



LAKELAND ORIENTEERING CLUB

Summer Virtual Orienteering Challenge



Your time, your pace, your adventure.

Walk with the family, explore an area or compete against others as quick as you can.



WHAT IS ORIENTEERING?

Orienteering is lots of fun!

The sport is all about having an adventure and using a special map to find checkpoints spread around a park or other area. You can walk or run and take part individually or in a group.

HOW DOES VIRTUAL ORIENTEERING WORK?

A Virtual Orienteering Course (VOC) is created for you to complete and capture with your smartphone or GPS watch. There are no physical markers to be seen at the controls - instead we use an app called MapRun6 to identify and record when each control has been visited.

The challenge is in navigating your own route and capturing control points. At the end of your course, your results are displayed and are stored on a server so you can see your ranking compared with other people who've completed the same course.

WHERE CAN I TAKE PART?

The LOC Summer VO Challenge has courses suitable for families and beginner orienteers in a range of parks and adventurous areas near towns across the South Lakes.

WHAT DO I NEED?

Just download the free Maprun app.



WHAT TYPES OF COURSE ARE THERE?

Our challenge has two types of courses;

Line course - your aim is to find all the controls in the right order as quickly as possible.

Score course - this is where you have to find as many controls as you can in the time limit. Each control is worth a number of points; The highest number of points wins. You will lose points if you are late back.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Send an email to kathfo@lakelandoc.uk to receive your free map pack. This will contain details of all the Summer Challenge courses and further information on how to use the Maprun app.

START
HERE



ORIENTEERING TIPS

Look at the map legend and see what the different colours refer to.

Fold the map so you can easily focus on the bit that matters at the time.

Turn the map so the way you're going is always straight ahead. You can use a compass for this, or you can do it simply by looking around you. Turn the map each time you turn a corner - this is called keeping your map SET.

Use your thumb to keep track of where you are as you walk, jog or run. Watch for path junctions and other points to "tick off" as you pass them.

Visit the controls in the order shown. Control descriptions tell you the code of the marker you'll find, and a brief description of the feature that it's on.

Control descriptions might look confusing, but if you simply navigate to the centre of the circle, you'll find the marker.

The course is marked by straight lines between the control circles but you might use paths that are less direct. If you're doing an Orange course (or harder), you'll have some route choices - often a matter of choosing between a longer run along paths or a shorter, more direct route.

Look at the map scale; work out what distance is represented on the ground by a centimetre on the map. How many double-paces will it take you to cover that distance?

Focus on getting your navigation accurate and run at a speed which allows you to do that



WHAT IS THE SUMMER CHALLENGE?

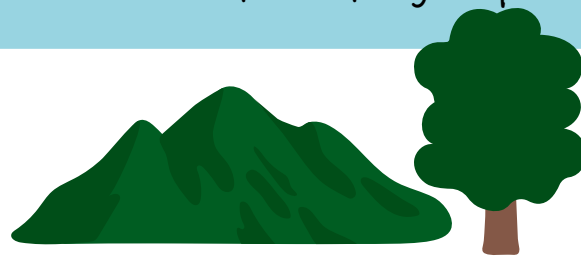
During the school holidays, we challenge you to have a go at as many of our virtual orienteering courses as you can. Use our special chart to keep a record of the courses you complete. Send us your chart at the end of the school holidays to let us know how you got on and receive a certificate for your participation.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE CHALLENGE

Keep an eye on our Website, facebook and Instagram pages.



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Family "Challenge"



EXPLORING TOGETHER



CONTACT US

If you have any questions about the LOC Summer VO Challenge, please email our development officer kathfo@lakelandoc.uk