



### SWI: Transect Hunting for Brookfield CP & Bush Blocks

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**Compliance with all accepted safe firearm handling and field etiquette practices is paramount.**

#### **Transect hunting prerequisites:**

Each participant must demonstrate to an Activity Coordinator or Team Leader that they have a full understanding of the function and use of their GPS prior to taking part in an activity. On the first activity (and subsequent activities if necessary) each participant must be accompanied by a mentor; until such time as the mentor and Activity Coordinator endorse the member as competent in all aspects of transect hunting and sign the member's C&WM accreditation card. Notification of this endorsement will also be sent to the C&WM Training Officer to add to the member's training records. Competency will be based on the member being able to successfully:

- (a) Set the Datum appropriate to the map system being used.
- (b) Set the GPS to read Eastings and Northings using UTM/UPS.
- (c) Set a "waypoint" & "go-to" and navigate on it.

#### **Undertaking a transect hunt:**

1. At the activity briefing write your, Direction of travel, Start and Finish coordinates on the rear of your data record card.
2. Set GPS map datum as advised for the maps used on site.
3. Enter Start and Finish coordinates as waypoints in your GPS.
4. Test GPS and UHF radio, check batteries for both, and carry a spare set for each. Set radio for channel 14 or as advised. Disable "received beep".
5. When at the start point, wait for the line coordinator to call for verification of all in position. This will be done by calling for the line to answer from the highest number on the line to number 1.
6. In the course of the transect take note of the speed being travelled and adjust accordingly. You can do this by seeing how far short or far ahead you are when the line coordinator calls their position every 250 metres.
7. If you find yourself ahead or behind the line, stop, advise line coordinator of position and wait for further instructions.
8. While moving forward you may not depart more than 30 metres laterally from your bearing.
9. When "**Contact**" has been called the line coordinator will call "**Hold the line**". Radios are to remain silent until contacted by the coordinator.
10. When another member calls "**Contact**", the line is now held. If you are not involved make sure that you are on your easting or northing waiting to resume the transect. The line coordinator will call their coordinates as soon as the contact member has announced they have "**Finished processing**" or "**Contact ended**" so that you may again form a straight line.
11. The line coordinator will verify that all participants are on their correct co-ordinates before calling a resumption of the hunt.
12. When **you** have called "**Contact**", the line coordinator will call "**Hold the line**". You are now in control of the line, the line will not move again until after you have announced "**Finished processing**" or "**Contact ended**" and the line coordinator is aware that everyone is in their correct position.

