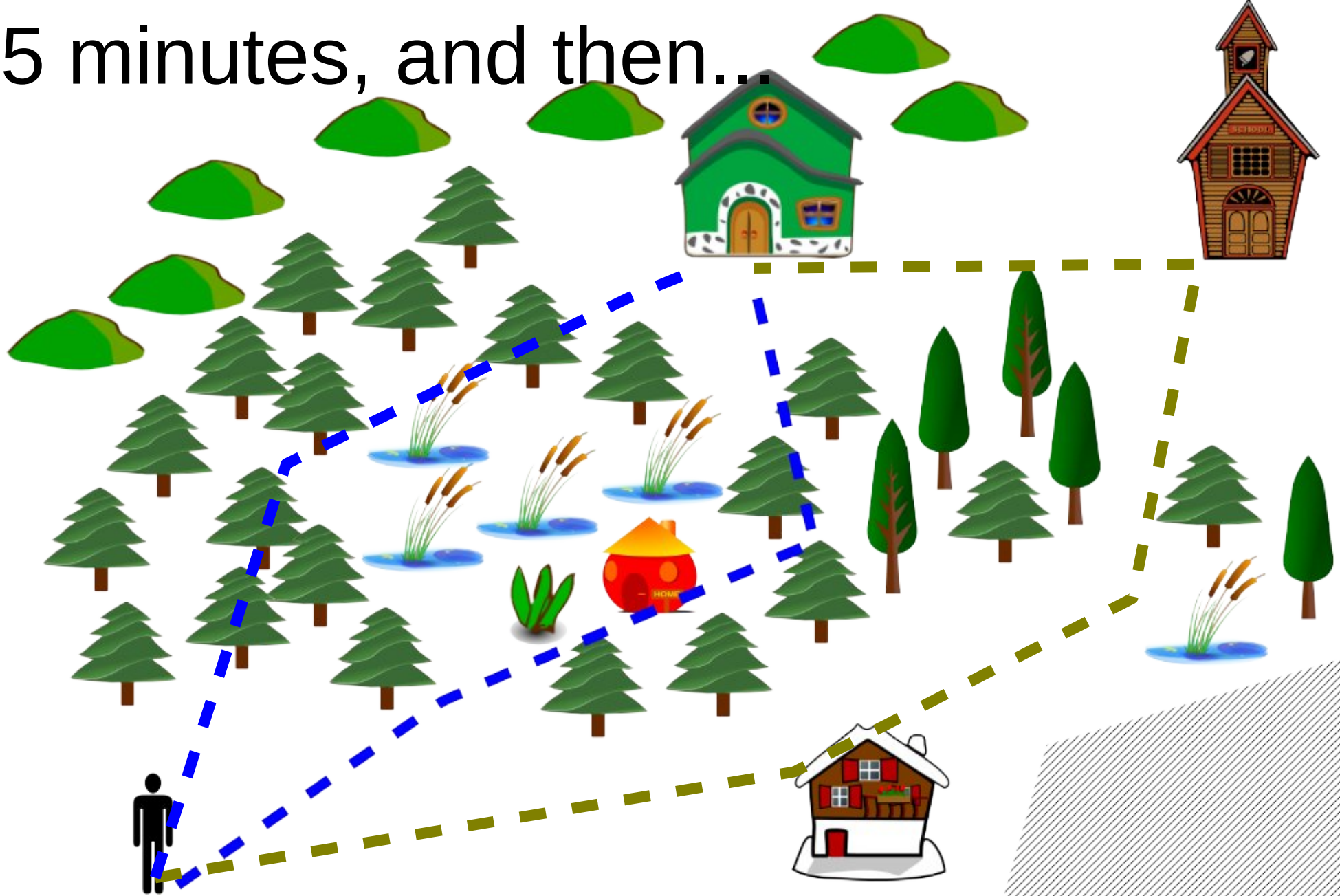
1 Hour, 15 minutes at  $120^\circ$

15 minutes

15 minutes

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| $60^\circ$  | 15 min |
| $350^\circ$ | 30 min |
| $300^\circ$ | 60 min |

I'll walk North into the woods for 5 minutes, and then...



# Structure your Path

## Connect places with memorable identities

- **Plan a Route – plan your path – give yourself a structure to follow.**
- **Route Monitoring – keep evaluating that you are on your path.**
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Destination

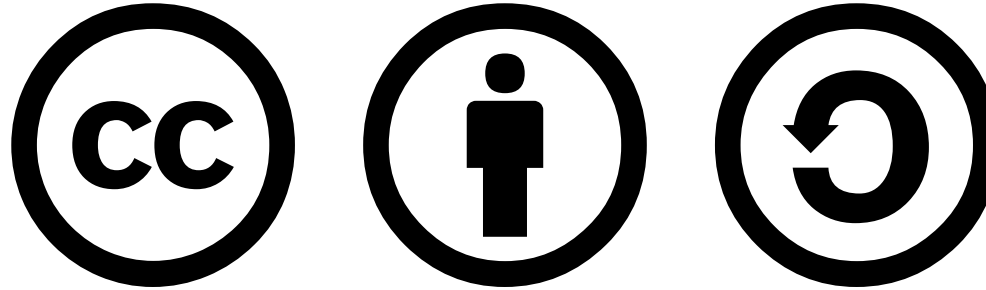


You Think  
You Are  
Here



1 km UTM Grid





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