

Orienteering at Scammonden from Yorkshire Water's "Dam" car park

The **Permanent Orienteering Course** has been designed to give you the chance to try the sport of orienteering, using your map reading skills to navigate around a course of 'controls'.

For the start follow the "Scammonden Water" sign from the A640 (3 miles south west of M62 junction 23) and use the Yorkshire Water car park at the junction of Green Slacks Lane, Sledge Gate and Low Platt Lane.

Map reference: SE 055 162. Nearby Post Code: HD3 3FR.

Maps and details of the courses are downloadable from the East Pennine Orienteering Club's web site www.eastpennineoc.org.uk. Print the control sheet out on the back of the 1:7,500 map.

Courses: For short courses use the 1:5,000 map and for long courses use the 1:7,500 map

Short Easier: 1.75km, 35m ascent. All controls are visible from the main path network. Wheelchair

Short Harder: 1.5km, 35m ascent. Some controls are off the main path network. \ accessible.

Long Low: 4.5km, 100m ascent – a full circuit of Scammonden Water - clockwise

Long High: 5km, 150m ascent – a full circuit of Scammonden Water – anti-clockwise at a higher level

The Map

Study the map carefully and find out the meaning of the symbols. Note the motorway (along the top of the map), reservoir and car park area (shaded brown); these will help you 'orientate' your map.

The black **parallel lines** marked with an arrow show the direction of Magnetic North.

The **purple circles**  with the accompanying letter marked on the map represent the controls. At the centre of the circle on the ground is a post with a red and white plate bearing the letter and a number. The letter is part of the code for that control. Each control has its own description. e.g. Pond. To show that you have visited those on your course, mark in the box on your map or control sheet the accompanying number.



The **purple triangle** inside a purple circle marks the start of the courses and can be found on a control post just beyond the south end of the car park.

The **red double circle** marks the end of the courses and is just outside the car park's north end.

Procedure

Each control post has a plaque with a letter and a number on:



The first control on the short and long low courses has the code B. When you find the post, you will see it has the code B1 – write 1 in the square on the control card on the map and then go on to the second control. Your challenge is to visit the controls of your chosen course in the correct order.

There are 26 controls in total. So, if you wish, you can plan your own course. Set yourself a time limit to visit as many of the controls as you can, or just walk around the area visiting each control. To check you have been to the correct controls a list of all control posts with their numbers is at www.scammonden.org.uk (Activities - Orienteering section).

If you find any missing or damaged controls when you are doing your course, please could you inform East Pennine Orienteering Club so that remedial action can be taken to renew or repair the controls. The club can be contacted via email: eastpennineorienteeringclub@gmail.com

We hope you enjoy your taste of orienteering – it can be as leisurely or strenuous as you like. If you would like to try more orienteering, you can get details of orienteering events and other permanent courses in Huddersfield, Halifax and Wakefield from the East Pennine Orienteering Club's website: www.eastpennineoc.org.uk. For further afield visit www.britishorienteering.org.uk

Access to the area is by courtesy of Yorkshire Water and their tenants.

The course is maintained by Scammonden Activity Centre – www.scammonden.org.uk

Please observe our Country Code.

Only cross any walls and fences at gates and stiles.

Keep out of the "Out of Bounds" areas

Please keep dogs under control.

Do not swim in or pollute the water.

Do not drop litter in the area – please take it home

Clean up after your dog.