

How to Measure the Distance Across a Stream

One way to do this is to select someone in your group who is wearing a billed cap.

1. Place the hat with a visor on your head.
2. Stand near the bank.
3. Place your chin on your chest and adjust the hat and visor so that your line of vision seems to meet the visor tip exactly at the far bank of the stream.
4. Turn your body, but keep your chin head in the same position until you are looking down the trail.
5. Notice where your line of vision meets the visor and the ground. Have someone mark the spot and then measure or pace off that distance. You may wish to have several people do this and take an average.

If billed cap is not available, you will need to simulate one by attaching a small stick to your head to give you the same effect.