

## Final Details - Darnaway, Saturday 6 September 2025

By kind permission of Moray Estates, we welcome you to the beautiful Darnaway Forest for some excellent orienteering. The area was last used in 2023 (routegadget here: [2023-09-09 Darnaway Regional Event](#)).

**Parking** is in the grassy carpark behind Conicaval Hall. Registration and download will be situated within here too, with starts and finish a short distance away. It should be noted that we do not have use of indoor accommodation therefore Registration etc will be tented and there are no toilet facilities. The closest being back in Forres.

Well-behaved dogs are welcome in the car park, but no dogs are allowed on any of the courses.

### Directions

**From the West**, drive through Brodie and, after approximately 1 Km, turn right, signed 'Conicaval 2'. Continue for approximately 500m until a T-junction and turn right. Continue for approximately 600m and turn left at a T-junction, signed 'Conicaval 2'. Continue along this road for approximately two miles and into Conicaval. Turn first right (just past postbox) and then 50m along a track, left turn into field (<https://w3w.///yell.uttering.fiery>).

**From the East**, drive through Forres and over the Findhorn Bridge. After approximately 500m, turn left signed 'Darnaway 2'. Follow this road for approximately 1.5 km and then turn left at a T-junction signed 'Conicaval 2'. Then follow the directions above.

*Please note that the track to access the parking is narrow and uneven. Please respect the residents of Conicaval when approaching and be aware of pedestrians on the road heading to and from the start/finish.*

### First Aid At registration

The route to the start will be taped. You will be required to cross the road when you leave the parking area to reach the taped route. Traffic volume is low but please mindful. The start and finish are approximately 600m from the parking.

Registration is open between 10.00-11.30am, starts available from 10.30-12.00 and all courses close at 13.30

- . Yellow. 2.5 km, 60m Climb;
- Orange. 3.1 km, 100m Climb;
- Light Green. 3.8 km, 175m Climb.

All competitors MUST report to Download by the course closing time of 1330 hours, even if they have not completed their course. Failure to do so could result in a search for them being instigated.

**Terrain** is varied with many broadleaf areas (mainly beech) and a varying density of conifers (some regrowth which is thick and some well-spaced pine). Underfoot varies from reasonably clean forest floor through to short grass, long grass, heather and bilberry. There is excellent contour detail - a myriad of knolls and depressions - with some paths crossing the area. On the longer courses there are some paths with steep slopes; also wind-felled trees, some of which are significant. Please do not climb on or touch any machinery or log piles you may come across.

You may encounter Blue tape in the forest - please ignore, this is nothing to do with our event.

**Bio-security.** Tree diseases and pests are posing an increasing threat to our forests and can be spread very quickly from forest to forest on muddy tyres, boots or paws. Please clean all footwear before your next trip into the forest.

**Map Details** 1:7500, 5m contours. SIAir will be enabled.

It is required by BOF (British Orienteering Federation) that full leg cover be worn, it is also recommended to wear grippy shoes. You might also consider taking a whistle. The forecast for Saturday is looking dry and sunny with light winds, please check the weather and come appropriately prepared, with a waterproof if it looks to be damp.

### **Safety Information**

- Competitors take part in this event at their own risk.
- Competitors must be aware of, and take care to avoid, other path users on the courses.
- Competitors are advised that the area has some steep slopes. Please be aware of trip hazards, slopes and steps, uneven surfaces, litter and dog fouling, and low branches near control sites.
- Competitors are advised to take care on any wooden bridges which can be damp and extremely slippery - use the areas covered by chicken wire.
- Darnaway could have ticks which may cause Lyme Disease, if not promptly removed. Competitors are strongly advised to check themselves afterwards for ticks and remove them ASAP.
- Please note that Darnaway Forest is a popular venue for walkers and cyclists. Please be careful and avoid collisions with members of the public and other competitors.
- Competitors are advised to be mindful of traffic on the way to the start and from the finish.
- Competitors are advised not to climb on or touch any machinery or log piles.
- First Aid will be available at the Assembly. The nearest A&E hospital - Dr Grays Hospital, Elgin.
- If you display symptoms of COVID then please do not attend the event.