



Culloden Woods
Wednesday 29th May 2019
INVOC Schools League Event



Welcome to the third event of the 2019 INVOC Schools league. On offer is a range of courses to suit all ages and abilities, including beginners.

Terrain/Planner's Comments Terrain is mostly coniferous forest on a north-facing slope, with a network of tracks, paths and rides, and a number of gullies and water channels. Off the paths it is fairly rough underfoot. The forest varies from mature and open to slow run with limited visibility.

There are a number of unmapped timber extraction lanes and mountain bike trails. There are a number of timber stacks – **NO CLIMBING**.

The main Inverness-Perth railway runs through the wood. There is one bridge over it and several tunnels under it. The railway is **STRICTLY OUT OF BOUNDS** and can only be crossed by the bridge or tunnels. Some of the tunnels may be wet but this should cause no difficulty.

The wood is popular with dog walkers, joggers, mountain bikers and other members of the public. Please be careful to avoid collisions!

It is recommended that competitors have full leg cover (no shorts please) due to ticks and prickly ground vegetation.

*Orange, Lt green, Green have symbols in control description which are **X** and **O** meaning wooden den and slide respectively.*

Map: Pre-marked and printed on waterproof paper, scale 1:10,000 with 5m contour interval

Directions: From the A96, turn southeast onto Barn Church Road at the Culloden roundabout (signposted Balloch /Culloden / Smithton) and continue until the traffic lights at the junction with Tower Road. Turn right onto Tower Road. After 350m turn right onto Murray Road and Smithton Free Church is on your left. Orienteering signage will be placed at the entrance to Murray road.

Parking: Car parking is in the Smithton Church Hall car park. **Please do not arrive before 3:30pm to allow school traffic to clear, thank you.** There is on-going reseeding of the grass verges surrounding the car park. **School group leaders please could you walk your group using the surrounding pavements to the road crossing,** which will be marshalled, following tapes to the wood. Tower Road is an extremely busy road at times and extra care is needed.

Toilets: There will be a portable chemical toilet on the route to the assembly and starts.

Registration location: Registration (dibber and map collection) and First Aid tents are located at approx. 100m from the road crossing. Red and white tapes will mark the route. Please take care with your group and ensure children are supervised at all times. Starts will be signposted from here.

Ensure pupils take jackets/extra fleeces to the registration area, as they may have to wait around for other team members to return from their courses. Once at the start you can set up a base for your group (for jackets, water bottles, etc.). You should return to the parking as a group once all your pupils have completed their courses.

Timing: SPORT IDENT Please pick up your registration pack from the registration tent. Ensure each child is assigned the correct dibber. Please also ensure that the wrist cord is used as there will be a charge of £30 to replace any lost dibbers. Each participant will receive a printout of their times at the Finish. Please **return all dibbers** at the finish.

Start time: Start times for schools will be between 3:45pm and 5pm, so all school groups should have completed their courses by 5:45pm at the latest. Starts will remain open for non-school competitors until 6:15pm. Courses close promptly 7.15pm.

Finish: All runners MUST return to download. Follow tapes to download from Finish.

Courses:

Course	Length	Climb
White	2.1km	60m
Yellow	2.5km	75m
Orange	2.9km	75m
Light Green	3.5km	80m
Green	4.8km	85m

(Subject to final controlling)

Registration for schools opens 3:30pm, non-school competitors: 4:30-6:15pm

Courses close: Courses close promptly 7.15pm.

Pre-entry Information: School groups must pre-enter this event by Noon on Friday 24th May. Entries can be made online via SI entries or by email to Jenny Hall at schools@invoc.org.uk

Entries for club members/individual via Slentries. A limited number of maps will be available for entry on the day - pre-entry is recommended.

Entry Fees: Adult (member/non-member) £6/£7; Junior £2.50
Entry on the day (adults/juniors) £1/£0.50 extra

SAFETY: All participants **must** report to the Finish/Download tent, even if they have not finished their course. Otherwise you may trigger a search party. It is recommended that all children carry a whistle. Six short blasts indicate a competitor in trouble, anyone hearing this signal is asked to offer assistance. Stout footwear is advised e.g. fell shoes/trainers with good grips. In case of bad weather please dress appropriately. Competitors may be advised to wear a waterproof jacket.

Please note that Culloden Wood is a popular venue for walkers – you should respect other forest users.

Medical Conditions: You have the option of completing a medical form at registration. It could be lifesaving if the organisers are aware of any existing medical conditions in the event of an incident. You can leave it in a sealed envelope that will only be opened if required and destroyed after the event.

Planner: Finlay Raynor; **SI:** Joan Noble; **Organiser:** Joyce Brunton; On day Organiser Jenny Hall

Controller: David Summers; **School Events Coordinator:** Jenny Hall

BY TAKING PART IN THIS EVENT YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Registration information will be recorded on computer
2. Photographs and / or name(s) may appear on our website or in the media. We will seek permission where this involves young people.
3. Competitors are responsible for their own personal safety and for assessing their own abilities to complete the course. [Please seek advice at the registration desk on the day if you are unsure of whether the course you are entering is appropriate].
4. Event results will be published on the Internet and sent to British Orienteering Federation.



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