Pathfinding
Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet and additional new information for this merit badge. No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33216. Each Scout must do each requirement.

Merit Badge Workbooks and more: Online Resources.

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Scout’s Name: ____________________________________ Unit: ______________________
Counselor’s Name: ____________________________________ Counselor’s Ph #: ______________________

1. In the country, know every lane, bypath, and short cut for a distance of at least two miles in every direction around the local scout headquarters; or in a city, have a general knowledge of the district within a three-mile radius of the local scout headquarters, so as to be able to guide people at any time, by day or by night.

   local scout headquarters __________________________________

2. Know the population of the five principal neighboring towns, their general direction from his scout headquarters, and be able to give strangers correct directions how to reach them.

   Town | Population | General Direction | Directions
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   ____________________ | __________________ | __________________ | __________________
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3. If in the country, know in a two mile radius, the approximate number of horses, ___________________________
cattle, ___________________________
sheep, ___________________________
and pigs owned on the five neighboring farms; ___________________________
or, in a town, know, in a half-mile radius, the location of
livery stables, ___________________________
garages ___________________________
and blacksmith shops. ___________________________

4. Know the location of the nearest meat markets, ___________________________
bakeries, ___________________________
groceries, ___________________________
and drug stores. ___________________________

5. Know the location of the nearest police station, ___________________________
hospital, ___________________________
doctor, ___________________________
fire alarm, ___________________________
fine hydrant, ___________________________
telegraph and telephone offices, ________________________
and railroad stations. ________________________

6. Know something of the history of his place; ________________________

and know the location of its principal public buildings, such as the

town or city hall, ________________________
post-office, ________________________
schools ________________________
and churches. ________________________

7. Submit a map not necessarily drawn by himself upon which he personally has indicated as much as possible of the above information.

Online Resources: (Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent’s or guardian’s permission.)

► Scout ► Tenderfoot ► Second Class ► First Class ◄ Rank Videos ◄ Safety Afloat

Boy Scout Merit Badge Workbooks: usscouts.org -or- meritbadge.org Merit Badge Books: www.scoutstuff.org

Requirement Resources
The Boy Scouts of America have published a reference guide for each requirement:


1: Find your local scout headquarters: http://scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx
Google Maps can show you towns near the local scout headquarters and give you topographical maps.


3: You may not have any livery stables or blacksmith shops within a half-mile radius.
Find and map "Auto Repair & Service Centers" with http://www.yellowpages.com/ "Garages" today are parking garages.

4: Yellow Page sites can also help you find and map:
Meat Markets Bakeries Grocery Stores Drug Stores

5: Yellow Page sites can also help you find and map:
Police Station Hospital Doctor Railroad Stations

Fire alarm call boxes used to be on many streets in the US but almost all are gone since the adoption of 911 systems
There aren’t any "telegraph and telephone offices" today but you do have "Cell Phone Stores"

5, 7: Google Maps - Make and save a map of your community Sample Google Map Made By A Scout
This is similar to Citizenship in the Community, #2, Make a map of your community.

6: Wikipedia has the history of most US towns and cities.
Google Maps can show you public facilities. Yellow pages can as well.

General Resources