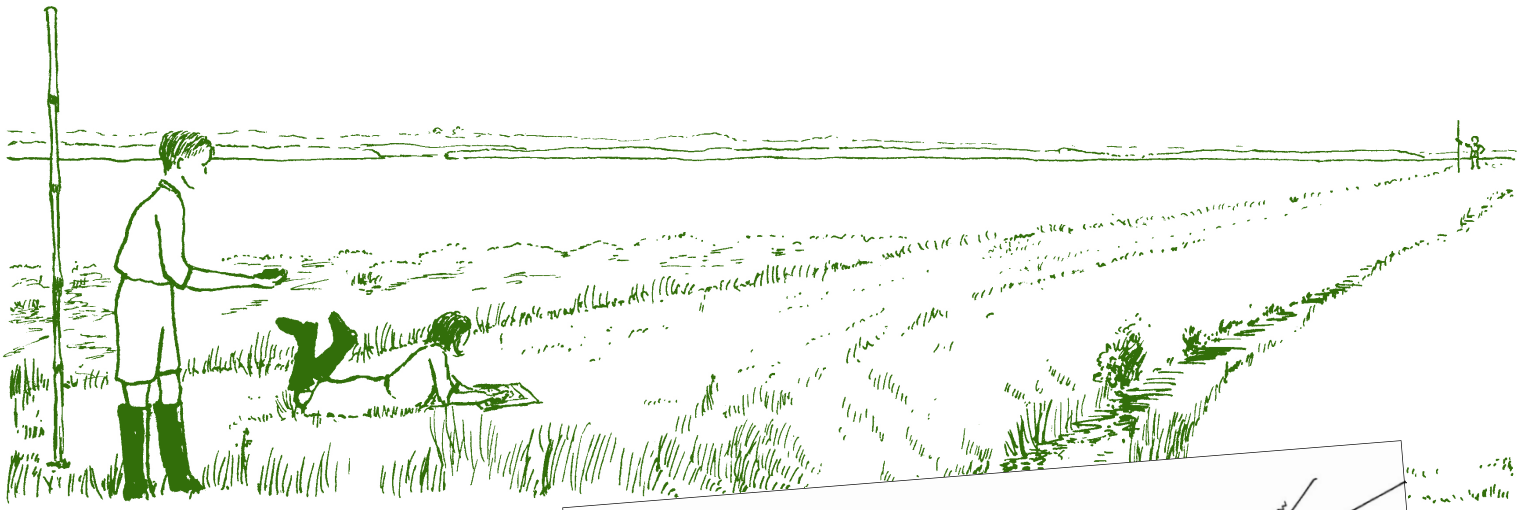
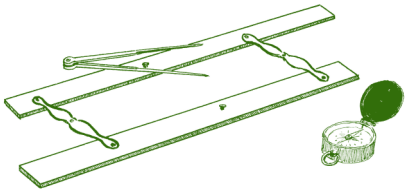
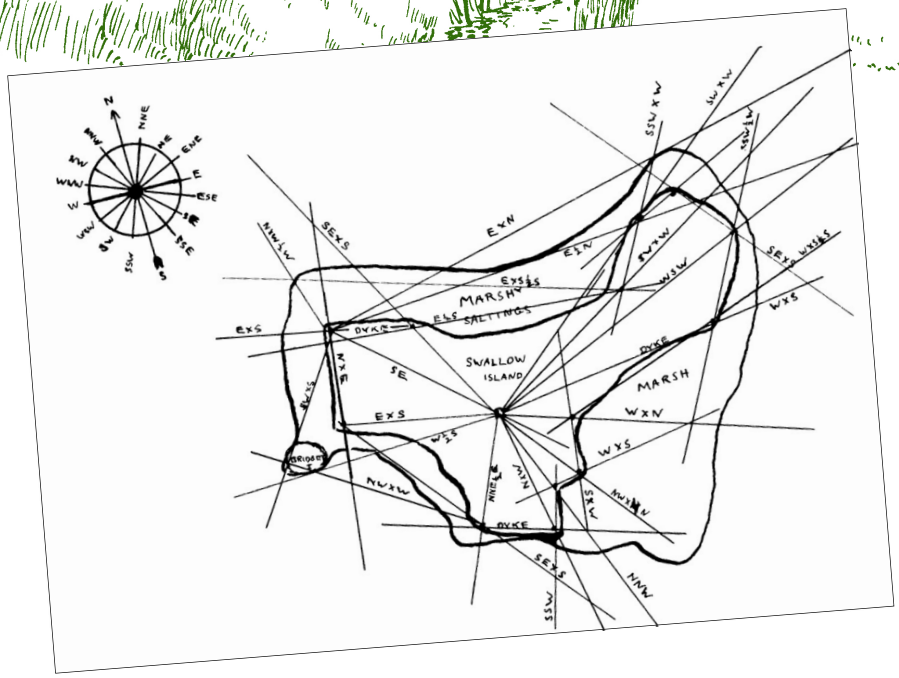


Map Making 2

Secret Water





Titty planted the post and John took a bearing from one post to the other, which was easily seen with Roger standing beside it.

Two years after making a sketch map of the lake, in Swallows and Amazons, the Swallows make another of Secret Water, a maze of islands, marshes and mud on the Essex coast. Once again they use their own names and drawings of their discoveries. The difference is that this time they do a survey, using a compass to make sure that everything on their map is in its proper place.

Why not do another map of your bedroom or house, only this time using a tape measure or a length of string and a ruler? Accurate plans like this can be really useful, for example, if you want to know whether a new piece of furniture will still leave enough room on the wall, for your posters, or the floor for your favourite game. If you do have a garden, and a compass, then why not try making a survey of it, just as John was doing in Secret Water? (Don't forget to be careful, when using a magnetic compass: anything metallic, like a garden spade, can affect the needle).

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