

TAY Black Spout wood 25th May 2025- Final Details

Registration- 1000-1100

Starts- 1100-1230

Courses close- 1430 so you must make your way off the hill and back to download even if you haven't completed your course. Controls will be collected in from 2.30pm.

Directions

Registration and download will be at the Black Spout wood car park area at the south end of Pitlochry (NGR: NN 95059 57594 what3words: ///bubbles.archive.uncouth)

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no toilets on site – the closest is at the public toilets in Pitlochry or in the various cafes in the town.

**** NOTE: Atholl Highlanders Parade and gathering is on at Blair Castle on Sunday and so therefore the A9 and the town may be busy. Allow for extra time ****

Parking

As the car park at Blackspout is very small, please can we reserve this for those competitors joining us with small children, or who may struggle with the extra walk to and from the start? Car sharing is always advised...and generally much more sociable! We advise using the main Atholl Road car park in Pitlochry, PH16 5BX (what3words: ///dusted.shippers.insist) for the event, which is about a 15minute walk to registration and/or the start.

The event is easily accessible by public transport, via the train station or the main line bus stop in Pitlochry. These are a further 5min walk away.

Start

The start is a 5 minute walk away and can be found by heading South out of Pitlochry, crossing the river and heading back under the railway line. The route to the start will be taped.

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SI Air not being activated and all controls will have to be manually punched

The finish is in a small layby by the pitch and putt, close to registration.

Entry on the day

Late entries/entry on the day an additional £2, subject to map availability.

If you want to run as a pair or a family group, please email the organisers so that we know and can arrange suitable maps.

Fees-

Seniors

£5 - British Orienteering member

£6 - Scottish Orienteering member

£7 - Non-member

Juniors (18 years and under)
£2 - British Orienteering member
£3 - Scottish Orienteering member
£4 - Non-member

Please note that you can attend 3 events as a non-member and are covered by BOF Insurance. After this it is recommended that you join the Club to continue to benefit from Insurance cover.

Terrain

This is a lovely compact area of mature oak woodland surrounding a picturesque gorge. It is at its very best at this time of year with an abundance of wildflowers, before the undergrowth takes over in the summer.

Safety

A comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out and can be viewed at Registration.

It is extremely important that competitors stay well away from the huge cliffs which surround the gorge. These are very dangerous and are marked out of bounds on all courses. Courses have been planned to keep routes away from the unfenced sections. The gorge must only be crossed using the bridge at the upper end.

Despite the recent dry weather, water in the river is still deep and potentially treacherous. Please keep children well away from the river and gorge.

Some of the courses go near the pitch and putt area and competitors should be aware of people using the golf course and for any golf balls that may come their way!

Dogs allowed but must be kept on a lead

BE AWARE: Ticks are prevalent in all areas of Scotland and have been noted here in significant numbers— full body cover is required

We recommend that you carry a whistle while out running and wear appropriate clothing as dictated by the weather forecast.

Please remember to download on your return to the parking area to save any unnecessary searches!

Black spout is a very popular walking/dog walking area so please be courteous to other users. There will be dogs around so try not to startle or surprise them!

If you or anyone travelling with you has a specific medical condition that the organisers should be aware of, please complete and bring with you a copy of the attached confidential medical form in a sealed envelope with your name on it, and hand it to the Organiser. This will be kept in confidence during the event and either returned to you afterwards or shredded.

First aid will be available in the registration tent.

Maps-

The map scale is 1:5,000 with 5 metre contours. Maps and separate control descriptions will be printed on waterproof paper

Courses.

Green: 3.8 km, 125m climb
Orange: 2.7km, 95m climb
Yellow: 1.7 km, 65m climb

Emergency Procedure

To report an accident, please make your way back to the registration area. Emergency contact for the day is printed on the map

Nearest hospital is Perth Royal Infirmary. PH1 1NX

Contacts

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