

Croy Hill SoSOL - Clydeside Orienteers – Sunday 15th March 2026

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Directions

Approach from the M80 - if approaching from the west, take junction 4A exit, follow signs for B802 to Kilsyth/Croy - if approaching from the east, take junction 5 exit, follow B8048 to Kirkintilloch then B802 to Kilsyth/Croy. Turn left into the first entrance to the Croy station park-and-ride car park.

Croy Railway station is accessible from Glasgow, Edinburgh and Stirling

Parking

At Croy Railway Station park-and-ride car-park, using the larger lower car-park, south of the smaller car-park that is adjacent to the station. The entrance will be marked with an o-kite. No charge. 500 metre walk to assembly at Holy Cross primary school.

Enquiries / Registration / Download

These will be in Holy Cross Primary School, 500 metres from parking and from Croy railway station (see map below). Registration from 10.30am to 12.00 noon. Clothing can be left in the school hall.

Toilets

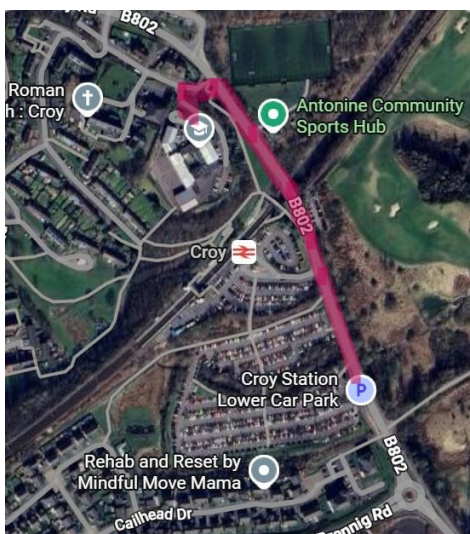
Toilets are available at assembly, at Holy Cross primary school. Please avoid taking muddy or metal studded shoes inside the school.

Start Times /Start Route/ Dibber Hire

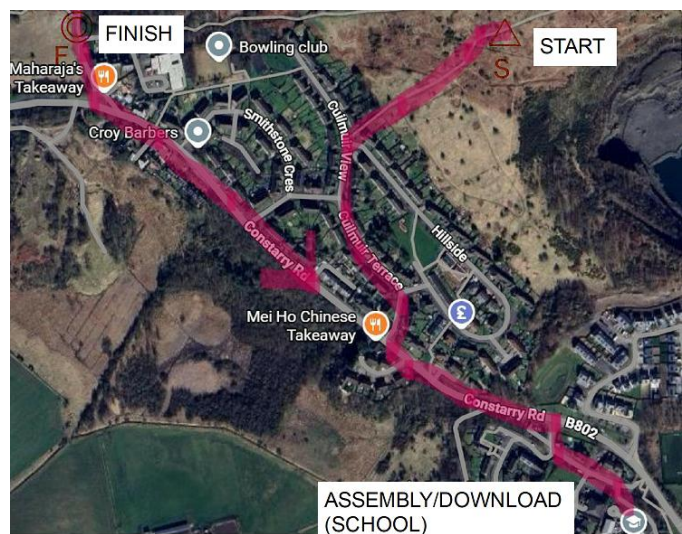
Start times 11.00am to 12.30pm. SI punching will be used. Punching starts with no pre-determined start times, please just arrive at the start and you can start in the next available start slot.

Maps for both WHITE & YELLOW courses should be collected from Registration. Pre-entered competitors on all other courses with their own SI dibber may go directly to the start (see map of route to the start below, which will be taped, and includes a road crossing). Competitors hiring SI dibbers should go to Registration first to collect a hire dibber. Both the start and finish are approx. 15 minutes walk from the parking area (with about 50m climb to the start). Young juniors should be accompanied to the start, given there is a road crossing and the route goes through an urban area. Remember to download at the school on return!

Route from Parking/rail station to assembly (school)



Route from assembly to start/back from finish



Entry on day

There will be some limited entry on the day, depending on map availability (the Brown course is now sold out, but we have a few extra maps on all other courses). Please contact the organiser (info@clydesideorienteurs.org.uk) if you wish to reserve a map, now that on-line entries are closed.

Map

Newly remapped by Klaas Wijnne ISOM 2017-2 Scale 1:7,500 Contours 5m.

Terrain and course specifics

Remapped in 2025 with improved Lidar. Lots of interesting contour and rock detail on open hillside, with several runnable lightly forested areas, many paths and some patches of denser vegetation. Some slopes are steep and rocky. The area is very popular with dog walkers so there may be faint unmapped paths. Power lines have **not** been mapped.

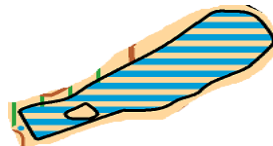
There are working and derelict quarries on the map which are marked as out of bounds on the map and fenced off. The fences all have notices warning not to enter the area. **Parents should ensure that children know not to enter these areas.**

There is some tough dead bracken in parts of the area with some bramble mixed in which may well impede running and impact route choice – it is marked on the map as slow run/walk as follows:



vegetation: slow run, walk

Some courses may go near this marsh which is clearly mapped as impassable (black outline) - please avoid this; it is definitely impassable!



General safety & Clothing

Competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety at all times. Full body cover (torso and legs) is required. Should particularly adverse weather occur on the day, cagoules may require to be carried – if required, this will be advertised at registration and en-route to the start.

First Aid will be provided by trained First Aiders from Clydeside Orienteers, based at the school, but in an emergency you can report to the Finish which will be manned.

Any competitor with an existing high risk medical condition, please send an email to info@clydesideorienteurs.org.uk to inform us of such. This information will be kept confidential.

The area may be used by dog walkers, cyclists and horse-riders. Please be aware of other users.

Dogs

On leads at all times and owners please clean up any dog mess if required.

Shadowing of Juniors

Seniors should only undertake this role after completing their own run, or run as non-competitive.

Start Procedure

-2 Box – Clear & check on entry. Loose Control Descriptions printed on waterproof paper available

-1 Box – Blank maps on display

Then Punching Start in operation.

Course Information

Brown	6.9km	265m climb
Blue	5.5km	215m climb
Green	3.8km	80m climb
Short Green	3.0km	95m climb
Light Green	2.9km	80m climb
Orange	2.6km	65m climb
Yellow	2.0km	45m climb
White	2.0km	40m climb

Unfortunately there is currently no suitable area for a string course, although there are short nature trails at Auchinstarry Basin (on the North side of the area, with parking) that may be of interest.

Control Sites & Electronic Punching

Standard equipment in the form of fibreglass stakes with SI Unit and Kite attached. If SI Unit fails to Flash/Beep please punch your map with clipper found on the stake. Code Number is displayed on the SI Boxes.

Finish Procedure

From the Finish, competitors should return to Holy Cross primary school (route will be taped) and download. Anyone having to retire is also asked to report to download so that we know you are safely back. Courses close at 14.30.

Results

Results will be available from www.clydesideorienteers.org.uk as soon after the event as possible.

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