

GETTING STARTED

1. Take the GPS unit outside and get a clear view of the sky, avoiding large obstructions such as large trees and buildings.

2. Turn the GPS unit on by pressing and holding the Power Button for 2-3 seconds.

3. Press **ENTER** and the GPS unit will begin finding the satellites it needs for your trip. It may take several minutes.

Press **NAV** to cycle through to other screens. One such screen shows you how many satellites the GPS unit has found. Once it has found four or five, you can begin.

4. Press **NAV** to get to the screen above. Your coordinates are on the top two lines and they will change as you walk. The top coordinate ends in “N” and is called your “Northing”. On the next line down, you’ll see your “Westing”, which ends in “W”. In most cases, it is just the last three digits that will change as you walk.

5. If you want to get fancy, press **MENU** before you start. Choose **Reset Trip** by using the **Arrow Joystick**. Then press in on the **Arrow Joystick** to select **Reset Trip**. Toggle to **Yes** when it asks you if you want to **Reset Trip** to 000. Press in on the **Arrow Joystick** to enter. That should take you back to the coordinates screen. In the bottom left of the screen is your trip odometer -- now conveniently reset to 0.

6. Note that one of the screens you can cycle through is compass. Hold it level!

7. Normal accuracy of these units is about 15 - 20 feet so don't worry about standing on exact coordinates and don't stand in the water in Salt Creek - all the locations are on safe, dry land - never in a street or a creek. Hey, a three billion dollar satellite system isn't perfect!

Have fun and remember to hike safely.



History Hiking Agreement

(Or Things your mother would tell you before you go out to play)

History hiking is fun but you need to be careful as you hike. By participating in these history hikes, you accept full responsibility for your own safety and that of your group and release the Rolling Meadows Library and the Rolling Meadows Historical Society from all liability arising out of your participation in the hike and use of our equipment (Adventure Pack).

So have fun and use some common sense. Don't look at the GPS or read the book while you drive or ride a bike (better yet, walk, stroll or skip but don't use our equipment while driving any sort of vehicle). Keep an eye out for defects in the sidewalk, road, path, or your hiking partners. Pay attention to the traffic and weather conditions. Cross the roads safely. Clean your room and always wear clean underwear. And don't run with a sharp stick – you'll poke your eye out – mom said so.

One last thing, please bring the Adventure Pack back on time with all its contents so the next person in line can use it. The late fee is \$2 per hour. If you don't get it back the same day, you risk a \$200 replacement fee. Your mother taught you to share with others – make her proud!