

**Basic map and compass course:** A six-hour course that will cover topographic map reading, location, trail and route finding skills, map coordinate systems, compass reading (including magnetic declination), basic use of a GPS device, plus an introduction to geologic maps and their importance to outside activities. Class consists of short lectures followed by field exercises. Course is recommended for hikers, backpackers, mountain bikers, and others that visit or work in remote areas. Class is usually taught outside and at several locations across southern California. Class size is limited to 12 students. Class cost is \$45.00/student. Paper maps and exercises will be provided to the students during the class. Students must bring a clear-base compass with a declination-setting to the class (such compasses are manufactured by Brunton, Silva, and Suunto and can be purchased at outfitters such as A-16 and REI). For more information contact Thom Davis at: [geologicmapsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:geologicmapsfoundation@gmail.com)

