

SAVEM—SAMAB's Southern Appalachian Volunteer Environmental Monitoring Program

Operation of Garmin GPS 72 Standard Procedure for Marking Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (Waypoints)

Step-By-Step Process of Entering Waypoints:

- Step 1. Turn on GPS by pressing and holding Red “Light bulb” button.
Then press the “Page” button to get to the GPS Information Page.
- Step 2. Hold GPS Unit face up and with the top of the unit tilted upward in open area to “Find” the satellites.
It should take a few minutes to get 4 to 5 satellites.
Make sure the GPS unit says that that it has a “3D GPS Location”.
Once you see this, you can take a Waypoint (WP).
- Step 3. To record a Waypoint, Press and Hold the “Mark” button.
This will take you to the WP page.
This page will show you the WP Number and the Lat/Long coordinates.
- Step 4. On the WP page Press the “MENU” button
Scroll to the Average Location and press enter.
This will start to average your location.
When the estimated accuracy becomes less than 30 feet, press the “Enter” button.
- To view WPs that you have recorded Press the “Menu” button twice and then scroll down to the “Points” and press “enter.”
Then scroll down to “Waypoints” and press “enter.”
When the WP's come up press “enter” and scroll to desired WP and press “enter.”
- *Note: Do not Delete WP's until you have recorded them on your data sheet!**