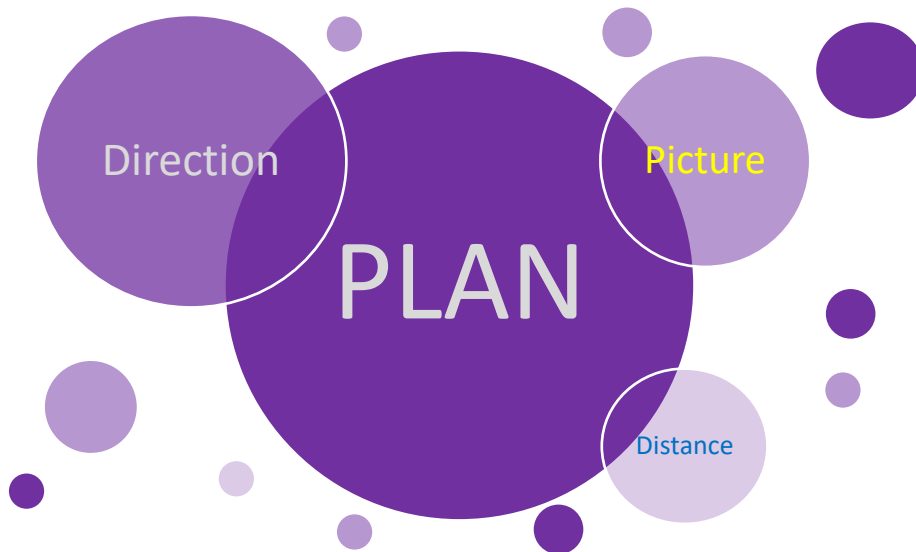


## Picture



### What is meant by 'Picture'?

Basically you are **simplifying** the map by using the following:

- Use distinct features
  - Visible from a distance
  - Different from others around them
- Use significant features
  - Close to the control; expand the control circle to take these in
  - To form a useful handrail on your route
- Filter out clutter
  - All small or indistinct items
  - Many which are similar
  - Seasonal e.g. vegetation
- Always know where N on the map is.
- Picture the feature the control is on.
- Simplified map can be easily memorised.

So what makes a distinct feature?

1. Landform features → raised features (knolls, spurs) stand out more than 'down' features (re-entrants, depressions).
2. Man made features → walls and buildings stand out; paths are a bit seasonal, they can be covered with needles / leaves; you often only see a track when you are almost on it.
3. Where are you viewing the feature from? Spurs and crags are best viewed from below.
4. Vegetation → this can be seasonal! Is more reliable if marked with a 'distinct vegetation boundary' symbol.

It is really important to **look up** – many navigate with their head down, checking the map & compass; this means that the important terrain features identified when simplifying the map are missed! So:

- Look up, raise your head
- Scan around (avoid tunnel vision).

