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Go to

https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/documents/resources/25k-raster-legend.pdf

Activity

Access this free resource from OS maps and answer the following.

- 1. What is the difference between a Dual carriageway and Main road map symbol?
- 2. How is a railway line represented on a map? Now add the following:
 - a. A road over
 - b. A road under
 - c. Level crossing
 - d. Cutting
 - e. Tunnel
 - f. Embankment
- 3. If you were out walking along a Footpath and you turned onto a Bridleway, what would you now need to be wary of? (There are two answers).
- 4. What is the map symbol of a Triangulation pillar? What are they used for? (Suggested further reading is below, they are so important to mountaineers).
- 5. Look at the 5 map symbols below. Can you identify what they are?
- 6. Consider what industry might be associated with each map symbol i.e. a water sports symbol is linked to the tourism industry.
- 7. How many of the symbols can you spot on the map of Betchworth?

Suggested further work

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-36036561

- 1. How many 'trig pillars' were there?
- 2. How many remain?
- 3. What is the most northerly Triangulation pillar?