Drawing parallel declination lines on your map before use has a great many benefits, which I will go over with you in detail in our next session. Spending a little time preparing the map will make navigation a great deal easier. Here's how:

- 1. You will need a fine point pen and a ruler or relatively narrow straight edge with 2 parallel sides.
- 2. Find the legend at the bottom of the map, then go to the graphic that represents the direction of True North which is a line with a star symbol at the end  $\bigstar$ . A second line to the left will point toward the letters MN! This is the direction of Magnetic North, and the line is known as the Declination Line.
- 3. To prepare the map, line your ruler edge up with the Declination Line and draw a line as far as you can up the map.
- 4. Once you have drawn the first line, leave your ruler in line with the Declination Line and draw a second line parallel to the first line. Repeat this process to draw parallel Declination Lines across the entire map. See the image below!



