

CLARO Night Orienteering Event. Saturday 15th November 2026.

Incorporating the first round of the Yorks and Humbs Orienteering Night League.

Venue: Harlow Hill and Birk Crag, Harrogate
Assembly: Girl Guiding North Yorkshire West, Birk Crag centre
Postcode: HG1 2NG **What3Words:** gave.scar.broom **Grid ref:** SE284551 (ditto)
Times: 1700: registration opens
1730-1830: starts
2000: courses close (you must have returned and downloaded by this time). Anybody finishing after this time will count as having not finished.
Entries: Via RaceSignUp until Sun Nov 9th. After this, subject to map availability and supplement, on RSU until Thu Nov 13th, then at the event on the night only.

Courses - approximate distances

	Kms*	Climb	Standard
Long	4.5		Experienced
Middle	3		Older experienced
Short	2		Beginner
Very Short	1.5		Young beginner

*Distances are measured 'straight line' between controls. Add c 25% for expected running distance.

YHOA Night League courses: please see the rules for which courses you should enter if competing in the league. These are available at <https://www.yhoa.org.uk/yhoa-night-league/>

Map: 1:5000, 5m contours drawn by Quentin Harding, summer-autumn 2025.

Terrain: Harlow Hill is a runnable, very gently sloping, mixed plantation woodland with many dog-walker type paths. Birk Crag is a steep valley side, with complex crags (hence the name!), plenty of boulders, very mixed vegetation, and the inevitable path network of a public area. The two areas are linked by a wooded stream valley and a residential road (barely used at night). Very Short does not go into Birk Crag.

Facilities: Indoor assembly, toilets. We hope to offer tea/coffee etc.

Transport: Nearest railway station is Harrogate. 2.5km - 25-30 mins walk, 10 mins cycle. The frequent 36 bus connects Harrogate station to Ripon and Leeds. There is no service more local to event.

Parking: please use public parking along Cornwall Road to the south of the centre, or roadside parking along Duchy Road, respecting local access. You will need to approach the centre along the footpath on the EAST side of Cornwall Road, crossing the road at the signed (unmanned) road crossing to the grass verge on the other side, taped route from there to the driveway. Please take care crossing the road! This route will also be used in reverse by those going to the start.

Start: a flattish 600m from Assembly.

Finish: All courses except Very Short finish in Birk Crag, close to Assembly. The Very Short finish will be adjacent to the Start.

Main officials: Organiser-Andrew Kelly; Planner - Will Drewe; Controller - Tim Evans
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