Portable personal navigation aid

A navigation aid particularly for a blind person comprises a microcomputer (MC) a battery (B1) for the microcomputer, a route memory (RM) for route data received from or read by the microcomputer, a program memory (PM) for controlling the manner in which the microcomputer processes route data from the route memory, a mode switch (MS) determining the mode of the microcomputer a pedometer (P) for feeding to the microcomputer signals corresponding to progress made by the user, push-button switches (PBS) enabling the entry of directives into the microcomputer and to enter route data into the route memory or read route data from the route memory and a microphone (AO) to give the user a signal corresponding to the route data read by the microcomputer.