



Yard Map

Mapping and orienteering are important wilderness skills, and they're also a great tool for bolstering your "sense of place." Start by figuring out which direction is which (hint: the sun rises almost exactly in the east and sets almost exactly in the west at this time of year), and draw a compass on your piece of paper. Then, draw your house or apartment in the middle of the page, being careful to orient it so the north side of your house is facing north. Next comes the fun part: set about exploring your surroundings and add important features like trees, water features, birdfeeders, gardens, hills, gullies, driveways, and more to your map. See an example below:

