

NAVIGATING WITH A GPS

Getting the best from your GPS

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From the early days of GPS, many outdoor commentators were signalling the demise of the map and compass on the hill. Since then the units have dropped dramatically in price whilst their range of functions have increased, some units can display proper mapping and the ability to link your GPS to your computer all could be mistaken for the signs of the death of conventional navigation. Reality is very different. Most GPS owners only switch them on to confirm their location and most of the units' features go unused.

In this practical guide to navigating with a GPS, navigation expert Pete Hawkins explains how to get the best from your GPS. He breaks down the jargon into understandable English and take you through GPS navigation in a clear and structured way. He also recognises that GPS units are fallible and gives you a potted summary of navigation with a map and compass. He also takes a look at digital mapping and how that can benefit the outdoor user and how GPSs and mapping software can be used positively together.

The guide covers the following:

- Building navigation skills: using a map and compass
- Basic Navigation with a GPS
- Advanced navigation with a GPS
- What to do if technology fails
- Computer mapping software
- Developing your GPS skills
- Further information and further reading.
- What GPSs show you

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About the author

Pete trained as a geography teacher and taught for a year before escaping to the Peak District National Park's Environmental Centre for an outside job. He took over map and compass training by default and over the years has taught many beginners how to read a map and compass.

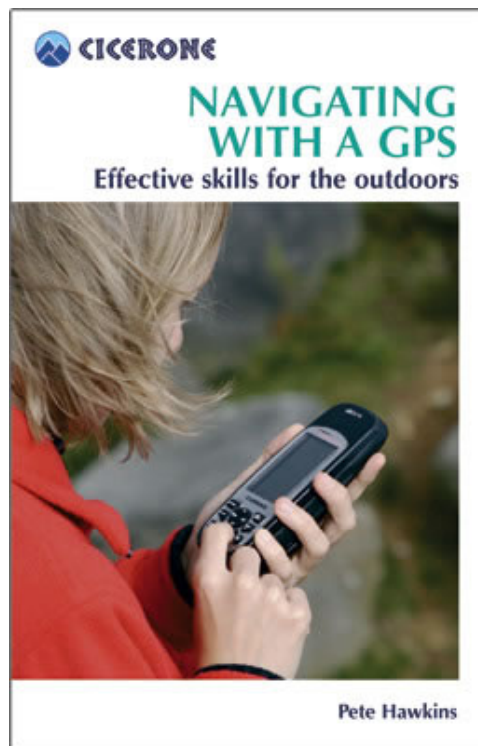
He has written for outdoor magazines, worked for the BBC as a local radio reporter and leads walking holidays around the world for his company, Peakland Walking Holidays.

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