How to use the compass to point you down the correct path!

Use the compass to point you down the correct path or to confirm path direction.

1. Place the black line/edge of compass down the path you want to walk on with the direction arrow pointing the way you want to walk.

2. Rotate the compass housing so that the red orientation lines up to the north of the map. Line up the orientation lines with the blue lines to tidy things up.

Now either:

3. To turn you so you face down the path: Take the compass off the map and hold it against your body. Rotate your whole body so the red magnetic arrow lines with the red housing north - look up - that is the way to walk!

3. To check confirm direction. If you are already facing towards the correct track, path or feature: As the housing turns towards map north the magnetic needle will be close to lining up as well with the arrow pointing down the track, path or feature.
How to use the compass to cross more open countryside - A to B

Use the compass to go from your location to a destination point on the map ‘A to B’ across open countryside.

1. Place the black line/edge of compass on your starting point (A) and on the destination point (B). The black line/edge should line up with (through) both A and B with the direction arrow pointing the way you want to travel.

2. Rotate the compass housing so that red orientation lines up to the north of the map (top of the map). Line up the orientation lines with the blue lines to tidy things up.

3. Take the map off the compass and hold it against your body. Rotate your whole body so the red magnetic arrow lines with the red housing north - look up! In good visibility you may see your destination point ahead of you.

If the visibility is poor you may need to walk a short distance to a prominent feature and repeat until you arrive at the destination point.