

Beecroft-Timble – Sunday 24th September 2023

If there has been rain please check the Claro website before travelling in case the stream is high.

FINAL DETAILS

LOCATION	Blubberhouses-Otley minor road – 1ml south of Blubberhouses
APPROXIMATE POSTCODE	LS21 2NT
LATITUDE/LONGITUDE	53.983,-1.741
OS GRID REFERENCE	SE169542
WHAT 3 WORDS	compiler.mental.emeralds

DIRECTIONS AND CAR PARKING:

You must arrive before 12 noon and only leave after about 12 noon as directed by marshals.

If you plan to bring a campervan or minibus please contact the organiser – we have very limited hard standing. Sorry no motorhomes.

From the south, cross the River Wharfe in Otley and continue north for 7 miles – and after a dip with a switchback bridge and a short steep climb the event entry is a sharp left. From west, north and east on the A59 (Harrogate-Skipton) turn south at Blubberhouses (signposted Otley) and after less than a mile the event entry is on the right.

Note that there is an awkward turn onto the forest track from either direction – slow down in good time. It is a narrow 800m track to the car park with several small potholes and few passing places. Please observe landowner Yorkshire Water's 10 mph speed limit, keep to the left and respect walkers and cyclists. The parking field can be waterlogged in wet winter conditions but is expected to be fine in September.

Car parking fee £1.50 can be paid online with the driver's entry or by an 'honesty bucket' at Download.

TIMINGS:

Start times will be assigned at each Start

Starts: 1030–1230

Courses close: 1430

ENTRIES:

Please use RaceSignUp. Entries close midnight Thursday 21st September.

Entry on the day will be available subject to map availability.

We will have a card machine available on the day for card payments or you can pay by cash.

- Very Short Green and above: Senior £11, Juniors and full time students £5
- Yellow and Orange: £5
- Maximum family entry charge: £21
- SI dibber hire: Senior £1, Juniors and full time students 50p
- Non BO Member Supplement £2

ELECTRONIC PUNCHING:

SportIdent (SI) punching will be used for all courses. Hire dibbers will be available. Controls will be enabled for SIAC touch-free punching.

TERRAIN:

The area is mixed deciduous and coniferous with some steep slopes and scattered rocks. It is mostly runnable with some fine contour detail.

COURSES:

COURSE	START	LENGTH	CLIMB
Yellow	Near	1.6k	35m
Orange	Near	2.4k	50m
Very Short Green	Near	1.9k	35m
Short Green	Far	3.0k	65m
Green	Far	4.0k	80m
Blue	Far	5.0k	125m
Short Brown	Far	6.1k	145m

Courses using the far start will have a timed out road crossing. Please read the safety notes for this and other important information.

MAP NOTES:

1:7,500 scale with 5m contours for all courses. printed on A4 waterproof paper. Beecroft newly surveyed and drawn Aug 2023 by Andrew Kelly. Timble updated Aug 2023 by Quentin Harding.

Short Green, Green, Blue and Short Brown will all be 2-sided.

Separate control descriptions will be available in the start lanes.

Extraction lanes are shown where they have different runnability to the surroundings. In green that usually means they are more runnable [or, at least, there is a line of better runnability along them], in white that usually means they are slower.

Black crosses on the map denote hides.

NEAR START:

About 200m on good tracks from the car park – allow 5 minutes.

The track is shared with incoming traffic so please proceed carefully and keep to the left.

FAR START:

About 1.5k on good tracks from the car park, passing the Near Start – allow 15 minutes.

Please keep to the marked track – the terrain either side is **out of bounds**. Exercise particular care at the road crossing.

FINISH:

About 150m on good tracks from the car park.

FACILITIES:

Portable toilets will be provided. Drinking water will not be provided, please bring your own.

DOGS:

The car park may contain sheep. Dogs to be kept on leads please.

SAFETY:

A comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out by the organiser, but competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. All competitors who start must report to download even if they retire. Whistles and full leg cover are compulsory. Waterproof jackets may be compulsory in the case of bad weather. In the unlikely event of cancellation, details will be posted on the Claro website – www.claro-orienteering.org.uk. Information can also be obtained by phoning the organiser.

Beware there will be walkers, dogs and particularly mountain bikes to watch out for.

Courses using the FAR START will have stream crossings and easier crossing places will be marked on the map and indicated by tapes. If water is high, a rope handrail will be provided at these two points. These courses return via a timed-out road crossing i.e. the time to cross will be subtracted from your overall time, so please be patient when crossing. Do not forget to punch the controls on either side of the road crossing.

There are ticks in the area – do check for ticks and remove after your run. For more information on ticks and why you need to be careful see the [British Orienteering tick alert](#).

If you have a medical condition that first aiders should know about in an emergency, please contact the organiser with details before the event, or fill in a form at registration. These details will only be used for the purposes of this event and can be collected or will otherwise be deleted/destroyed afterwards.

INSURANCE:

Please note that if you are not a member of an orienteering club affiliated to British Orienteering then you are not covered by our public liability insurance except if you are a newcomer to orienteering, in which case you are covered for three registered orienteering events without joining. Please ask any of our club officials for more information if you would like to join CLARO.

RESULTS:

These will be posted on the Claro website www.claro-orienteering.org.uk.

When entering our events your name may appear in the results section of this website or in newspaper reports.

QUIZ: WHERE'S THE RUIN?

There are some interesting ruins in Timble and there will be a small free competition – with a prize – to place them on the map. Collect your form from Enquiries on the day.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

In accordance with the British Orienteering Policy Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, the organiser of this event requires that any person wishing to engage in any video, zoom or close range photography should register their details with the organiser before carrying out any such photography. The organiser reserves the right to decline entry to any person unable to meet or abide by the organiser's conditions.

OFFICIALS:

Entry queries: treasurer@claro-orienteering.org.uk

Organiser: John Birtwistle (CLARO) 01765 677099 (after 6pm) or 07711 646990

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