

# Norland Moor 7-13 November 2020

## PARKING

On road parking at the far eastern end of the moor in the vicinity of Clough Moor Bridge; there are lay-bys near the bridge, on Stormer Hill Lane and on New Clough Road.

<https://streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=406872&Y=422335&A=Y&Z=115>

## VERY IMPORTANT

Orienteering takes place on Norland Moor by permission of the Countryside team at Calderdale MBC (thanks to Robin Dalton in this regard). It is vital that nothing should occur that will jeopardise any future post-covid events, so please ensure that you do this event in **strict compliance with all the current regulations**. This means either individually, with members of your household or with one other person from outside your household. Please do not arrange to meet in any other grouping that contravenes these regulations.

## RISK ASSESSMENT

1. Most of Norland Moor is rough terrain, including many sections of the footpaths, so take care at all times.
2. The north-western edge of the moor has several disused quarries, some of which have unfenced steep drops which are potentially very dangerous. Please navigate extremely carefully in the quarried areas (Long and Medium courses). Probably best not to attempt this event if there is thick fog.
3. Most of the terrain off the paths is knee-high heather and/or bilberry, which is very slow running, and it also hides smaller boulders and holes.
4. After heavy rain many of the paths become small streams and there is a lot of standing water in places.
5. The moor is used extensively by other runners, mountain bikers, and walkers, many with dogs. Be courteous and give people room – remember the covid rules.
6. This is an official BO activity and covered by BO insurance. But remember that you take part entirely at your own risk. Neither East Pennine Orienteering Club nor the planner can be responsible for any accidents.

## MAP

1:7,500, contour interval 5m. A few new paths have been added to the map, but otherwise we are using the 2010 revision. Some of the very minor paths through the heather are not on the map. There are now more trees on the moor, so the “scattered trees” areas on the map are probably

more extensive on the ground. Benches and telephone/electricity poles and lines are not shown on the map.

## **COURSES**

Long: 5.2 km - technical

Medium: 3.6 km - technical

Orange: 3.1 km - non-technical, using line features or features close to paths, suitable for walkers, or runners who are new to orienteering

## **HISTORY**

You are treading in the footsteps of ancient man! One of the controls on the Orange course is believed to be a standing stone from Neolithic times. An axe head dating back to between 2000 and 1450 BC was found on the moor in 1984. The Ladstone (used as a control site) is alleged to have been used as a sacrificial site by the Druids. The moor has also been used as a military training area at times, and another control site was, I believe, a rifle shooting butt. For several centuries the moor was owned by the Savile family, but they hit hard times and sold it in 1932 to pay death duties. It was bought by Norland Parish Council at a cost of £250, the money being raised by public subscription. In 1974 it passed into the control of the newly formed Calderdale MBC.

Please enjoy the event, but enjoy it safely!

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