



Still Talking

Welcome to Carse of Ardersier

Day 2: Carse of Ardersier
Monday 29th July 2013

Nearest town: Nairn
Lat/Long 57.58N /4.00W
OS Grid: NH805558
PostCode: IV2 7QX

Information for Day 2 (Today!!)

Before you get out of your vehicle please think "Have I cleaned all shoes, buggy wheels, dog's paws?" and if not please make every effort to do so before walking to assembly (more stringent bio-security measures may be put in place on subsequent days)

Starts: There are two starts. Both exit the assembly field from the same gate. Routes to the starts split after 400m. The Red/Blue start lies to the east. The White/Green start lies to the west. There is one road crossing on the way to this start.

Map Scales: 1:10000 except for M/W45+, TD1-4 & courses 21,28,29 (1:7500).
Contour interval 2.5m

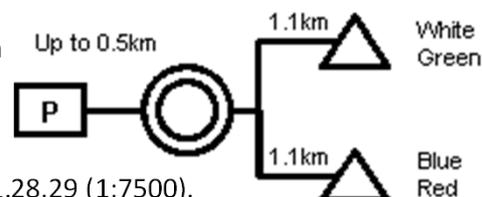
Courses 1&8: The man-made feature on these courses is a camp-fire.

Safety Information: There are overhead power lines in the parking field from a nearby electricity station. Be careful if erecting poles, and the flying of kites is prohibited. Horses are located close-by assembly so please behave with consideration. The majority of courses have at least one road crossing. These will be marshalled, but be wary of vehicles. The area has a number of deep ditches. Crossing of these features should be done with care though courses are planned to avoid them. The area is used for recreational use by locals; please be aware of vague unmapped tracks within the northern part of the map. There is an active MOD Firing Range to the west side of the map (off map), this area is strictly out of bounds and the access gate will be taped off.

If lost head East or South. Do NOT go West – Live Firing Area

String courses : Behind the traders in Assembly. Today's theme is "Wind in the Willows". If possible please borrow an SI chip if you haven't hired one or you may have to wait. Open 10am-3pm

Special Info: Elite Middle Distance.



Acknowledgements:

Thanks to tenant farmer Colin Philip of Balnagowan Farm for parking and assembly fields, and to the Trustees of the Cawdor Maintenance Trust and the Dowager Countess Cawdor (through Bowlt's Chartered Surveyors, especially Ken Bowlt, Alison Aitken and Alistair Davidson). Access to the forest was facilitated by the Cawdor Estate and Cawdor Forestry, with thanks to Angus McNicol and Hazel Cowan.

Remember- no bib, no go (including colour coded courses). Pre-entered colour coded competitors who have not yet collected their bibs should do so before their run at the information point. Colour coded courses do not have pre-allocated start times and competitors can start at a time convenient to themselves.

Information for Day 3: Culbin (Tuesday)

Travel: From the East: From Forres take A96 west for 4km, then turn right (at brown sign for Brodie Castle) and go over the railway bridge, then turn left before Brodie Castle grounds. After 1 km join campsite traffic and turn right just north of the level crossing. Follow minor road to parking (across minor road). From the West: Eastbound traffic cross level crossing (left turn) just after Brodie Countryfare and join other event traffic. **Large vehicles** please note that the parking entry gate is narrow and slightly offset from the junction. There should be plenty space, but if in doubt turn right for c200m and use the next entry.

Buses: Passengers will need to be dropped off by the parking & collected later - there is no bus park, although those staying on the event campsite at Brodie have the option of a 2km walk/cycle to assembly via a rough track and a short section of quiet public road. The route will be signposted from NW corner of the castle

String Course: "Rainbows"

General Event Information

- Blank maps and Courses 1, 2,8 & 9 will be on display at Assembly each day
- No shadowing of juniors on age class courses
- Remember to clear your SI chip at the clear station at the pre-start area
- The torso and legs **must** be covered, and it is recommended that a whistle is carried.
- "No BIB - No Go" (including colour coded courses). Bib has start time (PS=punching start) , start colour and course number
- Tapes colours used this week will be (green, blue, white, red for routes to start, yellow/black = danger, red/white = Out of Bounds/ crossing points, white = taped routes in terrain
- It is the competitors responsibility to pick up the right map (and only one map) and to arrive at the start at the right time (start times will not be changed at the start)
- Courses close at 16:30 each day (please be back by this time). **You must report to download even if you do not finish or retire.**
- Car keys can be left in an envelope at Information (marked with the bib numbers of anyone who is eligible to collect them). Lone competitors should also leave their details at Information
- There will be no drinks stations or water at the finish, except where noted

Please keep dogs on leads at all times and clear up after them



About Ardersier

For several hundred years Ardersier was composed of two distinct communities who even worshipped in separate churches. One part of the village was owned by the Earl of Cawdor and was known as Campbeltown and another narrow strip of land, close to the shore, named Stewart-town was owned by the Earl of Moray. Property owners had to pay feu duties to their respective landlords. It was only in the late 1970's that the village as a whole became officially known as Ardersier.

As far back as the 13th century a ferry operated across the Moray Firth at the narrow stretch between the Ardersier peninsula and Chanonry Point. By the mid-18th century the Chanonry Ferry was in daily use as an important link to the north becoming the key route for mail delivery north and south.

Fort George lies less than 2 miles from the village. After the Battle of Culloden (1746), the fort was built to contain any possible threat against the Crown. This huge fort, which could hold 2000 men and 25000 barrels of gunpowder, was designed to terrify any future Highland rebels. It was eventually completed in 1770 having taken one thousand workers over 20 years to build. Fort George is the only Ancient Monument in Scotland that still retains its original function – a working military base. It is run by Historic Scotland and is open all year round. Dolphins, porpoises, minke whales and grey seals can often be observed in the Moray Firth from the ramparts of the fort.

Limerick Comptition

Carse rhymes with "sparse", and definitely not with "cars". Some of the Day's Officials, together with any other reprobates we press-gang into being involved, invite you to submit, to the information tent **today**, a limerick in traditional A-A-B-B-A form. The winners will have the dubious pleasure of being published in a newsletter later in the week, and absolutely no other prize at all, monetary or otherwise.

Anyone hoping to win should ensure that their entry is suitable for a family publication, no matter how tempting the rhyme might otherwise be. Anyone not hoping to win should at least try and make their rhyme humorous, rather than simply tasteless. The organiser's decision is final.

The Northern Scot (Moray's weekly paper) will be running a feature edition this coming Friday. Anyone with interesting stories please email our local press liaison man Mike Rogers mike@scottish-orienteering.org by Tuesday 21:00. Local reporters may be visiting the event camp site and Day 3 so please be nice to them if they corner you

Certificates: Juniors – don't forget to collect yours from Information if you were one of the first 3 competitors in classes (M/W 10 to M/W16, A and B classes) on Day 1

Seats on the Bus going ...there are spare seats on the bus leaving the Brodie EC on Days 3, 4 & 5. If the start times don't fit with your allocation, they may be changed at the Entries tent in Assembly. Bus tickets at Information.

Day	No seats	Departs Brodie	Start Time Block	Leave event
3	9	09:45	11:20-12:00	~15:20
4	9	10:45	12:40-13.20	~16:00
5	2	10:00	12:00-12:40	~16:00

Volunteering? – Ask at information if you fancy helping out this week, there may be a job right up your street. In particular

- Per Forsberg would like help in the commentary box. If anyone is interested look for the big red box.
- The Day 3 team would very much like some help collecting controls tomorrow. Please leave your name at information with contact details, then return to Information at 16:00 on Day 3 if you haven't heard from us.

Personal Ads: Want to print a message in the next issue – just fill in sheet at Information or send to news@scottish6days.com by 15:00 (space permitting it will be in the next day) today's messages are

- Wishing robin and ruby Campbell happy 52 year anniversary on the 29th July from robert,susan, Alice, caitlin and dylan
- Congratulations to Chris and Lynn Branford, WIM, who celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary today. Simon Branford
- Happy birthday to Helen Errington (HH) on 29th July from Peter, James and Simon.
- Happy Birthday to Ian Brampton Turner (53) from all his friends
- Charity Quiz, only 50p, available until Thursday in aid of WorldVision which supports children in developing countries
- ScotJos (Scottish Junior Squad) also have a quiz available at the merchandising stall
- CRAGGVELO mobile cycle maintenance service available throughout the 6days. Jonathan Emberton EPOC will fettle your bike where you want, when you want. We are staying at the event centre campsite. Contact us on..07792900971 craggvelo@gmail.com Or under the EPOC banner

Things to Do

Today's events in the Social Programme are

Dyke Hall:19:30 Whale and dolphin talk by WDC Spey Bay . £3/£1 per person ,£1 goes to WDC (Whale & Dolphin Conservation).

Remember that **Dyke Hall** (hall, stage, family room, grassy outdoor space) is open daily,from 18:30-23:00 for informal get-togethers with a bar selling local beers, whisky, tea, coffee and soft drinks (thanks to Dyke Primary School Council). Whilst you are there you might also like to take up the services of local therapeutic masseuse Vanessa Stuart (who lives 2 minutes from the hall) – pick up a flier at Information for times, contact details and discounted prices

Brodie Castle: Earthtime activities for kids - 2pm-3pm 2-4 year olds (accompanied) £4.50 3.15pm – 4.45 pm 5 – 10 year olds (unaccompanied) £9

Forres British Legion: Forres Pipe Band will be playing on the grassed area outside the Legion premises from 7.30pm

Soccer 7s – sign up at Information, games on Weds, Thurs, Fri 18:30-21:30

Benromach Distillery Tour, Forres - Pick up one of a limited number of reduced price tickets for a tour on Mon, Weds, Thurs, or Fri day afternoon

And finally

St Laurence Church at the west end of Forres High St. is open each afternoon 1400 -1600

Beautiful woodwork, glorious 1930s stained glass - or just sit and enjoy peaceful contemplation. (No charge, of course)

On Day 4: Come and join some Special Guest O Superstars to help launch the countdown to Highland 2015 (WOC and the next Scottish 6 Days) Gather by the big screen in the assembly field at 14:00.

Lost Property: Information have a growing pile to collect

Also nearby today are ..

Culloden Battlefield www.nts.org.uk/Culloden) 9:30am-6:00pm Adult £10:50, Concession £8 Family £21/25 NT members free. Café

Clava Cairns (www.historic-scotland.gov.uk) Prehistoric burial cairns and Bronze Age cemetery

Fort George (www.historic-scotland.gov.uk) 9:30am-5:30pm Adult £8.90, Child £5.40, Concession £7.20. Café

Cawdor Castle www.cawdorcastle.com 10:00am-5:00pm Adult £9.75, Child £4, Concession £8.75. Café

Brodie Castle www.nts.org.uk/Property/Brodie-Castle) 10:30am-5:00pm Adult £10.00, Family £17:50/£23, Concession £7Café & Shop

Brodie Country Fare – shopping and café www.brodiecountryfare.com

Nairn– shops, beaches, golf, cafes

Cawdor - Darcey's Tearoom

Ace Adventures – activity centre 13 mins S of Forres offering 20% discount to orienteers

www.aceadventures.co.uk

Logie Steading -SW of Forres – art, antiques, heritage centre, gardens, café www.logie.co.uk