

Pictorial descriptions

Each column serves a particular purpose, and most symbols can only go in particular columns.

A set of pictorial control descriptions might look like this:

SOL1 Cambus o' May 24/2/07							
course 7			5.4km			90m	
1	35	→	▲		3m	○	
2	42		/	/	Y		
3	64		⊖				⤴
4	111		∇				
5	52		∩				
6	114		○			⋈	
7	61	↙	∩	∪			
8	72		⋈			<	
9	63		⤴	↻		↗	
10	131		⋈				
11	87		▲			○	
12	73		⤴			⊙	
13	85		⋈			↖	
14	110		↙			<	
○ < ---200m--- > ⊙							
courses close at 15:30							

Note distance from last control to Finish, and the time courses close.

Columns 1 & 2 hold the sequence number and the control code.

Column 3 is used if more than one of that feature occur in the circle; this symbol tells you which one is used. In column 3 you might find:

Upper	⇌
Middle	
Lower	⇌

or any of the main compass points ie. N, S, E, W, NE, SE, SW, NW:

Northern	↑
Southeastern	↘

Column 4 describes the main feature that your control is on.

Column 4 can contain any one (or two!) of numerous symbols. The most common ones are:

Boulder	▲
Boulder field	▲▲
Boulder cluster	▲▲
Crag	⌘
Bare rock	
Stony ground	
Re-entrant	∩
Depression	⊖
Depression (small)	∪
Spur	⤴
Terrace	∩
Hill	○
Knoll	•
Earth bank	⋈
Knolls	••
Hill and boulder	○▲
Thicket	⋈
Copse	⋈
Vegetation boundary	∇
Forest corner	↙
Single tree	△
Clearing	⊙
Open land	◇
Semi-open land	◇
Pond	∩
Wet pit	∇
Marsh	
Linear marsh	∴
Stream	⋈
Minor water channel	⋈
Gully	∩
Spring	∩
Well	⊙
Cave	⤴
Pit	∇
Path	/
Road (track)	/
Ride	⋈
Fence	↗
Wall	⤴
Gate, crossing point	⊥
Building	■
Ruin	□
Tower	T
Powerline	⋈
Pylon	⊙
Footbridge	↗
Other man-made object*	X

* When the cross is used, there should also be a written description of what the object is.

Events in built-up areas might use special symbols such as:

Narrow passage	∩
Building passthrough	Π
Stairway	↗
Monument, statue	Δ

All the column 4 symbols can also appear in column 5 if the control site involves two main features.

Some of these might have descriptors in **column 5** or **6** such as:

Junction	∕
Crossing	×
Ruined	↪
Shallow	∪
Overgrown	⏏
Low	∩
Deep	∪
Open	⋮
Rocky	▲▲
Marshy	≡

Columns 5 and/or 6 can also give the size of the feature (in metres) eg. **3** or **2x1**

Column 7 tells us where on the feature the control is placed.

Sometimes we are simply given the position:

On top	⤴
In the upper part	⤴
In the lower part	⤵
At the foot	⤵
Between	⤴
On the bend	<

Otherwise points of the compass are referred to. All 8 main points can be used, ie. N, S, E, W, NE, NW, SE, SW, with these symbols:

On the north side	◊
On the southwest side	◊
At the northeast corner	⊥
At the western tip	◄
At the south end	⊥
At the eastern foot	◊
On the southern edge	◊
Western corner (inside)	◄

Finally, **column 8** contains any special information, such as:

First Aid	+
Drinks point	☪
Manned control	♀

From time to time symbols might be added, deleted or changed.

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