

Anthropology 150. Introduction to Human Evolution

Directions for Assignment 2: Daily Travel Distance in Humans

The goal of this assignment is to measure how far we walk in a typical day. To do this, you need to record where you walk over the course of a normal day and map out your route. You will then measure the length of that route and enter that data on the course website for Project 2. We'll compare average travel distances for our class to daily travel habits of living primates when we discuss locomotion on Friday.

As always, to protect your privacy, your data is kept separately from your name and cannot be linked to you.

1. Keep a record of where you walk over the course of typical day this week. You may choose any day from Sunday through Wednesday. Only record places you walk, bicycle, etc. Motorized travel (car, bus, etc) should not be included. Also, only record travel that is outdoors. Do not record walking around inside buildings.
2. Draw your travel route on a map. There are two maps available on the Anth 150 website for this. You can also use your own map, or you can use an online mapping program like Google Earth.
3. Using a ruler or string, measure the length of your route.
4. Convert that length (which will be in millimeters or inches) to kilometers using the scale bar on the map. This is your daily travel distance.
5. Go to the course website, click on the Project 2 link, and enter your daily travel distance and other information.