Preppers, survivalists, and many others know that preparing for disruptive possibilities gives peace of mind and can ensure safety and well-being. We each have our reasons to prepare. We talk about disasters, non-natural and natural; the economy, and a collapse; evacuations; bugging in, and bugging out. The list can be long, but always near the top is that possibility of not being home when disaster strikes. You may be unable to return home, or you may even be forced to leave your home. What would you do? Where would you go? Are you one of those that will bug out and just head for the mountains? Maybe you have that second home in the wilderness or a hunting buddy with a cabin in the woods. How will you find your way?

Putting all the doom and gloom aside for just a moment, I ask, are you an adventurer? Do you enjoy a weekend camping trip with the family? Maybe you love to fish and hunt those areas that other people seldom visit. Whatever the reason that finds you in the wilderness, whether it’s a frightening scenario or a weekend outing with family, you should know how to get around in areas you’re not familiar with and what you’ll do when you find yourself lost.

Have you ever wondered what goes through the mind of another person or group of people who find themselves lost in the wilderness? If something like this has ever happened to you, then like me, you know that the worry can soon turn to fear, with panic being just a short step away. Never believe for a moment that you are immune to getting lost in an unfamiliar area. It happens all the time, even to the most experienced in outdoor activities. Whether it’s a hunting excursion, a weekend camping trip, or a day picking huckleberries, circumstances can change due to an infinite number of reasons, and you’ll be left wondering, “where am I, and how do I get home?”

When life is running smoothly and all seems well, we tend to become complacent. This is our nature. It always seems to be during these times of ease that disaster strikes, in one form or another. Disaster will almost certainly find us off guard. Are you prepared?

This book will provide you with a simple understanding of land navigation. You will find explanations of easy-to-use tools, methods, techniques, and ideas that will give you the ability to understand where you are, where you want to go, and how to find your way. You may say, “I have it covered. I have my cell phone and GPS device.” A moment of thought will tell you that there are numerous reasons you may find yourself without use of electronic devices: damage, dead batteries, or you may simply not have these tools on hand when you need them.

It will require a little patience and practice to fully understand and confidently use many of the techniques and tools explained in this book. Keep this book with you for reference when you go on that family outing, spend a day at the park, or even explore in your own backyard. You can practice anywhere, at any time.