



MapRun Gloucestershire 2021

Brockweir and St Briavels Common & Offa's Dyke Prize


6th May



Dense network of paths, tracks and roads on steep slopes of Lower Wye Valley. Mostly off road.

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>Assembly at The Village Shop Brockweir (see parking details below) What 3 words: https://w3w.co/news.bike.masts SO5459201716 Map: https://goo.gl/maps/SZ3AEVa865g5gLLF8</p> <p>***UPDATE*** Parking is at Monk Optics (the old school) next to the shop. Additional parking will be available after 6pm at the shop itself. If necessary overflow parking will be on the wide grass verge on the south side of Mill Hill below the Mackenzie Hall (the right hand side of the road from Brockweir Bridge up the hill towards the Village Shop). The Mackenzie Hall will be in use as a polling station. Do not park at, or on the roadside near, the Mackenzie Hall. Do not obstruct voters. Do not obstruct any gates or driveways. It is 200-300m walk up the road from parking on the verge to the Village Shop.</p> <p>Start and finish are in the car park and playing field at the Village Shop. The shop will be opened for extended hours until 8pm selling drinks, teas, snacks etc. In case of inclement weather a covered area may be used but respect social distancing and outdoor meeting rules. Please respect customers or volunteers working in the shop, or other users of the small playing field.</p>
The Area	<p>The map is an unusual 1:15,000 hybrid of an urban orienteering map and a MapRun line map (many thanks to Pat Macleod). Some but not all houses, wooded and open areas are mapped. Orienteers should only use roads and public rights of way as shown on the map. A special symbol is used to indicate footpaths under tree canopy (dashed line on green background) and footpaths in open fields (dashed line on yellow background). There is no open access land. Most routes will be at least 50% off road on rough tracks and footpaths. They are very dry at the moment. It is early in the season but there could be some undergrowth (eg nettles) on paths. Off road shoes without spikes and full leg cover advisable.</p> <p>Footpaths are generally well marked/signposted, well used and obvious on the ground, with one or two exceptions. Care should be taken of livestock – cattle, sheep and horses – and other road/path users. Gates should be secured as they are found.</p> <p>This is a hilly area. The River Wye floodplain is close to sea level. The highest point on St Briavels Common is at 260m. The start/finish is at about 100m. The contour interval is 10m. The course cannot be cleared in 60mins. Careful route choices will be required to maximise scores according to preference and ability. The area is characterised by small field parcels, numerous paths, remnants of the former Hudnalls wood and massive walls created whilst clearing the fields of stone. Many of the dispersed cottages were built by local artisans and small holders about 200 years ago, and have been significantly embellished since then.</p> <p>Offa's Dyke Prize: The area is dissected by Offa's Dyke (c. 780 AD) and the related long distance footpath. Four of the control sites are located on the Dyke (ie the actual dyke not the footpath). A prize will be given to the first three competitors who correctly</p>

	<p>claim to have visited at least three of these controls. Control numbers will be given at the finish.</p>
<p>Event details</p>	<p>To spread people out, runners will start at one-minute intervals from 1800 to 1900. In line with current British Orienteering requirements, pre-entry is required. This is available on Fabian4.co.uk until midnight on Wed 5 May.</p>  <p>Entry fees: £5 seniors, £2 juniors. Juniors must be accompanied.</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>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.</p> <p>MapRunG (Garmin watch) users: if you have MapRun6, you do not need the event PIN number to download the course to your watch. This meant you can download the course before your arrive at the event, in case there is no phone signal there.</p>
<p>Event procedure</p>	<p>When you register on Fabian4 you can select a start time. To avoid congregation at the start we'd ask you to follow the following start procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Wait in your car (or warm up away from the start) until your designated start time. • Just before your start time, press 'Go To Start' on the MapRun6 app. The phone will ask for the PIN number. The PIN is written on the map, so.... • When your start time arrives: sanitise your hands, pick up a map from the table near the organiser's car, enter the PIN and run to the start. <p>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!</p>
<p>Safety</p>	<p>The course is located in a semi-rural environment and uses minor roads, tracks and footpaths. There are many road crossings and sections of single lane roads, so under 16s must be accompanied. Special care should be taken when exiting paths onto roads and at road junctions where visibility may be limited. Bright/florescent clothing is advisable.</p> <p>COVID code of conduct. It is vital that all attendees at the event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p><i>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.</i></p>

