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Activity

Practising Ordnance Survey map skills

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Read the Geographical Skills column in WIDELAND Vol. 33, No. 3. This activity sheet will invite you to practise reading such maps.

Questions

- 1 Give the four-figure grid references for:
 - Afton
 - Compton Chine
 - Thorley Street
- 2 Give the six-figure grid reference for the car park in Alum Bay (southwest of the map)
- 3 What is located at 376 887?
- 4 Which direction is Yarmouth from Totland Bay?
- 5 Which direction is Freshwater from Totland Bay?
- 6 Which road connects Totland and Freshwater?
- 7 Describe the relief in the south of the map near Compton Down
- 8 What type of forest is found in Tennyson Down (southwest of Freshwater)?

Teacher notes

- 1 Give the four-figure grid references for;
 - Afton - 3586
 - Compton Chine - 3685
 - Thorley Street - 3788
- 2 Give the six-figure grid reference for the car park in Alum Bay (southwest of the map) 307 854
- 3 What is located at 376 887? A church with a spire
- 4 Which direction is Yarmouth from Totland Bay? Northeast
- 5 Which direction is Freshwater from Totland Bay? East
- 6 Which road connects Totland and Freshwater? A3055
- 7 Describe the relief in the south of the map near Compton Down: It is very steep as shown by the contour lines being very close together.
- 8 What type of forest is found in Tennyson Down (southwest of Freshwater)? Deciduous forest