



Northern Championships 2024

Kilnsey Moor South

Sunday 28 April 2024

(Updated on 7/3/24)

CLARO welcomes you to the Northern Championships as part of a weekend of orienteering in Yorkshire. AIRE will be hosting the British Middle Championships on Saturday 27 April 2024



Venue

Kilnsey Moor South is on the west side of the B6160. It is about 15km north of Skipton. Parts of the area were used for the JK in 2016 and again in 2018.

Public Transport

The nearest train stations are at Ilkley and Skipton. Sunday bus services run from both towns to Threshfield. The summer timetable is yet to be published, but the current winter

services can be seen [here](#). Threshfield is a reasonably flat 14 km cycle ride from Skipton on a road usually well populated with cyclists on Sundays. The quarry facilities for the event are about 2km from Threshfield via Skirethorns Lane and the quarry road.

Parking

Parking will be in Threshfield Lower Quarry located at SD 977643, What3Words /// lifelong.pushy.mourner. We will be sharing parking with some participants doing the Fellsman Hike though most will have finished by the time our event starts. The quarry parking is approached from the village of Threshfield leaving the B6160 via Skirethorns Lane at SD 988638, What3Words /// ghosts.desktop.zone. The nearest postcode is BD23 5PH which should get you to Skirethornes Lane. There may be no orienteering signs to guide competitors in, but the Fellsman signs to the car park will be excellent so they can be used for guidance. Do **not** follow any Fellsman signs to their event centre which is at Upper Wharfedale School in Threshfield.

Enquiries, Download and Toilets.

All will all be located adjacent to car parking. There will be no other toilets.

Entries

Entries will be through Fabian4. There will be price rises after 25 February and again after 24 March. Entries will close on 14 April.

	Until 25 Feb	From 26 Feb to 24 Mar	From 25 Mar to 14 Apr
Seniors	£17	£19	£21
Juniors	£8	£9	£10
Senior colour coded	£10	£10	£12
Junior colour coded	£4	£4	£5

There will be a surcharge of £2 for Senior non-BO members.

SI cards will be available for hire - £1 Seniors and £50p Juniors.

SIACs will be available for hire - £3.50 per day. Same price for Seniors and Juniors.

For any entry queries contact Entry Secretary Ruth Ker

Entry on the day

Entry on the Day will only be for the colour coded courses at £14 Seniors and £6 juniors while map stocks last and with a £2 surcharge for Senior non-BO members.

Classes and Courses.

Course	Tech Diff	M Classes	W classes	Colour classes	Start	Distance km	Climb m	Controls	Map Scale
1	5	M21E			Far	14.7	595	28	1:15000
2	5	M21L	W21E		Far	12.1	480	24	1:15000
3	5	M18E M20E M35L M40L	W21L		Far	10.4	425	22	1:15000
4	5	M45L M50L			Far	9.3	340	18	1:10000
5	5	M20L	W18E W20E W35L		Far	8.5	320	18	1:15000
6	5	M55L M60L M21S	W40L		Far	8.0	285	18	1:10000
7	5	M16A M18L M35S M40S	W45L W50L		Far	7.1	255	18	1:10000
8	5	M65L M45S	W55L W20L W21S		Far	6.8	225	15	1:10000
9	5	M70L M20S M50S M55S	W16A W60L W18L W35S		Far	5.7	210	15	1:10000
10	5	M75L M18S M60S	W65L W40S W45S		Far	5.1	165	13	1:10000
11	5	M80 M65S	W70L W20S W50S W55S		Far	4.7	130	11	1:10000
12	5	M70S M75S	W75 W18S W60S		Far	3.7	100	11	1:10000
13	5	M85	W80 W65S W70S		Far	3.5	70	9	1:10000
14	5	M90	W85 W90		Far	2.3	35	8	1:10000
15	4	M14A M16B		Light Green	Far	5.3	190	18	1:10000
16	4		W14A W16B		Far	4.5	120	14	1:10000
17	3	M12A M14B	W12A W14B	Orange	Far	3.6	95	13	1:10000
18	2	M10A M12B	W10A W12B	Yellow	Near	2.4	80	15	1:5000
19	1	M10B	W10B	White	Near	1.8	60	11	1:5000

Course lengths, climb and number of controls are all approximate and may change slightly with final planning and controlling.

Electronic Punching

Controls will be enabled for contactless punching with SIACs or punching with a standard SI card. The punching Start and Finish will not be in Contactless mode and need to be punched by all competitors. A "SIAC BATTERY CHECK" control box will be located near to Enquiries. This is to test that the battery level of the SIAC dibber is sufficient for the event. A "SIAC ON/TEST" control box will be available in the start lane. This will ensure the SIAC is in contactless mode. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their Sicard/SIAC has registered at every control.

Starts

There will be two starts. Most courses will go to the **Far Start** which is an easy 2 km walk with 90m of climb through the Upper Threshfield Quarry to the moor. The easier courses will use the **Near Start** which will only be a few hundred metres from enquiries/download. These easier courses will not go up onto the higher moor.

It will not be possible to have a clothing dump and clothing transfer to the finish. Competitors should be prepared to carry a hooded waterproof jacket, hat and gloves which are likely to be compulsory in such an exposed area.

Event Times

Starts will be from 1030 until 1300 with an extension beyond 1300 if necessary for the busiest courses. Competitors will be able to choose between Early, Middle and Late starts. Actual start times will be allocated to be consistent with Area Championship rules. Entry into the first start box will be 4 minutes before start times to allow for checking, collecting control descriptions, looking at a blank map and any final safety instructions.

Courses will close at 1530 and all competitors are expected to get to download before 1550.

Finish

This will be the same for all courses and will be an easy 1 km walk from Enquiries/Download.

There will be no water at the finish except for emergencies. Competitors returning to download will

pass a café. If the café is used, please ensure that you get to download within an hour of finishing or by 1445 if you expect to be a prizewinner.

Terrain

Kilnsey is classic limestone terrain overlooking Wharfedale. Most of the competition area lies between 300m and 450m above sea level. Mastiles Lane, an ancient drove road that links Wharfedale to Airedale runs through the area. Sheep and



cattle graze the area so there is plenty of fast runnable terrain.

Contour detail throughout the area is highly varied and includes several intricate areas, some others with more vague but no less interesting topography, a diverse collection of depressions, gullies, and other natural and manmade rock and contour features, as well as some areas with few features that could test compass skills if cloud descends.

Vehicle, animal and human paths and tracks appear and disappear regularly. The majority have not been mapped.

Crossing points

Field boundaries are fences and drystone walls that can be up to 3m high. The walls are prone to collapse if climbed. If marked by a broad purple line, boundaries MUST only be crossed at marked crossing points. Course lines are diverted to pass through crossing points where there is no viable choice. Where there is a choice, course lines are broken either side of the boundary, and competitors can select which crossing point to use.

Courses 18 and 19 will have no crossing points.

Courses 8 – 17 will have one crossing point. For courses 8 to 11 this will be a step stile over a fence followed immediately by crossing a rough



broken wall. Using the crossing will need great care. Courses 13 – 17 will have a gate instead which must be opened and closed by competitors. It must not be left open as there may be sheep on either side of it. Course 12 could choose the gate or the step stile and broken wall.

Courses 1 – 7 will also use the step stile and broken wall described above towards the end of their courses. In addition courses 1 – 7 will have other places where the marked crossing points MUST be used. These may be high stiles over high walls, gates and fences with stiles or step overs. Gates should be left as they are found – either open or closed. The ladder stiles are not designed for jumping onto – please take care.

Courses 1, 2 and 4 will go into a field with cows. The cows should not cause any problems. The field is entered and left by gates which must not be opened. The gates or stiles over them can be climbed with care.

Drinks Point

As required by the rules, a water will be provided for those on courses 1 and 2. Courses 3,4 and 5 also pass near the drinks point and those competitors may use it.

Map

Map scale 1:15000 or 1:10000 with a 5m contour interval. 1:5000 for the two easiest courses.

Updating for the event has been done by Tony Thornley.

Prizes

Prizegiving for the Northern Championships will be at 1500 or as soon as possible after that. There are trophies for the winners in E, L and A classes for M/W10 to M/W85. Mementos will be given to first, second and third in the E, L and A classes. There will be no mementos or trophies for M/W 18/20/21L where there are E classes.

There may be other prizes.

Northern Championship trophies and mementos are only for orienteers who are a members of YHOA, NEOA or NWOA.

Traders

Podium Catering will be at the event selling food and drink. CompassPoint and Yorkshire Runner will be at the event selling equipment.

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed on courses or in the competition area. They can be exercised on leads in the quarry and all dog mess must be collected and taken away.

Safety and Environmental Concerns

A comprehensive risk assessment will be carried out by the organiser, but competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. Competitors who are unwell should not run. Competitors should enter courses appropriate for their experience and ability – there are S/B courses and colour coded courses available. All competitors who start must report to download even if they retire. Any medical conditions that the organiser and First Aiders should know about in an emergency, must be made known to the organiser before the event, or a form can be filled in at Enquiries. These details will only be used for the purposes of this event and can be collected or will otherwise be deleted/destroyed afterwards.

Quarries are potentially dangerous if competitors go near the quarry sides, rocks or water. There is no need to stray from the designated area. Tempting as it might be, children must not go near the quarry sides, rocks or water. There are the same dangers on the way to the Far start if competitors stray from the designated route – deep water, steep slopes, crags, rocks. Children should be warned and supervised.

The area rises to 450m and is very exposed. Competitors should dress appropriately especially if there is a poor weather forecast. **Hooded waterproof jackets, gloves and warm hats are likely**

to be compulsory. Signs will be posted at the beginning of the routes to the starts if this is the case. **Whistles and full leg cover are compulsory.**

Professional First Aiders will be at the Finish and at Enquiries/Download.

The ladder stiles for crossing walls are strong, but have to be lightweight to be carried. Take care when using them and avoid jumping onto them or pulling on them. Please be considerate of other users.

Much of the area is an SSSI. Running across the limestone pavement should be avoided for safety and environmental reasons and courses have been planned to take account of this. In wet weather limestone can be very slippery, and the grikes (gaps in the pavement) can also be very deep. In addition, there are extensive networks of rabbit burrows where care must be taken.

Please avoid disturbing breeding birds, running through very wet areas and trampling on wild flowers.

The nearest hospital is Airedale General Hospital, Steeton, Keighley, BD20 6TD

Insurance

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

Results

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

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 permission to any person unable to meet or abide by the organiser's conditions.

Cancellation.

In the unlikely event of cancellation, information will be posted on the CLARO website and competitors will receive an email. Fabian4 cancellation and refund policies will apply.

Event Officials

Organiser: Mike Cope Email mike.cope1800@gmail.com Tel 07900 675706

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Controller: Mike Edwards

Thanks

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AIRE members for letting us use the area and the map

And all the helpers from CLARO, AIRE and a few other clubs.