## **ROUTE CARDS - PLANNING A HIKE**

Route cards have two main purposes.

- difficult or easy it is. Work out your route before you hike to find the time it will take, places to rest, how
- are late back or something happens on the way. Rescuers can easily follow your route. Safety - you leave copy of a route card at base (or home) with contact names in case you

## Details required on ROUTE CARD:

- Names of everyone on the hike.
- A Home Contact name and telephone number.
- Starting point (Map reference and description) and date & time you started
- Main stages on the hike (Map references and description of the route.)
- Time each stage will take.
- Distances to walk and also height gained or lost. (Uphill or downhill)
- Date, time and place (Map reference) you expect to finish.

## NAISMITH'S LAW -

DO NOT subtract time for going downhill! But add 1minute for every 10-metre height climbed It takes an average 20 minutes to walk 1 kilometre

Hint: On 1:50,000 scale maps every 2 Centimetre square is 1Kilometre.

Brown Contour Lines are in Metres above Sea Level and are rise every 10 metres.

