

Control Descriptions

White, Yellow and Orange (and Red, where available) courses usually have written control descriptions, which will look something like this:

WHITE course		SUNNY FOREST PARK	
Start	Control Code	Track/path junction	
1	204	Path junction	
2	306	Path/track junction	
3	302	Bridge	
4	201	Track junction	
5	209	Track/path junction	
6	303	Path bend	
7	400	Path junction	
Follow tapes 50m to finish			
Courses close at 15:00			

Length of course → 1.8km

Control code → 306

Control sequence number → 5

Amount of height gain on course → 30m climb

Description of the feature that the control is on → Bridge

How to find the finish from last control → Follow tapes 50m to finish

Make sure you finish before this time! → Courses close at 15:00

Generally the written control descriptions refer to terms in common use.

From Light Green upwards, control descriptions are given using the International Orienteering Federation symbols.

Pictorial Symbols for control descriptions

Courses from Light Green onwards use symbols for the control descriptions. These symbols are defined in full on the International Orienteering Federation website but the following pages will provide a brief summary.

Your pictorial control descriptions might look like this:

Glenmore		
Light green	4.1 km	130m
▶		
1 315	♣	○
2 346	♣	○
3 314	○	○
4 355	∧	
5 327	∪	
6 372	≡	○
7 345	⊗	♣
8 375	▲ ²	○
9 396	○	
10 324	○	○
11 348	○	○
12 374	≡	○
○ < 350 m > ○		
Courses close 15:30		

Length of course

Amount of climb or height gain on course

Control sequence number

Control code

You must finish by this time