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The Basics of Trail Mapping

Guidelines for a good mapping of new trails

What is mapping a trail about?

Mapping a path (or even a territory) is not just crossing it on foot.

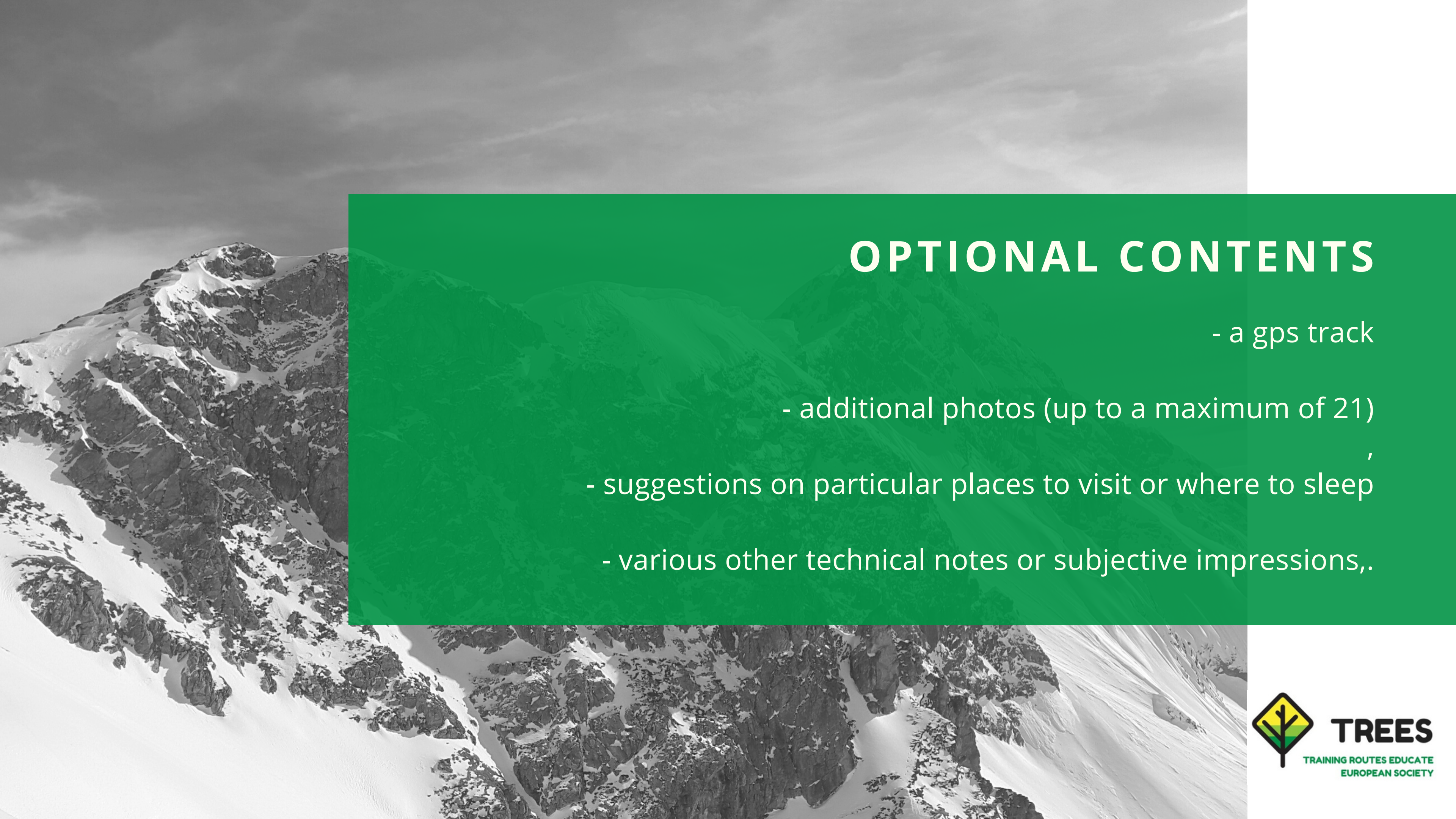
Mapping is a real job, a job that we dedicate to others so that they can follow our tracks in the future.

Mapping therefore involves labor and difficulties, but the satisfaction is great and the knowledge of the territory is deeper.

There is no single way to map and there is no exact science in this area. The methodology proposed here is only one among many.

BASIC CONTENTS OF A TRAIL MAP:

- description of the trail (with the starting and ending point);
- representative photograph pictures;
- technical data (difficulty, duration, practicability, difference in level, % of nature, region, date).



OPTIONAL CONTENTS

- a gps track
- additional photos (up to a maximum of 21)
- suggestions on particular places to visit or where to sleep
- various other technical notes or subjective impressions,.



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Description of the trail

A GOOD MAPPING NEEDS A GOOD DESCRIPTION

The description of a trail is a real narration of the path to be followed, useful to those who will travel it in the future to understand its features, not to get lost and to detect subjective impressions. It has a title, which is nothing but the union of the starting point to the end point. Ring trails must have a middle destination point in the title.

A good description is not just a list of crossroads, turns and points of interest found along the way, but also an incentive to walk that particular path, the result of passion for the territory and a desire to share.

HOW TO MAKE A TRAIL DESCRIPTION

- Bring with you a notebook and a pen
- Or use an audio recorder
- Begin to walk the path and note in the description any possible junction and crossroad, with the direction to take. To do it best, try to put yourself in the shoes of those who will walk for the first time and need your information so as not to get lost. Also note some impressions or important places to report.
- At the end, record the time of arrival.



TECHNICAL DATA

■ DURATION OF THE TRAIL

The duration is expressed in hours and minutes and is to be calculated excluding the stops.

■ DIFFICULTY

It is important to point out the level of difficulty of the trail, being as objective as possible, distinguishing among: tourism route, hiking trail, expert hiking trail, mountain trail.

■ PRACTICABILITY

Simply note if the route described is feasible on foot, by mountain bike or on horseback.

■ DIFFERENCE IN LEVEL

It is important to record the maximum height difference reached by the trail.



Using a GPS

MAPPING THROUGH A GPS IS EASIER

All the technical datas are authomatically recorded in a gps track



What App can be used to track with GPS?



Wikiloc



ViewRanger



OSM Tracker

A GPS TRACK CAN BE EXPORTED AS A

gpx file

A GPX FILE CAN BE SAVED, MODIFIED, SHARED AND RE-USED



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