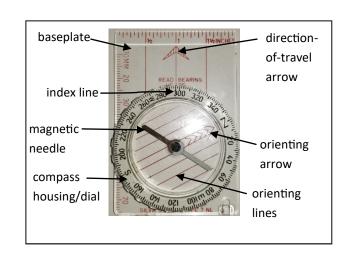# How to Use a Compass

To set a bearing, rotate the compass housing/dial until the bearing number you want to follow is at the top. Each small line around the dial on this compass equals two degrees. The bearing number/degree line should match up with the "Read Bearing Here" line on the baseplate. In this example, the bearing is set at 298 degrees.

Next, holding the compass flat, pivot your body until the red end of the magnetic needle is lined up inside of the orienting arrow.

Then, start walking toward where the direction-of-travel arrow is pointing you, for the designated length (length posted on the map or the compass course marker).

Great job! You succeeded in finding a bearing!