

FVO night series: Callander Craggs, March 5, 2025

Final details

Venue: Callander Craggs. If coming by car, park at Callander Craggs car park (NN633081, [//speeded.seatbelt.bookmark](#)). If that's full, use the Bracklinn Falls car park, a few hundred metres further up the road.

Assembly and download: In Callander Craggs car park. Please arrive promptly for a briefing at 6:20. No **toilets** nearby. Please plan ahead.

Start is a 200m walk from Assembly. Mass start at 6:30pm. Punching starts available. NB civil twilight ends at 6:37pm! At the start, you should be able to see ok; the darkness will come soon enough.

Finish at Assembly/download. **Courses close 8pm**; you must report to download by 8pm, even if you haven't finished your course.

Course lengths:

Novice	1.7km, 110m, 9 controls
Short	2.9km, 175m, 12 controls, gaffled
Long	4.3km, 250m, 15 controls, gaffled

Terrain: A mixture of runnable broadleaf forest, and patches of conifers with sometimes significant amounts of blowdown. **Some recent blowdown, e.g. from Storm Éowyn, is unmapped.** One unmapped patch near the start is important for route choice on the Short and Long courses – this will be highlighted in the briefing.

Brambles in the forest have sent your humble planner nose-first into the dirt on more than one occasion. There aren't many but they're savage!

The Novice course stays within the forest; Short and Long go out onto the adjacent moorland. On the moor, gorse has grown beyond what is mapped. Use it for route choice but not for fine-grained navigation.

Callander Craggs is steep! All courses have significant climb, and are on the short side to compensate. It can also be exposed, particularly on the moor. Waterproofs may be required if the forecast is poor

Map notes: 1:10,000, 5m contours, ISOM 2017-2. The **novice course** is printed at 1:7500 to help with readability. Survey and cartography by Ben Mitchell and Martin Bagness, 2021, minor updates by Alasdair Pedley 2024.

Accidents: There will be a first aider on site. Nearest A&E is Forth Valley Royal; nearest Minor Injuries is Stirling Community Hospital.

Social: There's a table booked at the Waverley for after your run. Please let Natasha Conway know if you plan to join (07403533818). **Pre-order food via Natasha by 7pm Tuesday.**

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