

Comments on the Trossachs PreO from the Planner, Roger Scrutton (ESOC)

The results suggest that three of the controls were a little tricky -1, 3 and 4.

The solution to control 2 was quite clear if you took a short walk up or down the road to identify the southernmost kite. Apologies for the map not being of the best just here, with the low hill to the east extending much further in a N-S direction than shown on the map. I had hoped to use the large boulders here but they were not easily visible from the road; at least the marsh was a characteristic feature of the Trossachs terrain!

Personally, I thought #1 was the easiest of the four controls. The giveaway was the location of the correct kite with respect to the powerline and the vegetation boundary as well as being well within the form line around the spur.

Control 3 was a little tricky if only the crags were used to identify the correct kite, although, again, a walk down the road would have allowed you to see how the kites were distributed with respect to the right-angled bend in the crag. However, a strong clue was in the bulge in the index contour at the bend in the crag, because the correct kite was located just on the north side of that.

The Z-control was a new concept in our PreO exercises – we thought it was about time to introduce you to it. (Watch out for the A-control sometime in the future). The control description was "reentrant, lower part". Kite A was in the upper part of the re-entrant, B was half up the side of the spur, "spur, north side" (N.B. clear on the ground but the map is not great here), and C was at the spur foot. So, no kite in the right place, and answer "Z".

We hope you enjoyed this PreO. There are more PreO opportunities coming up:

April 7th - GRAMP Level C Glen Dye April 28th - SOL3 Clunie

There will be a full TrailO course on the rest day at the Moray 6 Days. Enter via the Moray web site.

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