



Devon Orienteering Club SWOA Gallopen



Golden Dagger on 14th October 2018 Final Details.

Thank you for coming to Devon Orienteering Club on this superb orienteering area. It's now available to orienteers for the first time in over 20 years.

This is one of the most technically challenging areas on Dartmoor, owing to the extent of surface scars left by the tin miners. The map has been extensively revised by Mike Wimpenny, DEVON OC, who is also the Planner.

Getting there.

NB A cycle race will be taking place on Sunday 14th. Part of its route will be a few miles of the road from Postbridge to Lettaford. Another will be on the Tavistock to Two Bridges road.

Coming from North and the West,

From the A30, go through Whiddon Down. Take the A382 to Moretonhampstead, then the A3212 to Postbridge.

Coming from South and East,

From the A38, take the A382 through Bovey Tracy to Moretonhampstead. Take the A382, then the A3212 to Postbridge.

The Car Park will be signed from the A3212, between Moretonhampstead and Postbridge. Grid Ref 657797, PL20 6SY. This is a sharp left turning.

Continue on the road, then good forest track for about a 1.5km. Park as directed by marshals.

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

Cost £8 for Seniors, £3 for Juniors and £1 for Dibber hire.

Registration 10.30 – 13:00

Starts between 11:00 – 13:30

Courses close 15:00

If you have pre-entered and have your own dibber, just follow signs to the Start.

If you have pre-entered and need to collect a hired dibber, these will be available at Registration.

COURSES

Course lengths, climb and number of controls are:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Climb</u>	<u>Number of Controls</u>
Brown	8.3km	380m	24

Blue	5.5km	285m	16
Green	3.8km	195m	15
Short Green	2.9km	150m	11
Light Green	3.0km	135m	14
Orange	2.5km	100m	12
Yellow	1.9km	75m	10

ASSEMBLEY, START and FINISH

At event Assembly, here will be Registration, Download, toilets and the Devon Orienteering Club Catering tent. We'll have the makings of some basic hot drinks and some treats. Please bring a mug.

Excellent pub food is available at the Warren House Inn just North of the area.

Assembly – is between 0 and 1km from the Car Park. The Start is approx.. 350m from Assembly, the first 100m is flat and passes the Finish, the second 250m is downhill.

Runners can leave clothing at the Finish as they are en route to the Start.

Help available to newcomers.

NB.

- Dogs are allowed in the Car Park, but NOT ON THE EVENT AREA.
- Please avoid damaging any of the ancient industrial artefacts and report any damage at Download.

SAFETY

Whistles must be carried no matter what the weather.

The area is very exposed and reaches an altitude of 500m.

If the weather is poor a cagoule with a fixed hood will be compulsory and will be checked at the start. NO CAGOULE, NO GO.

There are a number of dangerous crags. Where these could be hazardous to runners, the crag tops will be marked with yellow and black tape.

If lost, the suggested safety bearing is West, until a path or track is met and then South to the prominent wall.

Planner's Notes

AREA

Permission was granted for this Devon Galoppen on the basis that it is a trial to see whether a larger event would be acceptable in the future – so please be on your best behaviour.

MAP

Because of the complexity of some areas the scale for all courses is 1:7500. Contour interval is 5m.

There are a number of small trees and thickets on the area but in accordance with ISOM 17 they are only mapped if they are greater than 10m in extent.

In accordance with ISOM 17 pits and depressions less than 2m across or 1m deep are not mapped with the exception of some depressions which are less than 1m deep where they are very obvious.

VEGETATION

There is a wide range of vegetation varying from well grazed rough grass to heather, often with bilberry. Most of the bracken will be fairly runnable in mid October, helped by the considerable number of sheep, horses and cattle on the area. However some bracken is thick and tall and are mapped with the “vegetation walk” symbol. Courses have been planned to avoid these areas. Do not use the Vegetation Walk symbol to navigate by as it only marks the extent of the worst bracken whereas some of the more runnable bracken has a very distinct boundary.

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