

HOW TO SURVIVE THE

WILD



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THE WILD



The wild is the untouched, natural areas on Earth. It is a place that humans do not control. It does not have roads, pipelines, or other **manmade** objects. The wild covers 46% of the Earth's **surface**.



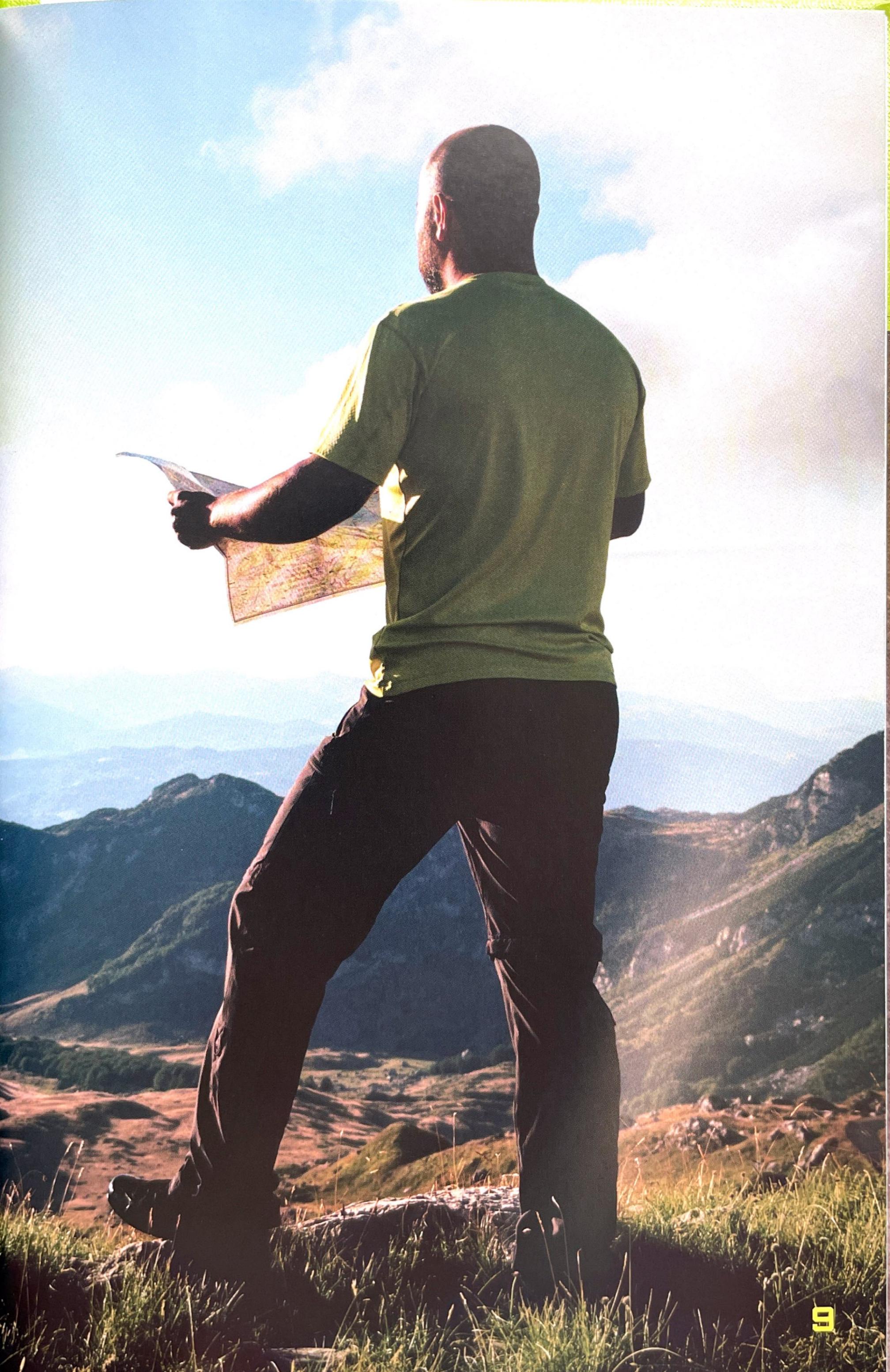


Lieutenant Leon Crane survived 81 days in the Alaskan wilderness during the winter of 1942 and 1943. His plane crashed into a hillside and caught fire. With no food or mittens, he survived with only matches, a pocket knife, and a silk parachute, which he used to wrap his hands.



PREPARE

Prepare for the worst and hope for the best. **Short-term** survival is about making it through and finding help.







Before heading out on a wilderness trip, inform someone about your trip, **route**, and when you will be back. Remember to call them when you return.



Being prepared with the right **gear** will help with survival. Having a knife, water filter, and first aid kit is useful. Any type of fire starter, like a lighter, **flint**, or matches, is also valuable.



SURVIVE



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If you are lost in the wild, be calm and think positive. Stop, breathe, and think about what you need. Observe your surroundings and come up with a plan.



Building a fire is key. It can cook food and provide light and warmth. It can also protect you from **predators** and bugs.









The fire can also be used as a signal to lead rescuers to you. You can also make a big pattern spelling HELP or **SOS** for planes passing overhead.

Making your way to rescue is important. If you don't have a compass, you can use the sun, stars, rivers, and mountains as guides. Following these can lead to roads and **civilization**.





GLOSSARY

civilization – modern life found in towns and cities.

flint – a hard gray rock used to create sparks when struck with another rock.

gear – equipment used for a specific purpose.

manmade – made by human beings. Not natural.

predator – an animal that lives by hunting and eating other animals.

route – a regular, chosen way to travel.

short-term – taking place within a small period of time.

SOS – a code meaning “save our ship.” It is used to signal for help.

surface – the upper or outer part of the earth.