



The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch

BRISBANE NORTH AREA

31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MAY EXPEDITIONS VENTURE,

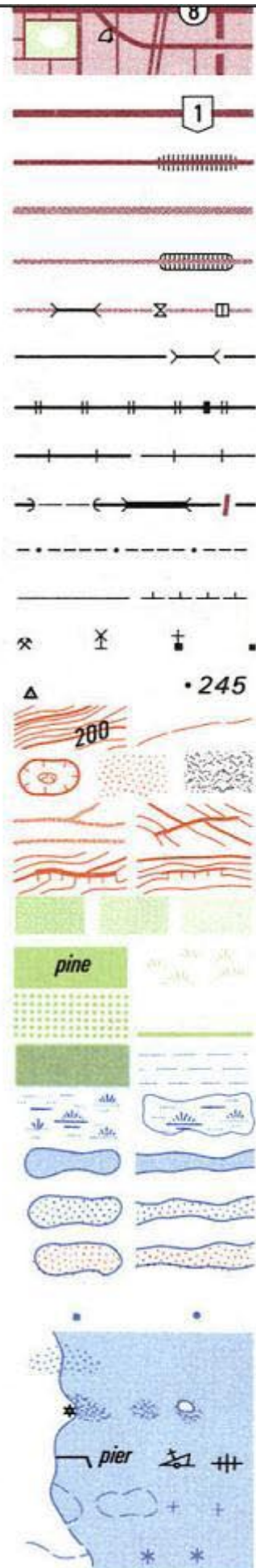
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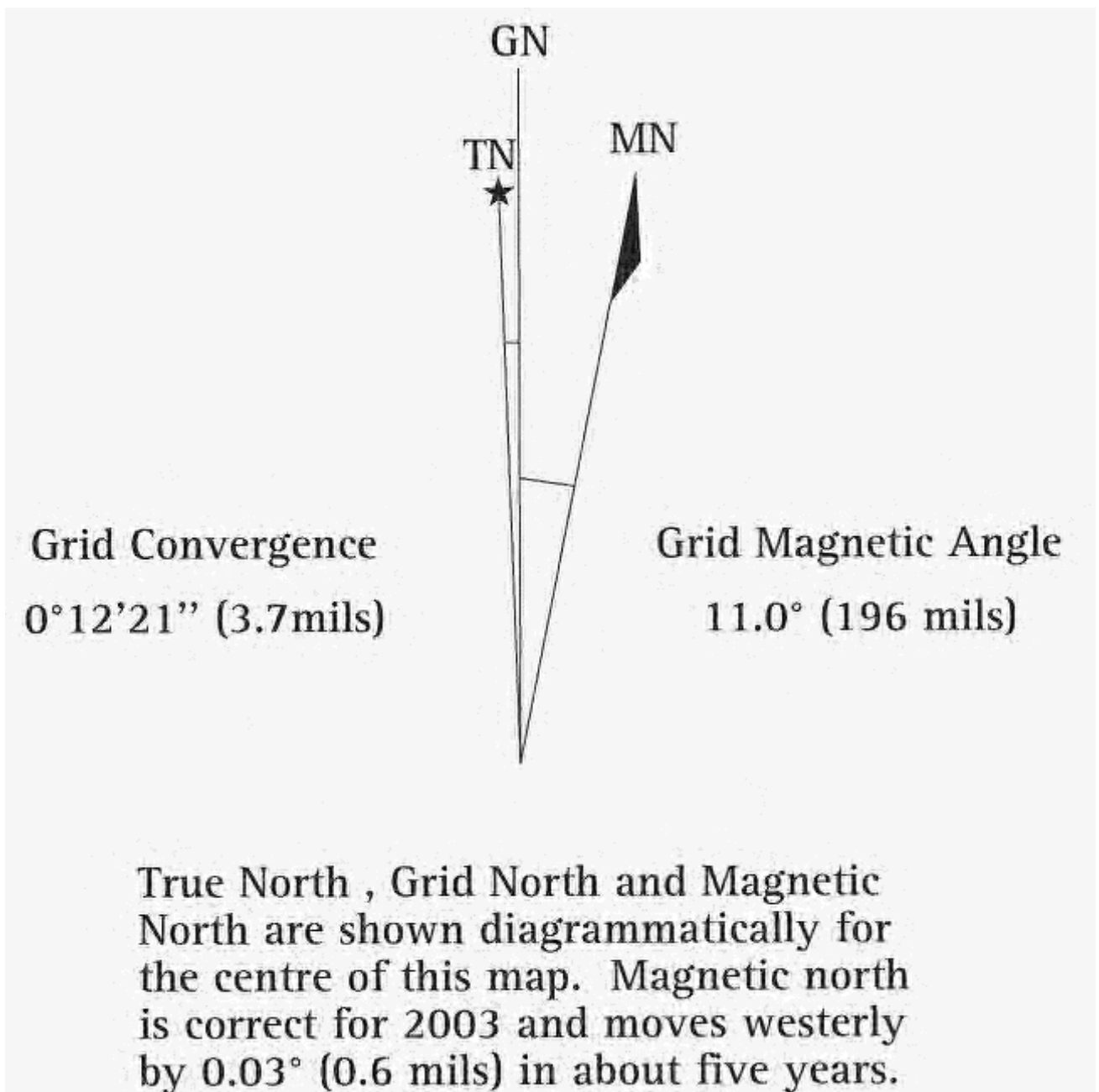
**QUEST FOR THE GOLD 'N' SPIKE**

## GENERAL ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS – BOTH DAYS

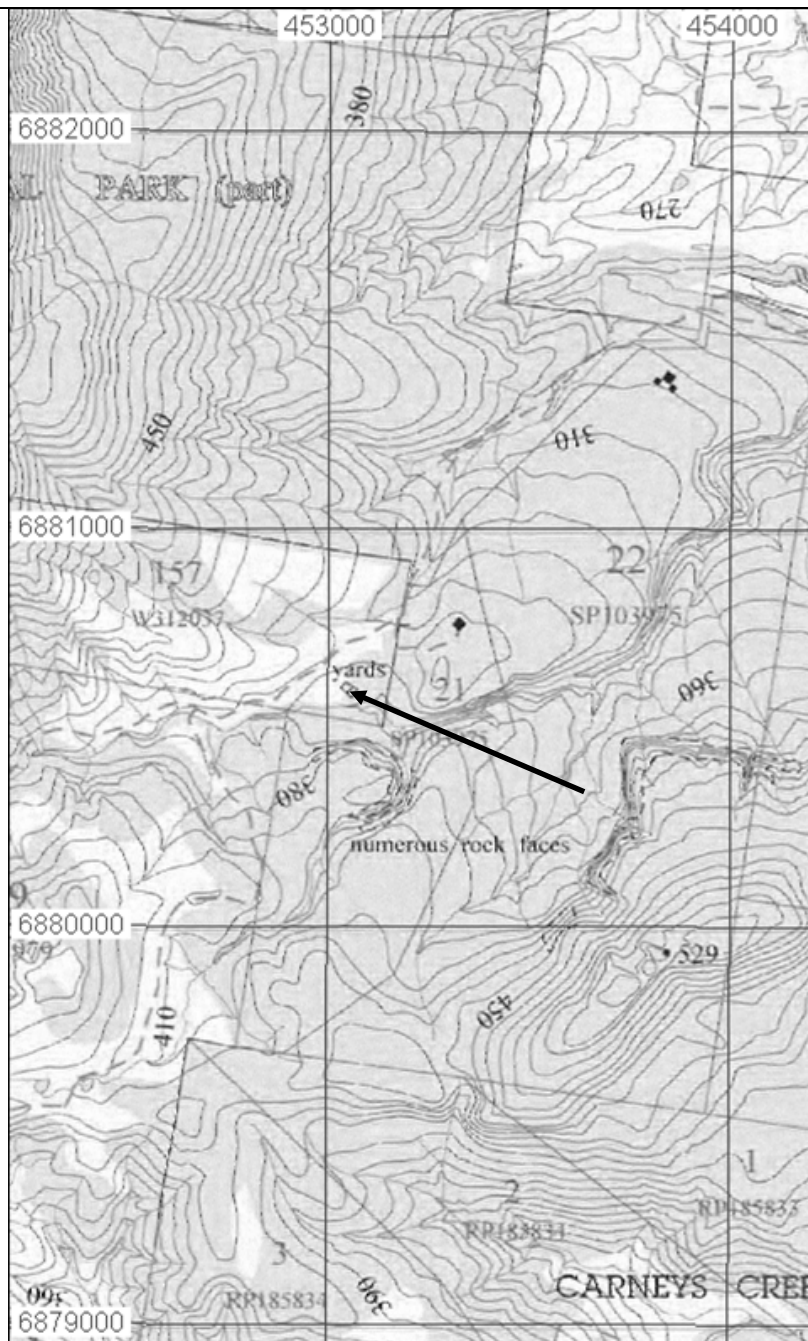
- 1) All maps are the 2003 revisions GDA94 grid system. **Each grid square is 1 km**. As these maps are photocopied to fit the page, they may not be “to scale”. CHECK FIRST.
- 2) The location map you are given on Friday night covers both Day 1 and Day 2. **Do not lose it.**
- 3) Do not walk off the route instructions except in a genuine emergency.
- 4) Do not use your mobile phone except in an emergency. If an emergency, try to contact VenMX staff in the following order. Do not call “000” except for a medical emergency in which you cannot contact any of the persons below.
  - i) Rick Brake (0412 069 920)
  - ii) Paul Marnane (0410 566 041)
  - iii) Peter Batson (0417 009 179)
  - iv) John van de Geyn (0407 655 260)
  - v) Ken Ansell (0408 184 539)
  - vi) VenMX satellite phone (0147 142 062)
- 5) You will be required to hand-mark the Eastings or Northings of each grid line on all your maps before you leave the first CP, unless they are already marked.
- 6) You will be required to hand-mark all grid references in your route instructions before you leave the first CP.
- 7) If you are at a check point on or after the PACMAN times, then your patrol may be relegated to a Leader lead patrol, at the discretion of the Hike Master. See the detailed route instructions for each day for PACMAN times.
- 8) **ALL** patrols **MUST** follow any additional route instructions given in the Special Tasks.
- 9) The grass may be very long. Care must be taken **NOT** to start any **FIRES**. **SMOKING** is permitted at checkpoints **ONLY**.
- 10) Please **do not frighten** any cattle or horses. Detour far around them. If frightened, they are quite likely to run through fences, destroying the fences and injuring themselves.
- 11) Take care with “tracks”. There are often tracks marked on the maps that are not on the ground, or are in different places on the ground, and tracks on the ground that aren’t on the maps at all.
- 12) Route instructions can be quite detailed in some areas, and general in others. For example, you can be told to cross a fence on one leg but this does not mean you will always be told to cross fences. If you are unsure of a route instruction (e.g. you find it confusing), ask any check point operator what it means before proceeding.
- 13) All bearings in these route instructions use the sixteen compass points, and are approximately **True** bearings.
- 14) Some property owners **will not allow** us onto their land, so it is **essential** that all hikers carefully follow these route instructions.
- 15) Never walk through crops or across ploughed fields. Always walk around these so that the farmer’s livelihood is not damaged. Walking across open grassed pasture (cattle etc) is OK.
- 16) When walking on roads that have vehicular traffic, always hike on the right hand side, so that you can see the oncoming traffic. Be courteous and give the vehicles plenty of room to pass/overtake, e.g. walk in single file and/or move off the road while the vehicle is passing/overtaking.
- 17) A recommended distribution of roles within a VenMX patrol is: **Navigator, Check Navigator, Log writer, Special Tasks**. The role of the Special tasks person is not to DO all the special tasks, but to make sure they are all done. It is important that the Navigator and Check Navigator are checking the patrol navigation **CONSTANTLY**.

Built-up area; Divided highway; Metropolitan route marker . . .  
 Recreation reserve with oval; Drive-in theatre; Underpass . . .  
 Sealed road two or more lanes; National route marker . . . . .  
 Sealed road one lane; Embankment. . . . .  
 Unsealed road two or more lanes . . . . .  
 Unsealed road one lane; Cutting. . . . .  
 Vehicle track; Road bridge; Gate; Stock grid . . . . .  
 Foot track; Foot bridge. . . . .  
 Multiple track railway; Station . . . . .  
 Single track railway; Light railway . . . . .  
 Railway tunnel, bridge, underpass . . . . .  
 High voltage transmission line . . . . .  
 Fence; Prominent telephone line. . . . .  
 Mine; Windmill; Church; Building . . . . .  
 Horizontal control point; Spot elevation. . . . .  
 Contour with value; Supplementary contour. . . . .  
 Depression contour; Sand; Distorted surface . . . . .  
 Levee, bank or sand ridge; Joint or rock fissure . . . . .  
 High cliff; Escarpment . . . . .  
 Vegetation; Dense, medium, scattered . . . . .  
 Vegetation distinctive; Distinctive grass . . . . .  
 Orchard or vineyard; Line of trees or windbreak . . . . .  
 Mangrove swamp; Area subject to inundation . . . . .  
 Swamp; Swamp definite boundary . . . . .  
 Perennial lake; Watercourse . . . . .  
 Intermittent lake; Watercourse . . . . .  
 Mainly dry lake; Watercourse . . . . .  
 Tank or small dam; Perennial waterhole . . . . .  
 Saline coastal flat; Intertidal flat . . . . .  
 Navigation light; Intertidal ledge or reef. . . . .  
 Pier; Exposed wreck; Prominent submerged wreck . . . . .  
 Prominent submerged reef, rock. . . . .  
 Indefinite watercourse, shoreline; Rock bare or awash . . . . .





# READING DIGITALLY PRODUCED MAPS WITH DIGITAL GRID OVERLAYS



The maps you are being supplied with for VenMX 2008 are digital copies of the original 1:25000 scale topographic maps.

The eastings and northings on the maps are complete. This means they give the Easting and Northing of the grid line to the **actual metre**.

The reason for this is to ensure that grid lines don't repeat themselves.

Remember that a 6-digit grid reference gives the location to the nearest 100 m in Easting and nearest 100 m in Northing.

Similarly, an 8-digit grid reference gives the location to the nearest 10 m in Easting and nearest 10 m in Northing.

A 10-digit grid reference would give a location to the nearest 1 m in Easting and nearest 1 m in Northing.

## Example of Grid Reference:

Consider the "yards" at the end of the red arrow in the map extract to the left.

The 6-digit grid reference for these yards is:

**530 806**

The 8-digit grid reference for these yards is:

**5305 8060**

The 10-digit grid reference for the Westerly of these yards is:

**53045 80602**

On VenMX, most grid references are 6-digit, i.e. to the nearest 100 m in Northing and Easting.

Occasionally an 8-digit reference may be supplied.