

OENZ COURSE OUTLINE

2-day Navigation & Bushcraft course

Day 1

8:30am - Meet your group and Instructor/s at Darfield Bakery in the Darfield on west coast road/State highway 73. Darfield is a small town approx. 30 mins from Christchurch city.

9:30am - Arrive at Craigieburn Forest Park location.

- Packing and selecting good outdoor clothing & equipment
- Gear check
- Introduction to NZ Topo50 maps
- Colours and symbols
 - Scale and distance
 - 6 figure grid references
 - Identifying features (Valleys, Spurs, Gullies, Ridges, High points, Saddles)
 - Orientating a map using features & using a compass

12:30 – Lunch

- Estimating time and distance
- Route planning (off track)
- Navigation legs, this is where it all starts to come together.
 - Lead the group to a given destination, estimating the distance and time required to complete.
 - When you're not leading, your challenge is to follow along on your map and pick the destination once we arrive.
 - Using GPS

Day 2

8:00am Breakfast Pack up camp

9:30am

- Introduction to the compass

11:00am - Leave camp area

- Navigating in open ground/thin bush using compass techniques (Map: Field Bearings)
- Field: map bearings/triangulations (resections)
- Field: Field bearings

12:30pm

- Navigation legs, another chance to consolidate your nav skills
- Emergency scenarios –what to do when things go wrong

3:30-4pm – Back at vehicles, time to say goodbye to the 2-day participants (finish location is 1.5-2hrs from Christchurch) and head to our accommodation in Arthurs Pass.

**Please note that this is just a guide to how the course normally run and your instructor may run the course in a different order to best fit in with local conditions and the abilities of the group.*