UPWDA Tracking/Trailing Certification

Definitions:

Tracking: To follow disturbed vegetation (vegatative breakdown), along with other ground laden odors on a step-by-step path.

Trailing: To follow human scent (skin rafts) that have fallen to the ground, according to the wind conditions.

Age: Determine how old something is.

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All Tracking/Trailing Certifications will be performed/tested on a standard one-quarter mile long track/trail.

Tracking/Trailing Dog Certification

This track will be thirty minutes old and one-quarter mile in length. This certification is designed to test the canine's ability to follow human scent (rafts) on grass, gravel, pavement, etc. The handler will be told approximately where the trail starts, but not the exact location. The handler must cast his dog to acquire the exact starting point. At the Master Trainer's discretion, the trail will have a query or a ball at the end. The wind shall be at the canine's back and set up to not allow the dog to air scent from any distance of the trail. The trail shall have at least two 45° turns and one fresh cross track laid approximately fifteen minutes after the original trail. There shall be at least two surface types, such as grass, gravel, dirt, pavement, etc. The trail shall have a water crossing if available.