

# Finding your way

Maps are packed full of information. Once you know how to read them, they can tell you a lot about where you are and where you're going.

Maps use lines and symbols to show different things. Let's take a look at what they mean...

These lines are **ROADS**.

Bigger road  
Smaller road

Patches like this show **BUILDINGS**.

These thin lines show changes in height. They're called **CONTOUR LINES**. You get a lot of them around hills and mountains.










When contour lines are very close together, it means the land is **VERY STEEP**.

This big green patch shows an area of grass. The tree symbols mean **WOODLAND** or forest.

Maps can vary, but their symbols are usually similar all over the world.

Most maps include a guide, or **LEGEND**, to all the symbols they use.

Look at the legend below. Can you spot all the symbols on the map?

-  Cycleway
-  Campsite
-  Parking
-  Hospital
-  Viewpoint or lookout
-  Swimming pool
-  Fuel
-  Picnic area
-  Footpath or trail