



BL TALKIN TARN

Saturday 7th October 2023

Final Details

Parking(P): Talkin Tarn Car Park [Google maps](#) Postcode CA8 1HN Please note there is a small car parking fee. Please pay at the ticket booth in the car park.

Meet and Greet(M): All groups and individual juniors to meet at the field **west of the main Talkin Tarn Car Park**. Look out for the Border Liners feather flag. Here you will be met by Border Liners orienteering coaches who will welcome you and give you a 'map walk'. The map will guide you to the registration/enquiries area along a path to avoid roads and will also give some map practice with orienteering 'kites' to spot along the way. Please carry your bags, coats and food with you to registration. **The meet and greet will be open between 10.00am and 11.15am.**



Registration/Download(R): This will be at the education cabin. Here you can leave bags in the woodland next to the building. Although this area will be supervised, items are left at the owner's risk. Individual juniors must pick up electronic dibbers from registration/enquiries. Groups will receive an envelope at registration/enquiries with their electronic dibbers for each member of the group. Please ensure juniors do not lose dibbers as they cost £30 each to replace.

Start: This will be a short, taped route from the education cabin (5 minutes). Because this is a competition, we do not reveal the start location until the day of the event. **Starts will be between 10.30am to 11.45am.** Please can groups try to be on time for your allocated start time. Groups need to leave around **30 minutes** to complete the map walk, registration and bag drop etc.

Finish(F): The finish will be in the large field behind the education cabin. Please can spectators keep clear of the finish control. If you are bringing a group, please ensure you supervise your group at the finish as you re-group. It is essential that each junior goes to the download/registration area once you have re-grouped to download their results and return their dibbers.

Courses Close: Last finishers in by 12.30pm

Prizegiving: At 1pm by the education cabin

Entry on the Day: there will be no group entry on the day. There will be limited entry on the day for individual juniors depending on map availability. Our preference is for individual juniors to enter through SI entries by Wednesday 4th October. The cost of entry is £3.

Course: This is a Novice (Yellow standard) course approximately 2km with 17 control points. The terrain is on paths through woodland and by the side of the tarn. There is minimal height gain.

Map: Competition maps are printed on waterproof paper. The maps are 1:3,000 with 2.5m contours. There will be a legend/key on the map. Control descriptions will also be on the map.

Controls: This event uses electronic punching. SI boxes will be on stakes with an orange and white flag at each control point. Controls boxes must be 'dibbed' **in order** from no. 1-17. If they mistakenly dib a control twice, this does not matter. BL officials will remind juniors of this at the start.

Medals: There are 9 categories. Medals will be awarded to the 4 highest place juniors in the winning guiding and scouting groups. There are also 2 medals for each individual junior category of Lower KS2, Upper KS2 and KS3. Medals will only be awarded to individual juniors and groups from around Carlisle, Brampton and Penrith area. This is part of our strategy to increase local participation. Medals have kindly been sponsored by Jay by Jay Software Ltd and Middle Row Forge.

Safety: Please supervise juniors in the car park. Please ensure juniors come adequately dressed for the weather and terrain. The footpaths are likely to be muddy so appropriate footwear should be worn. Long trousers or jogging bottoms advised. Please brief your juniors to take care of slips and trips, especially roots and branches. There will be marshals wearing high-vis jackets on the course to assist with map reading where necessary. There will also be some signage to ensure juniors keep on the correct footpath.

Dogs: Strictly no dogs on the orienteering competition course. Talkin Tarn has a strict 'dogs on leads' policy for all other areas.

Toilets(T): There are public toilets near to the education cabin, or in the education cabin itself.

Refreshments(C): Cafe upstairs and drinks/snacks downstairs.

Other users: Talkin Tarn is a busy place on a Saturday morning with Park Run, Rowing Club and dog walkers. The event has been planned to minimise contact with other users.

First Aid: There will be a First Aider at Registration/Download.

Nearest A & E:
Cumberland Infirmary
Newtown Road
Carlisle
CA2 7HY

Covid Information: Please do not attend this event if you have symptoms of Covid 19.

Risk assessment: A comprehensive risk assessment has been prepared for this event.

All juniors must report to download. This is to ensure we know they have finished the course. All group leaders and parents must supervise their juniors in and from the car park to registration and collect from the finish.

Juniors may go around in pairs if they are not confident. Please let the start team know so they can make sure you start together.

Participants take part in this event at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.

Officials

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We are very grateful to Cumberland Council for allowing us to host the competition. We are grateful to Talkin Tarn Park Run for liaison and support with this event.