



Scottish Score Championships 2024 – Vogrie Country Park 9th November

Final Details - version 2

Location / Directions

The event is based at Vogrie Country Park in Midlothian:

- Postcode: EH23 4NU
- [Google Maps](#)
- OS Grid Ref: NT374630
- What3Words: decoding.baking.shovels

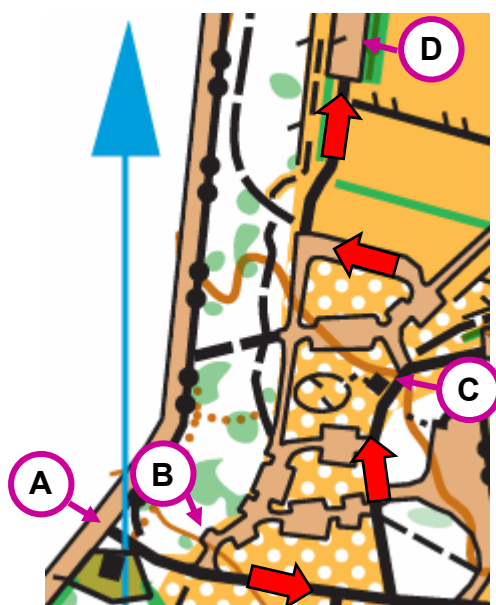
Unfortunately, there is no public transport that will take you directly to the park.

By train: Nearest station Gorebridge (3.5km along the B6372, no pavement for some of the way)

By bus: Lothian Buses will take you as far as Gorebridge (with a similar walk at the end)

Borders Buses (No. 51) goes to Cranston Country Nursery (leaving a 2km walk along the B6372, no pavement).

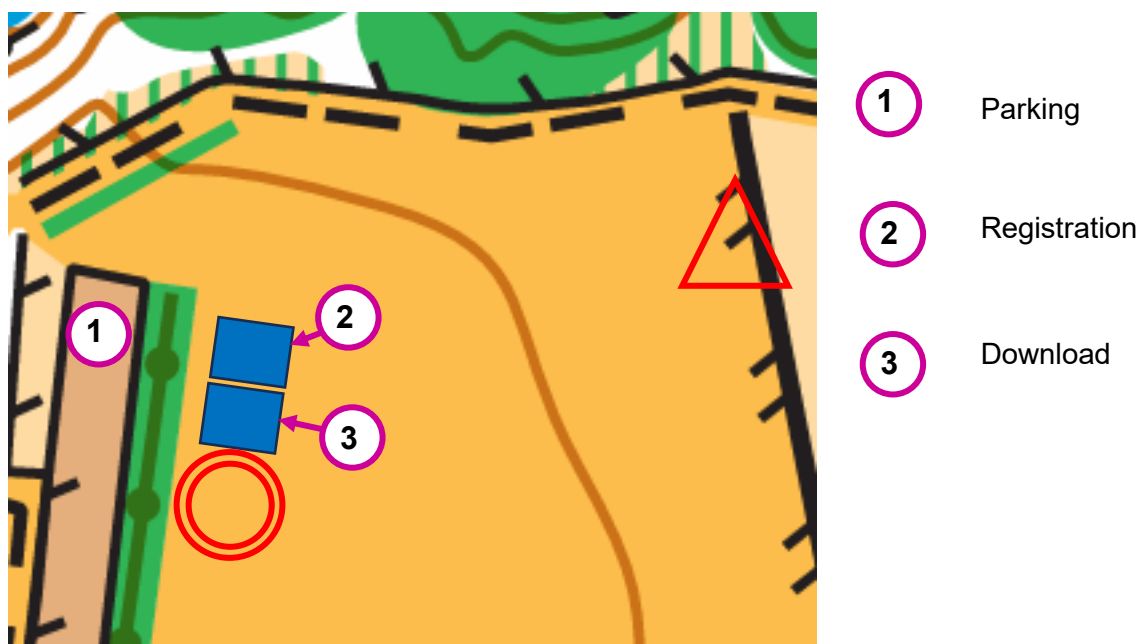
By car: parking available at the event in the overflow car park (please go through normal car park to reach this). Parking fee is £3 - either coins or card (though card payment can be very slow). Can back up at busy times so allow plenty of time when leaving, and please share lifts where possible.



- A** Park entrance
- B** Exit barrier (pay for parking on exit)
- C** Toilets
- D** Orienteering parking (overflow carpark)

Parking / Registration / Starts / Finish

The registration, start and finish are all located adjacent to the overflow car park.



Start times are from 12 to 2.15pm. These have now been published on our [webpage](#).

Call-up will be at -4 minutes. Loose descriptions will be available at -3 minutes. Blank maps at -2 minutes. Control descriptions will also be printed on the map with point scores and codes printed next to the control circle.

Due to the large number of entries (which is great), we have needed to use 30 second start intervals to fit everyone in. Please can everyone be prompt to the start, and be prepared to go early if there's a gap – marshals will advise you what to do.

Yellow course: No start times will be allocated for the yellow course – please pick up yellow course maps from registration and report to the start when you are ready to run. **Anyone shadowing must complete their own run first to be classified as competitive.**

Courses close at 3:30pm at which time controls will begin to be collected in.

Everyone must report to the finish and proceed to Download, whether they finish their courses or not. Otherwise, you may trigger a search party and/or call to the emergency services!

We won't be collecting maps at the finish but this is a championship event so please help us keep this fair by ensuring other competitors don't see your map prior to competing.

Facilities

Toilets: there are a number of toilet options in the park, but please only use the public toilet block in the main carpark (C in the first map above) before competing. These are public toilets and may get busy so please leave plenty of time before your start.

Post run / spectators: As well as orienteering [Vogrie Country Park](#) is a fine park to visit with plenty of other activities. There is an excellent play park 0.5km east of the assembly area. You will also find another toilet block here which is a better option for non-competitors or after you have run.

Vogrie House is also in this part of the park. This houses the Tree Top Café which is well worth a visit and has a small soft play area for younger children. The café serves a good range of meals and cakes. The kitchen closes at 4 o'clock but the café remains open until 5 for cakes and hot drinks.

There is also a smaller playpark next to the carpark (which is accessible prior to competing).

Terrain

Vogrie Country Park is a mix of open parkland, runnable woodland with an extensive path network, and a former golf course.

The area contains muddy and rocky slopes and paths – some of these paths can be very muddy at this time of year. ***The use of dob shoes is advised.***

As is common in this part of the world, you might encounter some bracken, brambles or nettles on your course. ***Full leg cover is mandatory.***

There is a river across the area with (optional) crossing points marked on the map – these are either bridges or areas of the river with a gravel bottom and safer flow. The bridges can be very slippery when wet and should be crossed with care – if in doubt please walk across.

The area includes a disused golf course with enlarged holes used for football golf. These might be obscured by long grass. Please take care of where you place your feet if crossing this area.

The main road alongside the park is out of bounds and not part of the course. A minor road on South West of area can be used. Please take extra care with any traffic.

Other areas are marked out of bounds including some paths and the area above some crags – please respect this.

Map

Map scale: 1:7500 with 5m contour intervals. The map will be printed on A3.

Courses

There are three different score courses graded to different age categories, and a yellow line course for progressing juniors or beginner adults who are reasonably confident reading a map.

The aim of a score course is to score as many points as possible and reach the finish within the allotted time. Different controls have a different points score (between 10 and 40 points). If you are late to the finish a penalty will be deducted from your score – 1 point for every 6 seconds late. ***Remember to bring a watch!***

Course	Age Classes	Controls / Length	Comments
Yellow	Non-championship. Any age.	2km	Moderate, controls are on or near paths, with more route choice.
40-minute Score	M/W14-	20 controls	Suitable for intermediate orienteers (TD3). Parents must be confident their child can compete at TD3 level, noting this is more technical than a normal M/W10 course.
60-minute Score	M/W16-18 W20, W35 M/W40-75+	24 controls	Suitable for experienced orienteers (TD5).
70-minute Score	M20-35, W21	25 controls	Suitable for experienced orienteers (TD5).

Unfortunately, there is no string course but we recommend a visit to the playparks mentioned above.

Electronic Timing

SportIdent (SI) electronic timing will be used, with SI Air enabled. You must manually punch the start and finish.

If you have your own SI dibber, please bring it. Otherwise, SI dibbers can be hired free of charge, but with £30 charge if lost. This must have been requested when booking your place for the event.

For championship courses, you can hire an air dibber, cost £2.50.

Results / Prizegiving

We hope that live results will be available during the event at: scottish-orienteering.org/latest-results/

The prize giving will be held as soon after 3.30pm as possible after the event.

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class.

For trophy eligibility see: [Scottish Championships Eligibility](#)

If competing in the Scottish Championships please don't enter the area before your run – this includes competing in the Vogrie Parkrun in the morning.

Safety Notice

Participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event. By entering the event you are accepting this condition.

Parents/guardians should explain all safety aspects to all children and vulnerable persons in their care and if you are in any doubt about their ability to stay safe only allow them to participate with a carer.

A risk assessment has been carried out by the organiser.

In addition to the risks mentioned in relation to the terrain, please note:

- The area is used by the general public, including dog walkers, horse-riders and cyclists. Please respect their right to use the area and make room to pass safely. You are required to abide by the [Scottish Outdoor Access Code](#), and if necessary, give way or stop running temporarily for safety reasons. In particular, please walk if you see a horse approaching – there have been instances of horses becoming scared and acting unpredictably.
- If you or one of your dependants have an underlying medical condition that might occur during the event, please brief the organiser in advance and leave a sealed written record at the event registration (to be destroyed afterwards).
- You are encouraged to carry a coat if there is a risk of bad weather and ***it is recommended that you carry a whistle*** in case of injury (if injured give 6 long blasts, wait a minute, repeat).
- As ever, if you have any COVID symptoms, please respect others and stay away.

First Aid

First Aid will be available on the day from certified first aiders.

Anything more serious should be dealt with at the nearest A&E which is at:

Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, 51 Little France Cres, Old Dalkeith Rd, Edinburgh EH16 4SA.
Main reception 0131 536 1000.

Insurance Conditions

The Event is covered by BOF Insurance

Privacy

When entering our orienteering events your name may appear in the results section of the Interlopers orienteering club website. We do not share your data with other organisations, other than the sport governing bodies for administrative purposes. We do not use it for any marketing purposes. By entering the event you are accepting this condition.

Event Officials

Event officials are as follows:

- Planner: Mike Stewart
- Organiser: Ray Ward – 07941 196663
- Controller: Roger Scrutton (ESOC)