



Jamie Stevenson Trophy and Hill of Alyth Tay event

Hill of Alyth
Sunday 15th June

Venue

Hill of Alyth

Grid Ref: NO234510

Postcode: PH11 8LD

[Google Map \(aerial\)](#)

[Bing Map \(OS\)](#)

[OpenStreetMap](#)

Directions

Alyth is off the A926, 10km east of Blairgowrie in Perthshire.

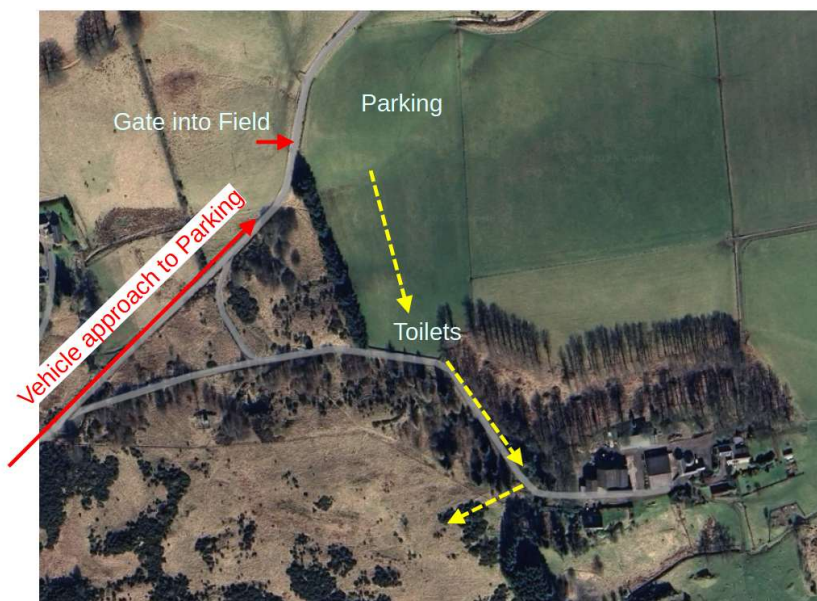
Car parking is in a field north of Alyth after Balwhyme Farm, Newton of Bamff, Alyth. Access to the parking field at [W3W ///activates.contoured.allies](#)

Please approach from the south-west side on the unclassified road as turning into the parking field is difficult from the other direction. Due to the slope of the field parking will be on the flat ground at the north end of the field.

A donation of £3 per vehicle for the farmer will be collected at the entrance to the field.

Assembly

The assembly is in a clearing on the north western side of the hill approximately 15 minute walk uphill from the car parking. The route to the assembly will be taped. The initial walk is through the field (passing the toilets), there is a short section on a track which leads towards Balwhyme Farm before crossing into the terrain. Please follow the tapes carefully and leave the track before entering the main farmyard. The path to the assembly area passes through gorse and we must thank the planner for clearing the worst of the gorse which had overgrown the path. The finish, download, and registration will be located in the assembly area



Programme

Registration: from 10:15

Junior JST Competition Starts: 11:30 – 12:30 pm

Open local event starts: 12.30-13.30

Junior Prize Giving: 1:30pm or as soon as possible after last finisher

Toilets

There will be toilets located at the southern edge of the car parking field roughly 600m from the assembly area. As the route to the toilets from the assembly is partially on the access road to the farm, juniors should be warned to take care (or accompanied as appropriate) as there may be vehicles using this road.

Start

Approximately 10 minute walk uphill from the Assembly area – follow the taped route.

A punching start system will be used. Competitors for the open event can start whenever they want- just turn up and punch the start when you are ready. Please leave a reasonable gap between competitors- you may have to wait for a few minutes if you are on the busier courses, especially Blue.

Courses

Course Lengths (subject to final controlling)

Course	Length	Climb	No. of Controls
Yellow	1.8km	50m	8
Orange	2.5km	80m	9
Light Green	3.2km	115m	10
Green	4.7km	160m	15

Control descriptions are on the map and loose descriptions are available at the start.

Map Scale: 1: 7500, 5 m contours.

Please note that power lines are NOT shown on the map.

We will not collect maps after download but please don't show your map to others in your team who have still to run. Please can team managers enforce this.

Terrain/Planners Notes

Hill of Alyth is an exposed open moorland rising to a maximum height of 295m. The area is traversed by the Catheran Trail. There is an extensive and often complex path network along with significant gorse cover on the hill. There are areas of contour and rock detail and the terrain is steep in places, particularly on the northern slopes where care is needed.

The Hill of Alyth is one of TAY's best areas, with extensive views over Strathmore and north towards the Grampian hills. It was remapped in 2024 when it was used for the Scottish Middle Distance Championships, and has a wealth of tricky contoured areas, and a labyrinth of thick gorse patches, giving a real navigation challenge in places. Courses will also make use of the extensive path network to give route choice, and offer suitable courses for younger competitors and those wanting to avoid rougher running.

Maps

The area was used for the Scottish Middle Championships in 2024
<https://www.tay.routegadget.co.uk/rg2/#35>

Clothing and weather

Full leg covering is required for tick prevention and as there is significant vegetation cover and lots of gorse! You should inspect yourself for ticks after the event. We recommend shoes with a good grip. Bring your own water and hot drinks for after your run.

Please note that Hill of Alyth can be exposed if the weather is inclement so dress appropriately. Cagoules will be mandatory if the forecast is unkind!

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times please.

Prizes

Jamie Stevenson Trophy – awarded to club with most points

Individual Awards for the 1st 3 runners in each category

Award for the Most Supportive Team – There will be a prize for the most supportive team. A jury will be compiled to observe how teams support each other during the event and there is a big jar of sweets ready to be awarded to the most supportive team.

For those who have finished their run or are waiting there will be some Orienteering activities/games. There will also be some spot prizes on offer. If anyone has any spot prizes to donate please contact judy.esoc@gmail.com

First Aid

Event officials are first-aid trained and a basic first aid kit will be available at Registration. The nearest Accident and Emergency is at Ninewells Hospital, James Arrott Dr, Dundee DD2 1SG

Competitors are reminded that they take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety

Acknowledgements

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Jamie Stevenson Rules/Guidelines

Available on the Scottish Orienteering website at <https://www.scottish-orienteering.org/download/67/event-rules-guidelines/11988/jamie-stevenson-trophy-rules-and-guidelines.pdf>

Results

Results will be posted on the ESOC website (<https://esoc.org.uk>) and we hope to have live results available during the event. Local event results will be available on the Tay website at <https://www.taysideorienteers.org.uk/latest-results>

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