

Final details Compass Sport Heat 23rd Feb 2025

We plan to proceed with the event on Sunday. It will be wet and windy but our assessment is that it is safe.

NB Course 1 only

A control will be removed from COURSE 1. In addition to omitting the control, the area around it will be shown as out of bounds. This will be marked on description sheets and maps. **We have also just discovered forestry workings today that may affect Course 1.** They shouldn't affect the best route choices but will be flagged up. These had not been communicated prior to today and were only discovered when the planners were putting out controls. **Changes will be confirmed on the start line. Signs will also be up to this effect.**

Tayside Orienteers are delighted to welcome you to the Scottish CompassSport Heat on an updated map of Kinnoull Hill and Deuchny Woods.

Key Points

There are over 400 entries for the event so it is important you stick to your allocated start time. Any changes are at the discretion of the organisers.

Please use the streets in the vicinity of the area for parking. **The parking at the assembly area is for officials and key helpers only.** The start and finish are very close to the assembly area.

- Starts are timed, call up is 4 minutes before your start time
- Finish – follow the tapes down the steps to download - adjacent to registration
- **Punch the start and punch the finish.** The rest is SIAC enabled
- **REMEMBER TO DOWNLOAD even if you don't finish**
- Courses close at 3:15 pm (15:15)

START LIST AVAILABLE [at this link](#)

They are in numerical course order (except 10 between 1 and 2..) If you click the tabs along the bottom you can view each club's starts too.

Results will be published live online at
<https://www.taysideorienteers.org.uk/latest-results/>

Facilities at the assembly area:

- Enquiries
- Dibber collection
- Download
- First aid
- Key drop
- Clothing dump

There is **NO space for club tents** though club banners may be accommodated on the approach to the assembly area.

Limited Toilets are adjacent to the assembly area, en route to the start.

NB In the event of a forecast for high winds we will need to cancel as it is a condition of our permission to use the area. Fingers crossed for no storms....Club Captains will be emailed if this is the case.

1. Getting to the event

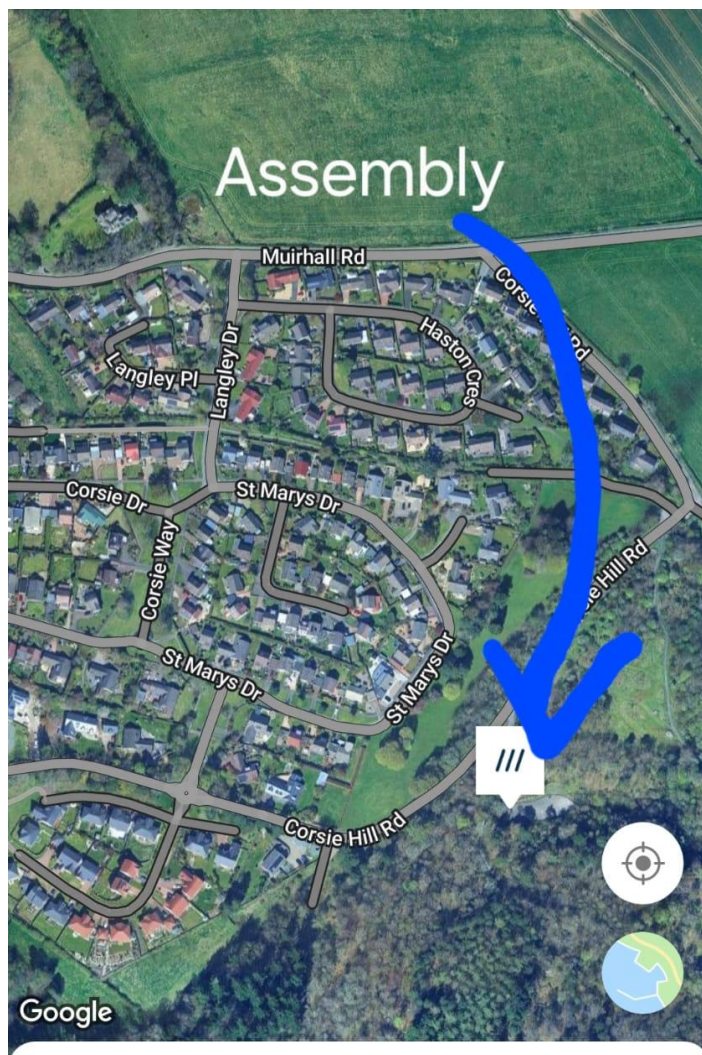
Please use the streets in the vicinity of the area for parking, avoiding bus stop areas and residential driveways. Hatton Road and Corsie Hill Road are in the vicinity of the area. This is a residential area so please be discreet about changing.

The parking area which is being used for assembly is for officials only.

The following bring you close to the assembly area:

Nearest town: Perth

- **Grid Ref:** NO 13381 23416
- **Latitude:** [56.395179](#)
- **Longitude:** [-3.404758](#)
- [Google Map \(aerial\)](#)
- What 3 Words <https://w3w.co/stove.models.gold>



The start, finish and assembly areas are very close to each other.

The assembly/registration and download are all at the Quarry Car Park on Corsiehill Road

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Allow 10-15 mins from any parking up to the assembly area.

Please give due consideration to residents and other park users. This is a popular area used by local residents and beyond.

Please car share if you can..
[There are good park and ride facilities](#) where one car can be left for sharing the last section.

There are also some car parks at the bottom of the hill on Dundee Road - 25 mins walking.

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Toilets are adjacent to the assembly area. These are limited. [There are also toilets at the park and ride areas](#)

Please note: **no refreshments available at assembly** though Perth is close and has plenty of choices.

2. The area

The area comprises two hilly woodlands separated by a minor road. Kinnoull Hill is a mixed woodland on a hill with a network of paths and tracks. **Only the longer courses (1,2,3 and 4) will visit Deuchny Woods.** Both areas are popular for outdoor activities so please respect other users of the area. In particular there are mountain bikers and people on horses.

Both areas in recent years have suffered from storm damage. Areas of windblown are shown by fallen tree symbols. This does not show individual trees but is indicative of an area to be avoided!

There are other fallen trees, some lying on paths but these can be circumnavigated. Often there is a detour path already. These small deviations in paths have not been mapped.

On both hills, there are a number of indistinct paths and deer tracks which have not been mapped.

[Kinnoull Hill](#) is a mix of deciduous and coniferous woodland with an intricate path network. **The southern edge of the maps is a line of steep crags** (courses avoid this area); the area slopes downhill to the west and north, with pockets of interesting contour detail. Wonderful views over Perth from the top of the hill!. The area was last used for a major event at the Scottish Middle Championships May 2022.

[Deuchny](#) has seldom been used for orienteering in recent years. It was last used at Day 2 of the Scottish 6 Days in 2009

Deuchny has a less extensive path network and is much used by mountain bikers. The terrain off tracks tends to be rougher and the woodland is more varied. The vegetation can be quite thick in places and there is more extensive ground cover such as brambles. The most extensive areas are shown by screening on the map.

On Deuchny there are **a number of areas marked out of bounds**. Mostly these are to avoid the main mountain biking areas so **for your own safety these must not be entered. Course 1 crosses** the main downhill mountain bike trail route. Do not run down this. The best route choice crosses it. Take care!

The **longer courses** (1, 2,3 and 4) have to **cross a minor road**. The crossing is shown on the map and is mandatory. The **car park** to the north of the crossing is **out of bounds**. Please take care when crossing the road. It is not busy but there is occasional traffic.

The Kinnoull and Deuchny Hill map has been updated by Jon Musgrave and Pat Blashill in December 2024 and January 2025.

3. Start, finish, maps, courses

Start - 250 metres approx from assembly at Quarry Hill car park - follow tapes just before the entrance to the car park.

Starts run from 11:00 - 13:00

Please ensure you are on time for your allocated start as it will be difficult to adjust start times for anyone due to the volume of competitors.

Remember to punch when you start.

NB All maps including yellow will be at the start. Competitors on the yellow courses can look at their map a few minutes before starting with a helper as long as they keep away from other competitors and the helper is not doing the same course later in the competition.

START LIST AVAILABLE on [TAYSIDE website](#) and [at this link](#)

Make a note of your course number and whether it is an A or B course.

It is important that you pick up the correct map. A and B courses will be in different places to minimise the risk of picking up the wrong map.

The map boxes will have course numbers on them, not age categories.

Finish - 250 metres approx from registration.

REMEMBER to PUNCH the Finish.

Follow tapes from the finish to download at the assembly area in the Quarry Hill Car Park. Take care descending the steps which may be used by non orienteers to access the area. Don't try and navigate back please. This is a busy area for other users.

COURSES CLOSE AT 3:15pm (15:15)

Maps / Courses

For courses 1 to 4 the map will be at a scale of 1:10000.

All other courses (5-12) the map scale will be 1:7500.

Course Number	Class	Distance	Climb
Course 1	Men Open	7.6km	330m
Course 2	M20- M40+	6.2km	210m
Course 3	Women Open	4.9km	170m
Course 4	Men M50+	4.5km	195m

Course 5	W20- W45+	3.4km	150m
Course 6	M60+	3.0km	130m
Course 7	M70+ W60+	2.1km	125m
Course 8A	M18-	3.0km	135m
Course 8B	W18-	2.4km	100m
Course 9A	M14-	1.9km	105m
Course 9B	W14-	1.9km	105m
Course 10	M80+W70+	2.7km	105m
	Light Green - non competitive	2.5km	95m
	Yellow - non competitive	1.8km	85m

4. Safety Precautions

First Aid will be available at registration. The nearest A and E hospital is Perth Infirmary Taymount Terrace in Perth 01738 473734

- Orienteering is an adventure sport and participants take part at their own risk
- **There are very large high dangerous cliffs on the southern edge of the area.** Courses avoid going too close to these but if you stray near them then head north back into the main area
- Full leg cover is compulsory and footwear with decent grip
- You must follow the marked route from the finish to download
- You must download, even if you do not complete your course
- Competitors on course 1-4 will cross a minor road. Care must be taken on this

If weather is inclement then **whistles and carrying of cagoules may be made compulsory**. Club Captains will be warned in this instance.

In case of emergency

There is good mobile reception across the event area.

Please contact the organiser at registration - the emergency number is printed on the maps

A comprehensive risk assessment will have been carried out by the organiser, but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.

Medical Forms If you have a medical condition, please complete the medical form found under Safety at this link
https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/organiser_library (you need to scroll down). Leave this in an envelope at registration. This will be destroyed at the end of the event. We will have some blank forms available at the event too.

Lone travellers Please leave emergency contact details at registration so that we know who to contact if the need arises. This will be destroyed at the end of the event.

COVID is still with us so **if you have COVID please do not attend.**

5. General

Dogs Only assistance dogs are permitted to be running with competitors.

Keep It Clean campaign - Forestry Commission Scotland

Our forests are at risk from tree pests and diseases. These can dramatically affect the health of our trees, upsetting the delicate ecosystem balance and devastating large areas of woodland.

Pests and diseases hitch a ride in mud and debris on shoes, paws and tyres, ending up in new forests. Here, they can spread rapidly in environments with no natural resilience.

[Read more about this on the FCS website.](#)

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Acknowledgements

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