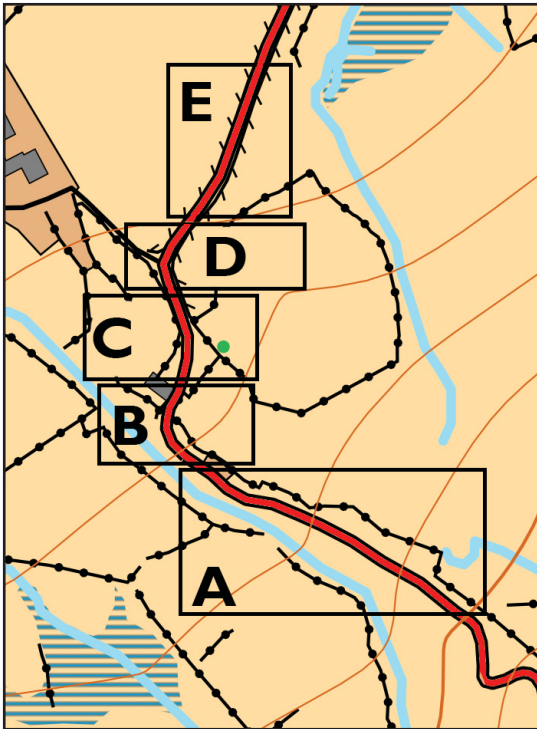


On Expedition: Road Safety

Mapping generated from https://oomap.co.uk/



Walking on roads sometimes necessary on a DofE expedition but can be a major hazard. If there is no pavement then generally, you walk on the right hand side of the road so that you are facing oncoming traffic. You must also walk in single file and have your wits about you. Before walking on the road the navigator(s) should brief the team on the duration of the road walk and the key tick features on the way before the team head off.

Which side of the road would you walk on in the 5 areas shown on the map on the 3 different types of road shown below. L=Left R=Right.

Road 1) A)..... B) C) D) E)

Road 2) A)..... B) C) D) E)

Road 3) A)..... B) C) D) E)

Road 1

Road 2

Road 3



What are the differences in your answers and why?

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Crossing a busy road can be a major hazard and should be avoided if at all possible. If you do need to cross a busy road then when route planning:

- 1) Consider which path to take to the road (there will probably be multiple options).
- 2) Check out the road crossings on Google Street View to see which one seems safest.
- 3) Ask your supervisor if they know the area and have any information that might help.

When on your expedition consider crossing the road in pairs or threes as a maximum with everyone else standing well back, even in towns and villages. If you line up 7 abreast then the people in the middle can't see either way and the people at each end can only see clearly one way.