



Regional Event LEVEL B

Sunday February 5th 2012



Big Moor and the Gritstone Edges

FINAL DETAILS

- Travel** The event centre is at Cliff College, Calver, 17 km SW of Sheffield. Grid ref: SK249739. Postcode: S32 3XG. From Calver take the A623 south towards Baslow and turn left after 1.7km. From Baslow take the A623 north towards Calver and turn right after 2km.
- Parking** See site map. On sloping fields adjacent to Cliff College with downhill exit. £1 per car. Entry is via a narrow lane so please be patient. Exit is through the college grounds. No exit before 12:30 as children are orienteering in the College grounds.
- Coaches, mini-buses and camper vans should turn immediately right into the college grounds at the sign for alternative parking, and not proceed up the narrow Cliff Lane.
- The Yellow course crosses Cliff Lane twice so please take extra care.
- Facilities** Enquiries, Toilets, Registration, Download, Results and Caterers will be situated near the exit to the parking fields just outside the Broadbelt building at Cliff College (see map). For those who remember the Northern Champs 2 years ago it is where the caterers were located on that occasion.
- Toilets are in Broadbelt and are accessible from outside. There are no toilets at the Starts.
- Entry on the day** Entry on the day is available, subject to map and start time availability.
- Registration will be open from 0930 and will close at 1130 (12:00 for White and Yellow). You will be given a form to fill in. Once your start time and course are confirmed, you will be given a slip of paper that you must take with you to the start.
- Seniors £9 (+£2 non BOF), Juniors/Students £3, Family: 2 parents and up to 4 children £21 (non BOF £25).
- SportIdent e-cards** If you have pre-entered and hired a SportIdent (SI) e-card please collect it from Enquiries. If entering on the day and you don't have an SI e-card you can hire one for £1. There will be a charge of £25 for lost hired e-cards.
- The White and Yellow courses require the use of a 6 digit (or less) dibber. If you have a later version please come to Enquiries where you can temporarily exchange it without charge.
- Start list** On the SYO website from Feb 1st approximately. As this is a Interland selection race start times comply with the requirements for seeding.
- Start times** From 10:30 to 12:30. Everyone will be allocated a Start Time but taking into account the exposed nature of the start some flexibility in Start Times will be allowed to avoid people having to hang around in the cold. **Please note however that this may not be possible for Interland selection candidates who should aim for their allotted time slot.**

- Start** Apart from White and Yellow who have their own courses within the grounds of Cliff College (see below) the **Start is 2.3k with 150m of climb. Allow 40 minutes** from the top exit of the car parking field. The route is mainly on public roads which should not be busy but please take care. An M70 took 25 minutes to the clothing dump and 10 minutes from the clothing dump to the Start. The Start is at 300m elevation and quite exposed.
- Clothing** There will be not be a clothing transfer from the Start but there will be a clothing dump near the Finish on the way to the Start. It is 700m/10mins to the Start from the clothing dump.
Bring your own bag and mark it yourself. Bags will not be supplied.
- Shuttle Bus** A bus service will operate between Cliff College and the car park adjacent to the clothing dump and Finish. It is 700m/10mins to the Start from this bus stop. The bus will run every 15 – 20 minutes and accommodate 16 people and is aimed at younger and older competitors who might find the walk to the Start (and from the Finish) too onerous. The bus is provided by Bakewell and Eyam Community Transport so please don't take your muddy shoes onto the bus, or take protective plastic bags.
- Terrain** Froggatt and Curbar Edges are steep, west facing slopes, mainly wooded with much rock detail. Only the more significant rock features are mapped. The few significant tracks down the slope are mapped but there are other small unmapped animal tracks through the dead bracken. The slope may be slippery if wet or icy and there is an abundance of moss covered boulders.

Big Moor and Stoke Flat are two undulating 'flatter' areas, separated by the escarpment of White Edge. Both areas are fairly marshy rough open moorland, although there are some faster areas and some footpaths. There are unmapped transient deer and cattle tracks. There are areas of bouldery/stony ground. Smaller rock features are mapped compared to the Edges, although they are significant for the moorland. Stoke Flat has some areas of scattered woodland.

Courses have been planned to avoid unnecessary climb in the woodland below the edges and to keep to the more runnable bits on the moorland. Look out for animal tracks and dead bracken which is more runnable than heather or tussock grass.

This year's weather has been wet and mild. The net effect is the ground is much wetter than normal.

The planner has asked to note that the Short Green (control 6) course drops down Curbar Edge. There will be a taped route leading down a narrow unmapped path for some of the leg. This is not a compulsory route but is advised. A reminder of this comment will be in the start lane. If you are unsure about negotiating this descent you may wish to change to Very Short Green which keeps to the moorland.

Map	<p>The map is an update of Peel Land Surveys map of 2009. Resurvey of the Edges, partial resurvey of the moorland and cartography to ISOM 2000 was by Ian Cooper (SYO) between February 2011 and January 2012.</p> <p>With the exception of Orange, Long Orange, Light Green and Very Short Green, the courses will drop down below the gritstone edges. For this part of the course there will be a blown up version on the reverse side of the map. Black, Brown and Short Brown will be at 1:15,000 and 1:10,000 and the remaining courses will use either 1:10,000 and 1:7,500 or 1:10000 only (see below).</p> <p>Printed symbol sizes for the various scales will be to ISOM 2000.</p> <p>Very ruined walls, where the stones are widely dispersed, are mapped using a line of the "Stony Ground" symbol dots. Boulders that are large in area but less than a metre high have been mapped using the grey "bare ground" colour.</p> <p>Guide-post pillars and other standing stones are mapped as cairns/boundary stones, as is the trig point.</p> <p>There is a special symbol for a boundary stone/guide stoop (a circle) and another one (a cross) for a post/old water trough.</p> <p>Blank maps will be on display in the Start lanes.</p>
Out of bounds	<p>All fields are out-of-bounds and marked with red cross-hatch. Roads are out-of-bounds.</p>
White and Yellow	<p>Because of the exposed nature of Big Moor and also to enable parents to have split starts, the White and Yellow courses will be within the grounds of Cliff College. The Start will be in the parking field. The Yellow course crosses Cliff Lane twice and will have manned crossings.</p> <p>Yellow 1.8k/40m 23 controls 1:3000 White 0.9k/20m 15 controls 1:3000</p> <p>Paths may be uneven or slippery and that they should take great care, particularly when running down hill or on steps.</p>
String course	<p>Start and finish adjacent to the Registration area. Free.</p>
Control descriptions	<p>IOF symbolic control descriptions will be shown on the maps. Loose descriptions will be available in the start lanes.</p> <p>White and Yellow will have text descriptions</p>
Controls	<p>Single stake with SI control box on top and an unmarked kite hanging from it. In the event of a control box being inoperative you must punch your map using the punch which will also be hung from the stake. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification.</p>
Finish	<p>There is one Finish 1.7k from Assembly (downhill). It will be manned. The elevation is 320m and very exposed. The bus stop is 100m away.</p> <p>You must report to the Finish by 2.30pm to allow controls to be collected in before dark.</p> <p>All competitors must go to download before returning to their car.</p>

Safety	<p>Competitors take part at their own risk. Whistles should be carried.</p> <p>We are using the “buddy” system so make sure you have a reliable buddy who can raise the alarm if you appear to be late finishing. Lone competitors should leave their car keys and registration number at Enquiries.</p> <p>St John Ambulance will be located near the Finish by the bus stop.</p> <p>Nearest A and E: Calow Hospital, Chesterfield. 01246 277271</p> <p>Edale Mountain Rescue can be alerted by calling 999 and asking for Police/Mountain Rescue.</p>
	<p>There are far too many dangerous cliffs in the area to mark them all on the ground with yellow tape, but many members of the public walk along the top of the edges and we are sure orienteers will be as sensible as others.</p>
	<p>The area is grazed by highland cattle. Their long horns make them look intimidating, but they are gentle animals except when protecting young calves, which won't be born till later in the year. Red Deer are present in the whole area.</p>
Weather	<p>Big Moor as the name suggests is open moorland exposed to the elements. In early February it can be cold, wet, windy, and misty. Please come prepared with appropriate clothing – a hooded waterproof jacket or similar waterproof garment. Hat and gloves are also strongly advised. Look out for signs entering the car park to indicate whether the wearing of said waterproof garments is compulsory. In any case competitors are strongly advised to at least carry them.</p>
Cancellation	<p>If you think there is a possibility of cancellation please check the SYO and British Orienteering web sites or contact the Organiser. In the event of bad weather, we expect to make a final decision by 6pm on Friday Feb 3rd. In the event of cancellation SYO reserves the right to retain all or part of the entry fee to cover the costs incurred. We anticipate that the event would be rearranged for a future date in which case competitors would be offered free entry.</p>
Other users	<p>The area is popular with walkers, climbers, dog walkers and occasional horse riders. They have just as much right to be there as you (they will think more right because they either live locally or visit regularly) so please be considerate and give them a wide berth.</p>
Dogs	<p>Dogs are welcome in the Assembly and Parking areas but must be kept on leads at all times. No dogs on courses.</p>
Catering & Traders	<p>There will be a caterer selling hot drinks, soup, chilli etc as well as the YHOA junior squad cake stall. CompassPoint shop will also be present.</p>
Officials	<p>Organiser: Brian Shaw (SYO) 07768 928432</p> <p>Planner: Mark Chapman (SYO)</p> <p>Controller: Randal Macdonald (DVO)</p> <p>Asst Controller Peter Gorvett (SYO)</p> <p>Planner (W and Y) Bill Hanley (SYO)</p>

Course details

Map Scales

No	Course	Dist.	Climb	No. of Controls	Moorland	Edges
1	Black	10.7	255m	21	1:15,000	1:10,000
2	Brown	9.0	235m	19	1:15,000	1:10,000
3	Short Brown	7.3	175m	16	1:15,000	1:10,000
4	Blue	5.6	185m	13	1:10,000	1:7,500
5	Short Blue	4.7	195m	12	1:10,000	1:7,500
6	Green	4.1	120m	10	1:10,000	1:7,500
7	Short Green	3.6	120m	11	1:10,000	1:7,500
8	V Short Green	3.2	75m	9	1:10,000	
9	Light Green	3.1	85m	9	1:10,000	
10	Long Orange	5.2	145m	10	1:10,000	
11	Orange	3.0	95m	9	1:10,000	

