



WAYWISERS

A waywiser is a wheel that measures the distance between two points. It measures distance in yards. The wheel has a raised bump at 0⁰. The bump makes a click each time the wheel completes one full turn. Each click marks one yard traveled. The total number of clicks between two points is the rough distance in yards.

Today, the most common waywiser is a “trundle wheel.” Policemen use them at accidents. Street workers use them when they install water lines. Utilities workers use them when they lay cable and power lines.