



DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB

Compass Sport Cup and Trophy SW Heat, 2014 at Haytor, Dartmoor on 16 February, 2014

FINAL DETAILS (updated 10 February)



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Travel Directions and Parking

Directions: Leave the Exeter – Plymouth road A38 at the Bovey Tracey junction N on to the A382. The preliminary event car park is at the National Trust site at Parke at Grid Reference SX805786, post code TQ13 9TG. This will be signed from the roundabout 1k before Bovey Tracey at SX817772.

Parking will be strictly limited and all competitors should share from Parke where possible. Parking will be signed to Parke where you are asked to team up to get a full car. Then you will be given a map showing your allocated car park. There are 6 small car parks, approximately 4km from Parke and 600m-1.5k from assembly.

If you know you will have 3 or more in your car you can be allocated a map showing your car park space in advance of travel by emailing jill-green@blueyonder.co.uk or phoning 01392 278512. If you prefer not to car share, then parking could be 1.5k from the start.

Assembly, Registration and Download will be at the Moorland Hotel SX768772, post code TQ13 9XT. Space is available for club tents adjacent to the finish 70m across the road; **Please take care crossing the road.**

Start and Finish: Start is 350m from Assembly, follow tapes. Finish is 70m from Assembly. Courses close at 14:30pm.

Safety: Competitors travelling alone may wish to hand in car keys at Enquiries. All competitors run at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. A whistle is advisable. Haytor is an exposed area, which at the best of times is windswept, and therefore will feel several degrees cooler than the surrounding countryside. With this being February, snow or very cold rain are more than possible. Because of this, **the wearing of gougles is advisable and may be compulsory.**

Cancellation: In the event of cancellation, the organising club reserves the right to retain all or part of the entry fees to defray expenses incurred.

Entry Errors: Start times are on the Devon website or available from Club captains. Please check your competitor information. In case of error please contact roger-green@blueyonder.co.uk or at registration before you run on the day.

General Enquiries: General enquiries may be made to the Organiser: Jill Green DEVON 01392 278512 (before 21:00)
jill-green@blueyonder.co.uk

Road Traffic: Walking routes to the starts and assembly are mostly off road, but please take care. The road crossing north of the Moorland Hotel will be busy and marshalled. Please follow the direction of the marshals.

Dogs: Well behaved dogs allowed in the car parks only. There will be livestock in part of the competition area.

Toilets: Toilets are available next to Download, in the Ballroom and at the National Park car park 200m to west of the Moorland Hotel in Haytor Lower car park.

Facilities and Catering: We have the use of the Ballroom area on the day where you can wait for each other and where toilets are nearby. Bags may be left here for changing after your run. Please take off muddy shoes as you enter and leave them in the area provided.

Refreshments will be available in the Cafe: Sausage Roll: £0.60, Pasties (Beef and Veg.): £1.50, Bacon Bap: £2.50, Quiche (Cheese and Broccoli): £1.50, Hot soup and a roll (Price TBA), Tea/Coffee: £1.00, Squash: £0.50. **An honesty box system will operate so please bring small change. Please support the Hotel who have made every effort to accommodate our event.**

First Aid: First Aid will be available at Assembly.

Entry on the Day (EOD): Entries for the Compass Sport Cup and Trophy are now closed.

Registration for yellow and white courses is EOD only. This will be open 10:00 – 12:00 at Registration with starts 10:30 – 12:30. Entry Fee: £9 adults, £3 juniors. This includes £1 parking fee which Moorlands Hotel will donate to their Pathfinders' Charity which provides adventure holidays for disadvantaged children.

Registration for courses 1 to 9 will be possible until maps run out. Entry Fee: £10 adults, £3 juniors. Competitors will be marked as non-competitive so they will get a time for their run but not a position and will not affect the scoring of the main event.

String Course: There will be a free String Course in the grounds of Moorland Hotel.

Start Times for Pre-entered competitors: Start times are 10.30-12.30 and pre-allocated into club slots. There will be a -3min call up. In the case of unavoidable delay, eg due to traffic holdups, start times will be re-allocated by the start officials. **There will be a punching start for all competitors. Please ensure that you dib the Check box when required before you start each day. This is a safety check.**

Control Descriptions: IOF Pictorial descriptions will be printed on the maps. Loose control descriptions and blank maps will be available in the start lanes. Courses 9A, 9B, Yellow and White will have text descriptions.

EPS – Sportident: SI will be used for all courses. Hire of dibbers is free for all competitors who need them. Pre-entered competitors will already have an allocated dibber which should be collected from Enquiries before running (Lost dibber fee £30). In the event of an SI control box seeming not to function (no beep or flash of light) you should use the pin punch on the stake to punch your map.

Clear Boxes: These will be located at the start only. Please do not forget to download after your run.

Water Points: Due to inaccessible nature of the terrain, it is not possible to provide water points on the courses. Nor will water be provided at download. Please come prepared.

The Map: The scale will be 1:10,000. with 5m contours, printed on waterproof paper. Courses 1 to 8A and 8B will be on an A3 size map with IOF/pictorial control descriptions. Courses 9A, 9B, Yellow and White will be on an A4 size map with text descriptions.

The map was updated in 2009 by Erik Peckett and Rod Postlethwaite for the Caddihoe Chase 2011. It can be viewed on Routegadget.

Courses	Age Classes	Length	Climb	Controls	
1	Brown	Men Open	9.0 km	400 m	16
2	Short Brown	M20- M40+	7.6 km	325 m	10
3	Blue Women	Women Open	7.0 km	260 m	11
4	Blue Men	M50+	6.3 km	290 m	11
5	Green Women	W20- W45+	4.5 km	180 m	8
6	Green Men	M60+	4.7 km	195 m	6
7	Short Green Vets	M70+ W60+	4.2 km	135 m	7
8A	Junior Green Men	Men 18-	4.4 km	140 m	7
8B	Junior Green Women	Women 18-	4.1 km	120 m	8
9A	Orange Men	Men 14-	3.1 km	65 m	9
9B	Orange Women	Women 14-	2.9 km	40 m	9

Notes on the Terrain for competitors – Wilf Taylor

The competition area consists of typical open Dartmoor, dominated by the summit of Haytor itself. This is surrounded by a relatively flat central plateau, edged with minor tors, with steep hillsides on the north east and north west sides of the map.

The central area, which the shorter courses stick to, is criss-crossed by a network of small paths, some not mapped. Although the absence of bracken at this time of the year makes the area far more pleasant and runnable, it can make these paths difficult to distinguish. For the junior courses, there will be smiley face signs to show competitors which way to go where it is not clear.

Conversely, there is more gorse than indicated on the map, so competitors should not rely on the vegetation boundaries for accurate navigation. The courses are designed to avoid going across the worst of these, but the last 500m of most courses passes along some narrow paths through the gorse. Faster competitors should be aware that juniors will be on these paths and take care.

The hillsides, although steep in places, are bracken-free, and generally very runnable. There are areas of scattered rocks that can catch you unawares though.

The area is self-contained, in that it is bounded by roads on the south and east, and field boundaries and a river on the west and north.

If lost head SOUTH or EAST until you hit a road from where you should be able to navigate your way back to the finish.

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Thanks must go to The National Trust for allowing us to use the car park at Parke, The Dartmoor National Park Authority who own the land around Haytor, Mrs Cullen who owns the land at Black Hill in the NE part of the competition area and HF Holidays' Moorlands House for the use of their facilities and for allowing car parking in the grounds of the hotel.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

Please note that due to the cancellation of a Compass Sport Cup & Trophy qualifying round event in the West Midlands, Swansea Bay Orienteering Club will be attending our event as a Small Club.