

Answer to control # 2 – Description: *Clearing, West edge*

D is the correct answer.

This control site was chosen because the clearing represents an area symbol with a distinct edge (vegetation boundary), but with an irregular shape. The challenge is to determine which edge of the clearing is the west edge. The trail leading past the small building locates the viewing station.

On the map, the rounded bulge of the clearing is clearly west, but several points along that side could be considered the 'west edge'. The map shows two clues to which is the correct control: the single tree in the center part of the clearing and the path coming in to the clearing from the NW (not the one coming from the road). If you draw a straight line from the viewing station through the single tree to the edge of the clearing, the control circle is clearly to the right (westward) of the single tree. The control circle is also to the left (southward) from where the path enters the clearing.

In the terrain, you can easily see the single tree, and with some concentration, make out which gap in the clearing boundary must be the path. From the viewing station, there are three controls visible to the left of the single tree (A-C), which can easily be eliminated as too far east. The rightmost control marker (E) is too close to the viewing station and marks the spot where the path or ride from the road enters the clearing. Thus it can be eliminated, thereby leaving D.

