

How to use: Spring Wood Map

Using OS maps to see natural and human features in-situ and on paper. Annotate maps with features, navigate around the landscape

Through map work, pupils can experience local geography features, by seeing and understanding the processes that produce them, plus how they change over time. Interpretation and annotation of maps within a local landscape enables understanding of geographical similarities and differences. A map and compass can be used to navigate around the landscape, to learn directional language and landscape description terminology.

The activity:

1. Work out where everyone is stood on the map.
2. If you have a large OS map of wider area, show where spring wood is located on this, where you have travelled from and some of the towns they might know near by.
3. Look at the key and point out some of the features within the landscape and how they are depicted on the map. Such as water features, trees and a field.
4. What features are missing from the key? Could they be drawn on? What would these symbols look like? Add them to the map and the key.
5. Recap points of a compass. Using the compass on the map (and actual compasses if available), navigate to the viewpoint. Discuss first which route could be taken to the top. Instructions should be given out using directional language.
6. The most interesting route takes you max 45 min at a steady pace (from car park to view point and back). This takes you past a wildflower meadow in Spring, through evergreen trees and then up a steep slope which gives you great views over the Ribble Valley. Return route takes you round back of woodland. Directions on right.

Age/ Key Stage:

KS1, KS2 ,KS3. Use a compass for upper KS2 onwards

National Curriculum links:

- KS1 local place knowledge, basic geographical vocabulary and compass directions on a map.
- KS2/3 Human and physical features, geographical skills, 8 points of compass, OS maps and symbols.

Location/habitat:

- Spring Wood picnic site, Accrington road Whalley, BB7 9TD
- Walking route directions to view point. From car park walk NW, then take right hand path NE, staying left.. Turn left along the wall near summit and then, go right up slope to the benches. Return route is behind top bench, down a few steps and then South, staying left until reach car park.

Equipment required:

- Spring Wood A3 map
- Pencil
- Clipboard
- Compass
- OS map of area



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