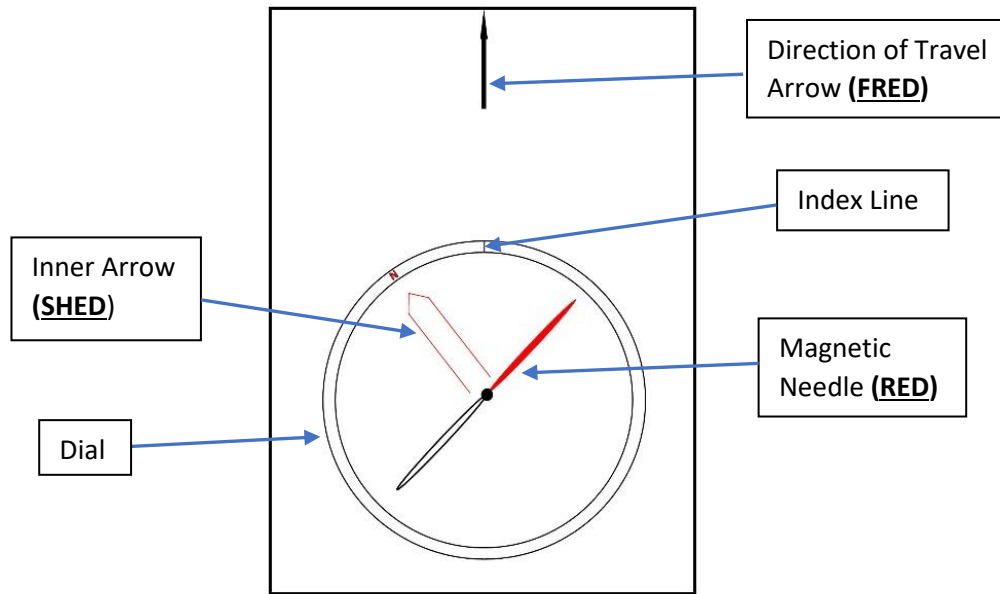


Compass Directions



To understand how a compass works, you first need to know the five basic parts. These are labeled on the diagram at left. The three main parts are assigned a nickname.

Follow these steps to use your compass for navigation:

1. Turn the dial so that the degree you want to travel is on the index line.
2. Turn your whole body slowly, until RED (magnetic needle) is in the SHED (inner arrow). *See diagram at right—your compass should look like this.*
3. With RED in the SHED, if you follow FRED (direction of travel arrow), you'll be following the degree reading you dialed in for Step 1.

Remember these two things to hold a compass correctly:

1. Keep the compass as flat as possible at all times.
2. Keep your compass "glued" to your stomach, with FRED facing the way you are facing. If the compass turns, you are turning too—you are always sighting over FRED.

