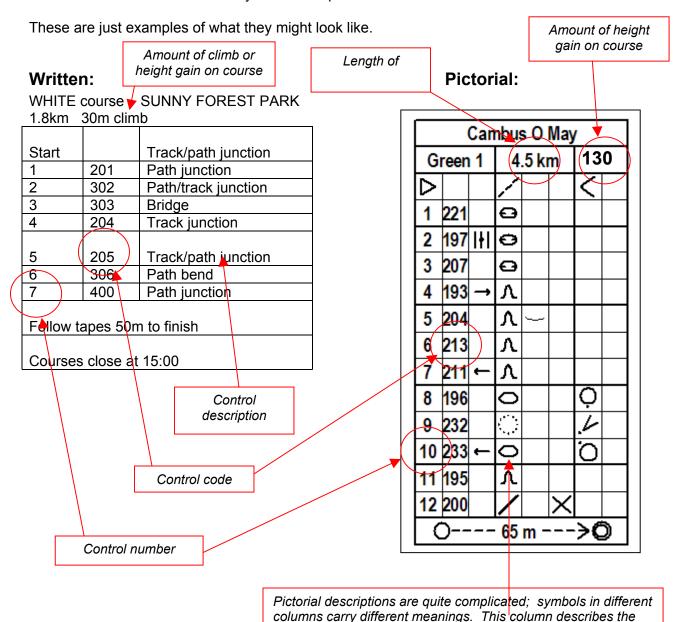# Control descriptions – examples

White, Yellow and Orange (and Red, where available) courses usually have written control descriptions.
The other courses use pictorial descriptions.

Generally the written control descriptions refer to terms in common use. The pictorial control descriptions are defined on the IOF website (see above) but to explain precisely what each feature looks like is beyond the scope of this document.

These are just examples of what they might look like.

Amount of climb or height gain on course

Length of

Amount of height gain on course

Written:

Pictorial:

WHITE course SUNNY FOREST PARK
1.8km   30m climb

Start		Track/path junction
1	201	Path junction
2	302	Path/track junction
3	303	Bridge
4	204	Track junction
5	205	Track/path junction
6	306	Path bend
7	400	Path junction
Follow tapes 50m to finish		
Courses close at 15:00		

Control description

Control code

Control number

Cambus O May			
Green 1		4.5 km	130
▷		/	<
1	221	⊖	
2	197	|┼| ⊖	
3	207	⊖	
4	193	→ ⋀	
5	204	⋀ ⌣	
6	213	⋀	
7	211	← ⋀	
8	196	⊘	♀
9	232	⦂	⩘
10	233	← ⊘	Ọ
11	195	⋀	
12	200	/	✕
○- - - - 65 m - - -→◎			

Pictorial descriptions are quite complicated; symbols in different columns carry different meanings. This column describes the feature; if there is more than one of that feature in the control circle, the column to its left will indicate which one the control is on. Columns further to the right give more information and indicate exactly where on the feature the control is.
In this example, control number 10 will have the code 233, you will find it on the northwest side of a hill, which will be the west-most one in the control circle. Refer to IOF website for details.