



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](#).

Send comments to the workbook developer: craig@craiglincoln.com. Requirements issued: 04/1/10, Workbook updated: 04/10.

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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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, _____

fire 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.)*

Boy Scouts of America: ► scouting.org ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ► [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) ► [Safe Swim Defense](#)
► [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:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/historic_pathfinding_new.pdf

Original Pathfinding Merit Badge book: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Pathfinding_MBP_Historical.pdf

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.

2: US Census data for nearby cities and towns: <http://www.census.gov/popest/cities/SUB-EST2008-4.html>

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