



Final Details – Cluny Hill Christmas Fun – 27th December 2025



With thanks to Moray Council and Forres St Lawrence Cricket Club, we welcome you to Cluny Hill for some post-Christmas orienteering fun! Please come along in fancy dress and bring some sweet treats to share for after. Tea, coffee, and a small prize for each finisher will be provided 😊

Pool-O Format

Please read the following information carefully, this is important in order for you to complete your course(s):

The format of the orienteering is based on the pub game called Pool, in which most of you will know. There will be 15 controls out in the forest, 7 '*red*', 7 '*yellow*' and 1 '*black*'. The controls are all TD3 standard. There will be 2 score courses as follows:

The Short will be either 7 '*Red*' or 7 '*Yellow*' controls IN ANY ORDER before heading to the '*black*' control. At the *black* there will be 2 separate units, please visit **200** for *yellow* and **215** for *red*. After this you will then head to the finish.

The Long is the same process as the short but once you arrive at the '*black*' control, there will be a map exchange, and you will pick up the map of the opposite colour. So, if you ran *red* first you will now pick up a *yellow* map and run this course, and vice-versa. Once you have completed the other course you will then head to the *black* a second time before heading to the finish.

Lengths of courses (which will include a fair bit of climb):

Reds- 2.0km

Yellows- 2.2km

Long (Both)- 3.7km

The courses are of TD3 standard (orange), so all of the controls are off the path. Those who normally run TD2 (yellow) or below, I would recommend pairing up with someone else more experienced.

Michael will be doing a briefing at 11:50, so please make sure you are warmed up and ready to go at this time. Therefore don't worry if you don't remember all of the information in this document.

Directions

From the East: Follow signs for Forres on the A96. Upon reaching Forres, turn left onto the B9011 at the Findhorn Roundabout. After about ½ mile, Grant Park will be on your left.

From the West: Follow signs for Forres on the A96. Upon reaching Forres, turn right onto the B9011 at the Greshop Roundabout. Continue straight at the first and second roundabouts. About ½ mile after the second roundabout, Grant Park will be on your right.

Parking

Please use the various free car parks around Forres. Options include:

- Grant Park Car Park
- Leys Road Car Park
- Forres House Community Centre Car Park

If all of these are full then you may resort to on-street parking. However, please do not park and obstruct the main road in front of the park.

Registration/Download

Registration/Assembly will be at the cricket pavilion at Grant Park. W3W: wide.mixes.feel

We have access for the pavilion from 10:00 to 14:00, however there is a North District Cross Country training session taking place in the park, and this facility will be shared with them until 11:30. This training session will have no effect on our event.

Please note there are no toilets at the pavilion. The nearest available toilets are across the park next to the playpark.

Entries online until 23:59 on the 24th December. There will be NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY.

Hired SI dibbers will be available for collection at registration.

Terrain Details

Cluny Hill is a group of four hills with an extensive path network. Some of these hills are extremely steep so please take care. Due to recent storms, there are some fallen trees which are not mapped. Some of the vegetation has expanded in recent months and some of these may not be mapped.

All roads bounding the area are Out of Bounds.

Start and Finish

The start and finish are a short walk from the pavilion further up the hill. This will be visible from the pavilion.

There will be a mass start at approximately 12:00. For those not wanting to do the mass-start, there will be the opportunity for individual starts at 1-min intervals shortly after. There is a 90 min time-limit on the courses, so please be back for 13:30, which is course closing time.

On finishing, all competitors must report to download in registration – even if you retire and do not complete your course.

All courses close at 13:30. Controls will be removed progressively after this time. At this time, all competitors on the course must return to registration and report to download.

Timing

SI AIR will be enabled for the event. Units will be mounted on metal stakes.

Participants must physically dib the start and finish SI units to start/finish their timings.

Safety Information

- **Competitors.** Participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety at all times. All participants are to wear suitable footwear and full leg cover.
- **Terrain Hazards.** Participants are advised that they will encounter brash, tree stumps and tree roots on the courses.
- **Other Forest Users.** The forest is quite popular with dog walkers and cyclists. Please respect other users of the Forest (dog walkers, dogs, horse riders, horses, and cyclists).
- **Weather.** Waterproof may be compulsory in the event of inclement weather, a sign at assembly will be displayed as required.
- **Steep Slopes.** The area has steep slopes, please take care ascending and descending these.
- **Dis-orientation.** Safety bearing is due west until reaching the field.
- **Vehicle Movements.** There is a very quiet road which goes through the area. Although traffic is very rare, participants are still advised to take extra care.
- **Ticks.** Please check yourselves carefully after your run and remove them as soon as possible, and ideally within 48 hours.
- **First Aid.** A first aid kit will be available at registration as and if required. The nearest hospital is Dr Gray's in Elgin (15 mins drive away).

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