

MAP SKILLS

Vocabulary

Grid reference: A number given to a specific square on a map. **Eastings:** The horizontal direction for reading grid references. **Northings:** The vertical direction for reading grid references.

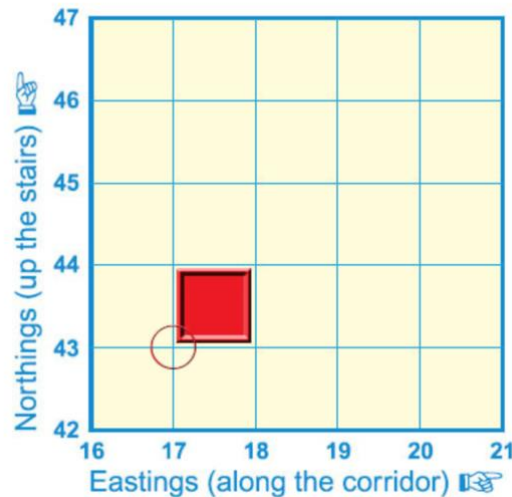
Grid references

Four figure grid references locate a grid square (usually 1km square) on a map.

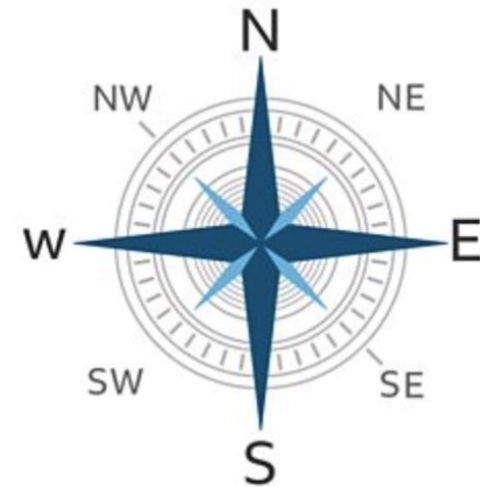
The reference is given for the bottom left hand corner of the square.

The numbers are read Eastings first then Northings. You go along the corridor and up the stairs.

Four figure grid references



The Eight Point Compass



Map Symbols

OS Maps use symbols to show where features are on a map. The symbols show both human and physical features such as roads, rivers, paths, buildings and even public phones. There are lots of symbols so the map usually has a key to help you identify them.

Example OS Map Symbols

	Camp site
	Caravan site
	Garden
	Golf course or links
	Information centre, all year / seasonal
	Nature reserve
	Parking, Park and ride, all year / seasonal
	Picnic site