

TIP OF THE WEEK

Navigate by Finding North Using the North Star!



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THE PROBLEM

You're out at night with no compass and no idea which way to go. Disorientation can lead to bad decisions.

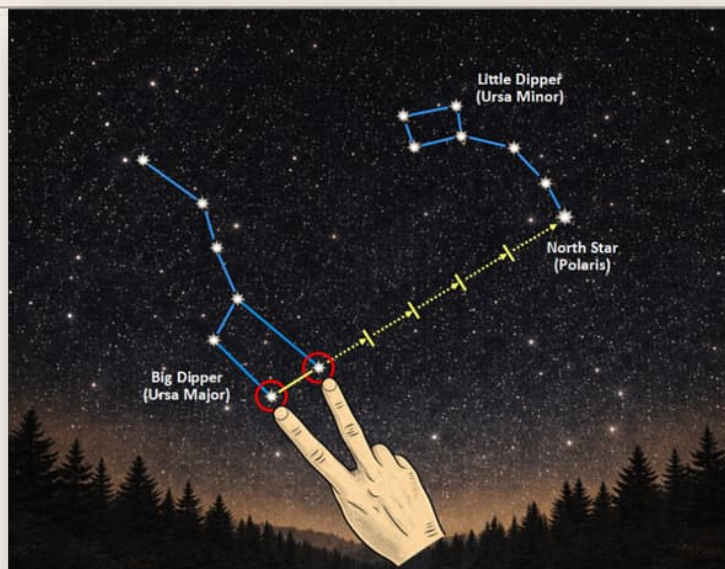


THE SOLUTION

Use the North Star (Polaris) to find true north. It's simple, reliable, and works anywhere in the northern hemisphere.

MATERIALS NEEDED

Clear night sky
Big Dipper visible
Your hand
Good visibility
Basic knowledge



QUICK STEPS

- 1 Find the Big Dipper
- 2 Locate the two pointer stars
- 3 Draw an imaginary line through the pointer stars
- 4 Count close to five finger widths between the two pointer stars away from the Big Dipper
- 5 The bright star you reach is Polaris-the North Star



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ✓ Polaris = True North
- ✓ Big Dipper points to Polaris



COMMON MISTAKES

- X Wrong star
- X Wrong count
- X Cloudy skies



FIELD NOTES

- ✓ The Big Dipper rotates but ALWAYS points to Polaris
- ✓ Polaris isn't the brightest star - just the most reliable
- ✓ Once facing North: West = Left, Right = East, Behind = South



TERTIARY TAKEAWAY

Power is temporary.
Fundamental skills are permanent.

