COLONEL'S DRIVE

Sunday May 19th 2024

Middle distance race & final race of UKOL

Travel Directions

Low Cunsey Farm LA22 0LU GR SD 379 932

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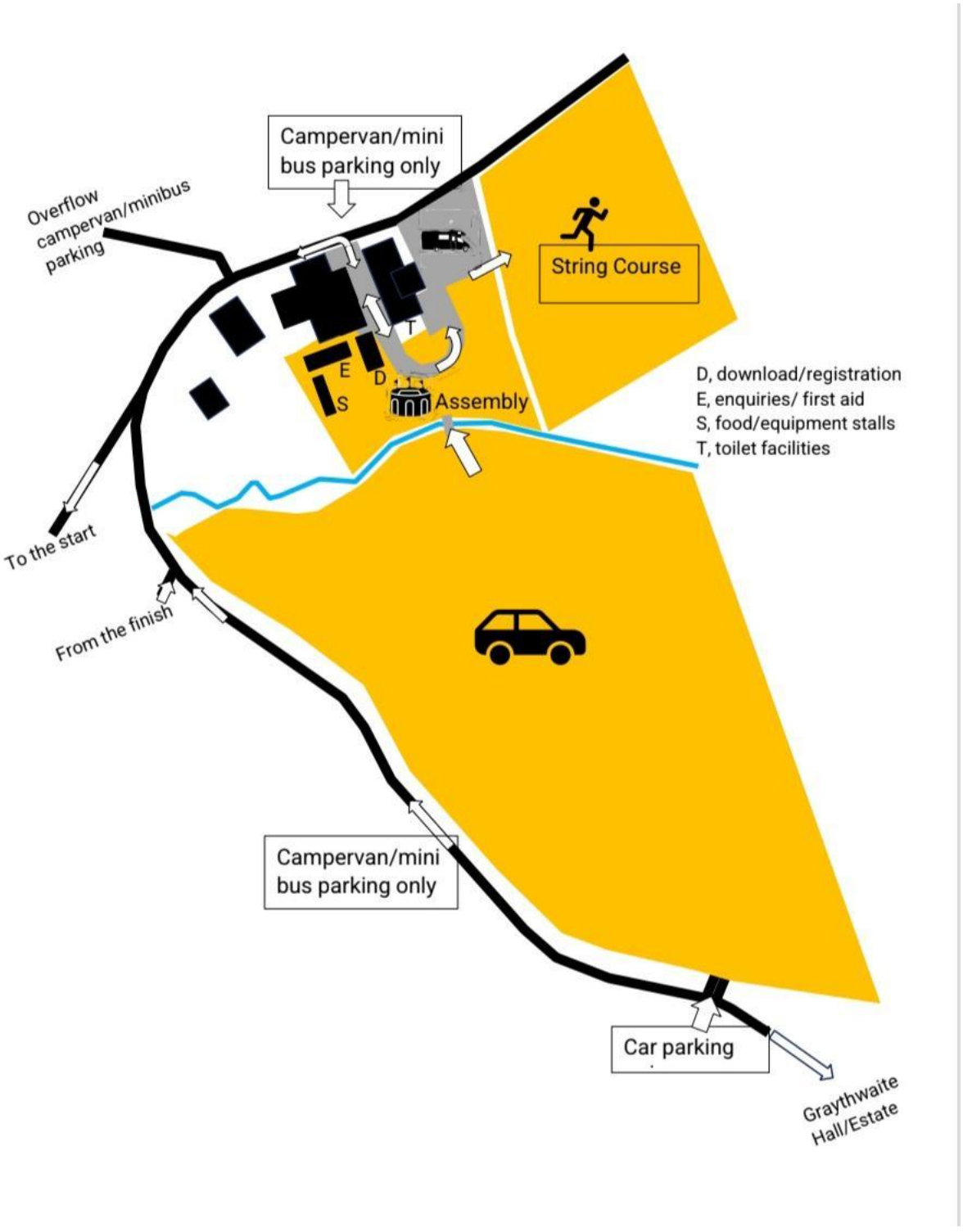
All signage will be from Graythwaite; please see directions below.

Please do not enter via Far Sawrey/Near Sawrey.

Approaching from the south [Newby Bridge] it will be signposted at the minor road junction just north of Graythwaite Hall [right turn] ///donation.voltages.powder

Approaching from the north [Hawkshead]pass the western side of Esthwaite Water to the signpost at the minor road junction as above [left turn] ///donation.voltages.powder

Parking & Assembly



Campervans, motorhomes & minibuses will be parked on hard standing in the farmyard with a small amount of backup parking directly opposite assembly.

Please confirm if you are bringing any of the above on your entry form so we are aware of numbers to expect.

Cars will be parked in the field directly adjacent to assembly.

Compass Point, Podium Catering & NWJS cake stall [TBC] will be in the Assembly field.

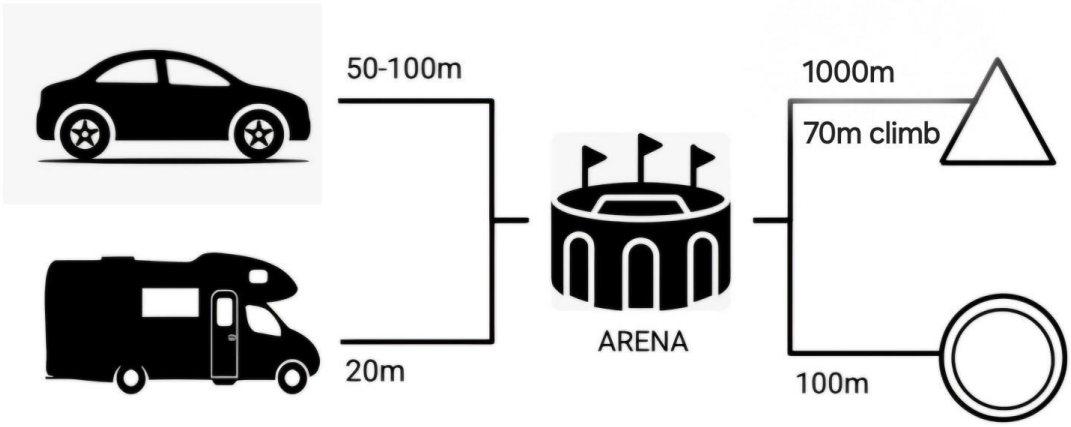
Toilet and hand washing facilities in the Assembly area. Please note accessed via steep steps.

Club tents in the designated area only please signs will be in-place on the day.

Dogs are only allowed in the Assembly area & Parking field on leads, not on the courses. Please contact the Organiser if you have a medical support dog.

Start

Route to the start.



Route to the start will be signposted via the assembly field.

Please use the designated route to the start and from the finish and do-not use the gates from the parking field and take extra care when crossing the minor road for other road users and pedestrians.

A short walk via a short road section on a good gravel track; please use the track section to warmup and do not enter the forest either side of the start route.

This is a punching start but all competitors have a start time so please adhere to your start time as it will be difficult to slot in late competitors & you may be waiting for a long time!

The finish will be siac enabled.

Terrain & Courses

The area has been newly updated by Martin Bagness [2024]

Terrain

The majority of Colonels Drive is gloriously runnable woodland of mature deciduous trees and good visibility. There is little understorey, though bracken will be starting to appear but is not expected to impede progress much at this time of year. The general topography is of broad contours with many small hills and valleys, but there is a steep slope running across the area with rocky ground and crags. There is plenty of detail in contour, rock and marsh. There are few line features. Some sections of old vehicle tracks have faded away but they, along with animal tracks, are still visible on the ground. Paths and tracks are only mapped where they are clearly visible.

The area is bounded by the track used to get to the start, fences and a minor road. The road is out of bounds, and you do not need to cross any fences or the track.

Areas of windblow (fallen large trees) are mapped with the undergrowth symbol and are mostly uncrossable. Note that Light Green and Orange courses initially pass along a tall fence with windblow shown alongside it: There is a clear route between the fence and the windblow.

The planning guideline for orange courses states that competitors should have the ability to navigate short legs on a rough compass bearing to a control on or in front of a collecting feature. In this area, this skill will be required. Collecting features include ruined walls, marshes, streams.

Recent tree felling and the windblow has made it impractical to offer White or Yellow courses.

Extra family activities are available in the string course area, please note this is a parent/carers supervised area.

Safety

Safety Bearing East and follow the land used to access the parking field.

BEWARE! Projecting from some of the fenced enclosures are stakes and wires which support the fences. Some stakes do not have wires connected and can be hard to see. These are small and low, and **can be a trip hazard**, so give the fences a wide berth.

Black, Green and Short Green will pass by a black X on the map which is a large tentlike shelter, or if the tent is not in place then an array of benches which would be in the tent. The pegs which support the tent are **also a trip hazard**: They are left in place when the tent is removed and are hard to see, so give it a wide berth too.

Course Details

Course	Controls	Length km	Climb m	Map scale 1:
Black	18	5.4	285	7500
Brown	19	4.7	270	7500
Blue	15	4.2	230	7500
Green	13	3.3	170	7500
Short Green	13	2.8	115	7500
Very Short Green	10	1.9	75	**5000**
Light Green	13	2.6	110	7500
Orange	14	2.2	115	7500

Control Descriptions

All course will be provided with control descriptions in the start boxes.

Finish

Will be close to the Assembly field. Please take care when crossing the minor road and follow the designated route back to the assembly field.

Download

The download caravan will be in the Assembly field before you enter the parking field. **Please do not forget to download even if you retire.**

Ticks

check carefully for ticks and remove with appropriate device; seek medical attention if in doubt.

Clothing

Full leg cover is required

Hospital

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