

Re: Better than a GPS

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I took a cross-country hike this past weekend. I used GE to set target waypoints in my Foretrex 201. It worked very well. I noticed, however, that the track out and the track back differed sometimes by up to 100 feet even though I took the same path coming and going. My dog went with me. He is always ready to get back to the house and rest, so he leads the way back. His path back did not deviate more than a few feet from the path we took on the way out. I know this because I could see my footprints in the soft earth. My dog makes the GPS look like a stone-age tool when it comes to backtracking.

Hail to Man's Best Friend!

You leave camp at dusk and in light snow. A 30 minute walk out and then back. The trail branches several times and hits meadow areas several times. You are lost. You look at the dog, pat the dog, clap your hands and off you go. You think the dog is leading and the dog thinks you are taking him somewhere. You get nowhere. You pile up some pinestraw and wiggle inside to sleep. In the morning the dog is gone. Doggone...