

BIRKETT COMMON SUNDAY 9TH MARCH FINAL DETAILS

Getting To The Event

Birkett Common is a short way south of Kirkby Stephen, at the northern end of the Wild Boar Fell massif.

Access will be from the A683 Sedbergh to Kirkby Stephen road, which should be the natural route for almost everyone to approach the area.

The event will be signed from the junction of the A683 and a minor yellow road, named Tommy Road on the OS map.

This point is:-

NY757038 W3W: [///bands.irrigated.estate](https://www.bands.irrigated.estate)

Nearest postcode is CA17 4LJ but this is a little way away.

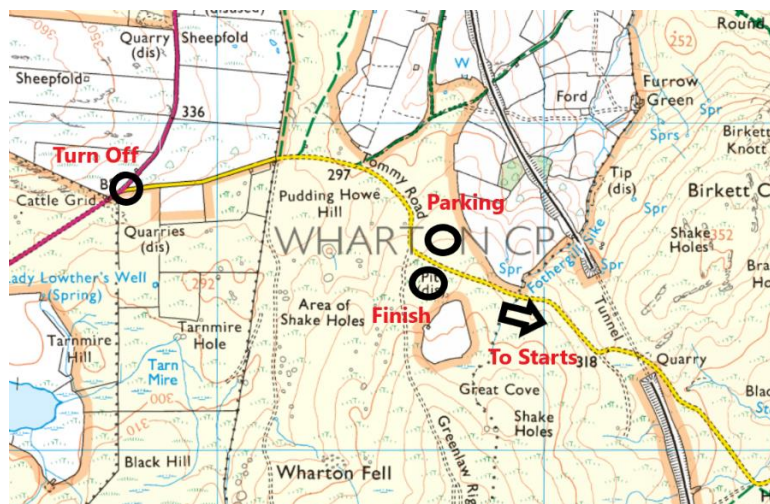
Parking is 500m down Tommy Lane, on rough ground adjacent to the road.

Please closely obey marshal's instructions as the parking area is limited.

Car-sharing appreciated.

We are going to struggle to accommodate camper vans – there is nowhere suitable along Tommy Road – sorry.

If approaching from the east via the Mallerstang Road, please drive very carefully and slowly along Tommy Road, as you will pass through the race area.



Courses

COURSE	LENGTH	CLIMB	CONTROLS	START	MAP SCALE
Brown	8.0km	385m	24	Near	1:10,000
Blue	6.0km	295m	22	Near	1:10,000
Green	4.6km	200m	15	Near	1:7,500
Short Green	2.9km	95m	13	Far	1:7,500
Very Short Green	2.2km	85m	10	Far	1:7,500
Light Green	3.1km	80m	10	Far	1:7,500
Orange	2.3km	65m	11	Far	1:7,500
Yellow	2.0km	40m	10	Far	1:7,500

Assembly

Minimal assembly with toilets immediately adjacent to parking.

Starts

There are 2 starts.

Please follow yellow tapes.

Near Start

For Brown, Blue, Green

0.7km. Minimal climb. Allow 10mins.

Far Start

For Short Green, Very Short Green, Light Green, Orange, Yellow

1.4km. 45m climb. Allow 25mins.

Finish

Immediately by parking + assembly.

Please punch the safety control. Don't forget to download.

Start Times + Course Closing

Starts from 10.30am to 12.00pm.

Course closing at 2.00pm.

** Please note the last start is 30mins before standard Galoppen event timings – to allow us to collect controls in before it gets dark. **

Entry On The Day

Will be available whilst maps last.

For other entry details please see the LOC website event page.

Planner's Notes

The area comprises open moorland up to around 400m altitude. There are many marshes, limited line features, moderate contour details.

The NE part, Birkett Common, is mostly fast runnable grass with some complex rock details.

To the SW Wharton Fell is marshier, and slower going, with areas of complex pits and depressions.

There are some unmapped tracks created by farmers taking feed to their animals. These mainly occur on the approach to the finish, and may be crossed by competitors on all courses except Yellow and Orange.

Safety Points

Whistles and cagoules will be compulsory. This is an exposed area in early February.

In some parts marshes are not well defined and hard to distinguish from sphagnum moss. Where this is the case, the marshes in question are mapped as seasonal. In winter these marshes will present wet conditions underfoot, which conditions may extend to areas not shown as marsh. Some of the permanent marshes, though not mapped as uncrossable, may be difficult to cross in winter conditions. Please approach all marshes with caution, especially juniors. Courses are planned so as to avoid the worst of these.

There are some deep holes [pits + depressions on map], a few containing crags. Where used as control sites, controls will be hung on the edges of the feature, so you don't need to head to the bottom of the feature.