

Braco WEE, 15/5/2024: Final details

Parking: There is a small car park on the west side of the A822, immediately opposite registration (NN837099, [///blockage.princes.reply](#), space for c.6 cars). Please consider leaving this for families with young children, or anyone else who would struggle with a longer walk. Other options are a large layby a couple of hundred metres further north (NN838101, [///oasis.stems.replays](#)), or on street (considerately) in Braco. Any of these options should put you within a few hundred metres of the start/finish.

Registration and Start: In Ardoch Roman fort, adjacent to the small car park. Start times 5:30-7pm. The busy A822 is between the car park and the start. There will be a marshalled road crossing; please use it if needed.

Finish and Download: Adjacent to registration.

Courses close: 8pm

Area: The shorter courses are contained within Ardoch Roman fort. This is a small enclosed area of mainly rough grass with a few paths, fun contour/line features (mainly remains of the fort), scattered vegetation (gorse, bracken, brambles), and only a few trees around the edges. It offers fun, fast, relatively straightforward orienteering.

The Green course has a couple of legs in Braco village, and a short visit to Grinnan Hill, on the NW edge of Braco, an Iron Age fort with pleasant runnable woodland. This requires the busy A822 to be crossed twice. There is a marshalled road crossing adjacent to the fort, at the optimal point for road crossing. Juniors on the Green course must use this crossing.

Ardoch fort and Grinnan Hill are both scheduled ancient monuments. Accordingly, we cannot use stakes for controls in the usual way. Controls (SI units and flags) will mainly be on trestles or tied to trees etc. Please take care with them.

Both Ardoch fort and Grinnan Hill are popular with local residents. Please be considerate.

Course lengths:

Yellow: 1.6km, 30m climb, TD2

Orange: 2km, 40m climb, TD3

Short green: 2.3km, 45m climb, TD4

Green: 5.2km, 120m climb, TD4

“TD4” is not a typo: the area doesn’t lend itself to TD5 courses. Think of “Short green” as a gentle Light green, and “Green” as a Light green with a bonus loop around Braco.

Control descriptions on the map. No loose control descriptions on the night, but you can download them from the FVO website and print your own.

Map: 1:5000, contour interval 2.5m, ISSprOM symbols. Survey and cartography by Graham Gristwood, 2014, updated in 2023, minor vegetation updates in 2024.

Toilets: No public toilets in Braco – plan accordingly.

Social: There will be a meal after the event at India Gate in Dunblane (table booked for 8pm). Please contact Natasha Conway (07403533818) if you want to come along.

Safety:

1. A comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out by the organiser, but participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.
2. The Green course crosses the A822 twice – please use the marshalled crossing (especially juniors). There are several other (unmarshalled) road crossings on quieter roads; please exercise caution.
3. Please check for ticks afterwards!
4. You have the option of downloading, completing the medical form at https://www.esoc.org.uk/documents/Event_Medical_Form.doc and handing it to the Organiser (via Registration) so that existing medical conditions are known about in the event of an incident. Please put in a sealed envelope with your name on it. It will only be opened if required and will be destroyed unread if you don't collect before the end of the event.
5. Please take care of other members of the public using the area for dog walking, bike riding etc.
6. Everyone must download at the finish, whether or not you have completed the course.
7. If you have covid, or covid symptoms, or a recent positive covid test – please do not attend the event.

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