

NATURAL NAVIGATION – Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th October

A group of ten of us met on two consecutive days at Bath University for a 3 hour Natural Navigation walk with Roger Chandler from Launchpoint Adventures and PAN 50.

We were lucky with the weather, the Monday group had a dry day and those of us on Tuesday just had a couple of short showers which failed to dampen our spirits! We all had an amazing educational walk around the university environs, golf course and National Trust land which introduced us to the art of finding our way through the landscape without the use of maps, compasses or mobile phones.

We learnt how to find north using a wrist watch or just our bodies, how to identify the direction from trees (and how to tell which trees were lying to us), how to calculate the distance we had walked using our own unique magic number, how trig points worked and their history....and so much more.

Roger was equipped with props - an astrological umbrella, an inflatable globe, information sheets and compasses (so that we could check that our assumptions were correct).

It was a great walk and we learnt an enormous amount – the majority of us left with the intention of researching further into the subject, using the website links with details of books/information sheets on Natural Navigation that Roger distributed at the end of the event.

It was such a different Active Adventurers event from either the Orienteering, the Map Navigation or the Bushcraft trips that we have done previously – and well worth adding to our repeat list of adventures!



More pictures on the next pages.



