



MapRun Gloucestershire 2021

Battledown

(Incorporating a Foot Bridge Challenge)

Wednesday 6th October



The onset of Autumn means we are back into the dark evenings. This means a **head torch** will be essential, as will some form of **reflective clothing**, so cars can spot you easily.

This time we are exploring some of the leafy, well-heeled suburbs of SE Cheltenham. This includes the private Battledown estate up on the hill, the new developments at GCHQ's former Oakley site and parts of Charlton Kings. Much of this is new ground for us, although there is some overlap with a couple of previous events.

For details of the additional **Foot Bridge Challenge**, see event details below...

New version of MapRun available: We strongly recommend that you uninstall *MapRunF* and all previous versions of the app, and download and install **MapRun6** from your app store. Generally earlier versions will work; they just won't be able to take advantage of some of the new features which we may use.

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Directions and Parking	<p>Parking and assembly are at the car park adjacent to Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field. This is approached from the junction of King Alfred Way and Haywards Road. The nearest postcode is GL52 6RG</p> <p>What 3 words: hops.viewed.filed</p> <p>Map: https://goo.gl/maps/KSjX5bb3rK6ccgoJ7</p> <p>If the car park is full, there is plenty of space on the roads of the neighbouring trading estate on Saxon Way and King Alfred Way. The start/finish is adjacent to the car park.</p>
The Area	<p>Mostly urban and semi-urban with hard paved paths, but not always street lights. However, there are two areas of connecting countryside where footpaths may be wet or muddy depending on recent conditions and possibly a few nettles. These areas are highlighted with a thick red boundary on the map, so can be avoided if you prefer - I think the whole area is too large for an ordinary mortal to clear, so there will still be plenty of other controls to aim for.</p> <p>A few small roads have red crosses to indicate that these are private and out-of-bounds.</p>
Event details	<p>Pre-entry is required: sign up (before midnight on Tue 5 Oct) at fabian4.co.uk</p> <p>Entry fees: £5 seniors, £2 juniors. Juniors must be accompanied.</p> <p>You can start at any time from 1830 to 1900.</p> <p>It's a one hour score event using the MapRun app:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Checkpoints 1-10 are worth 10 points.•Checkpoints 11-20 are worth 20 points.•Checkpoints 21-30 are worth 30 points. <p>Score as many points as you can within an hour. If you're late getting back, there's a 10 point penalty per minute over.</p> <p>As a special bonus this week, the event will include a Foot Bridge Challenge. 10 of the 30 checkpoints are located on foot bridges over watercourses. Special mention will be given in the results after the event to the runners who manage to visit the greatest number of these.</p>



Please make sure you've installed **MapRun6** before the event. If you haven't used MapRun before, don't worry – it's easy to use, and we have full [details on getting started](#).

Event procedure

- Before heading to the start, make sure you've downloaded the MapRun event onto your phone. It can be found in the **UK/Gloucestershire/Current Series** folder.
- If you have MapRun 6.3.6 or later installed, you can also read this QR code with your phone, and it should launch MapRun with the event loaded:



- Note that this is a new MapRun feature. You'll need to tap Cancel to remove the information message and let the event download.
- When you're ready to start, get a map from the organiser and press 'Go To Start' on the MapRun6 app. The phone will ask for the PIN number, which you can find on the map.

When you run through the start: MapRun6 will bleep, and start the clock.

When you run through a checkpoint: it will bleep, and record your visit.

When you run through the finish: it will bleep, and stop the clock.

Be careful not to run through the finish before you intend to finish!

Safety

The course is located in an urban environment necessitating many road crossings, so under 16s must be accompanied. Take care crossing all roads: but particularly, the two main roads that are marked on the map with the thick brown symbol.

In the optional "field path areas" marked with the thick red boundary, you may come across horses. Make sure you close all gates.

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COVID code of conduct. It is vital that all attendees at the event:

- Act as ambassadors for the sport of orienteering at all times and consider how their actions may appear in the eyes of landowners or members of the public.
- Observe social distancing at all times, including keeping their distance from other participants, volunteers and members of the public.
- Use hand sanitiser on arrival and departure.

Anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19, who is living in a household with someone who has a possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection, or who has been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace should remain at home.