



## 2022 GB Middle Test Race Culbin 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Final Details

### Location (car park)

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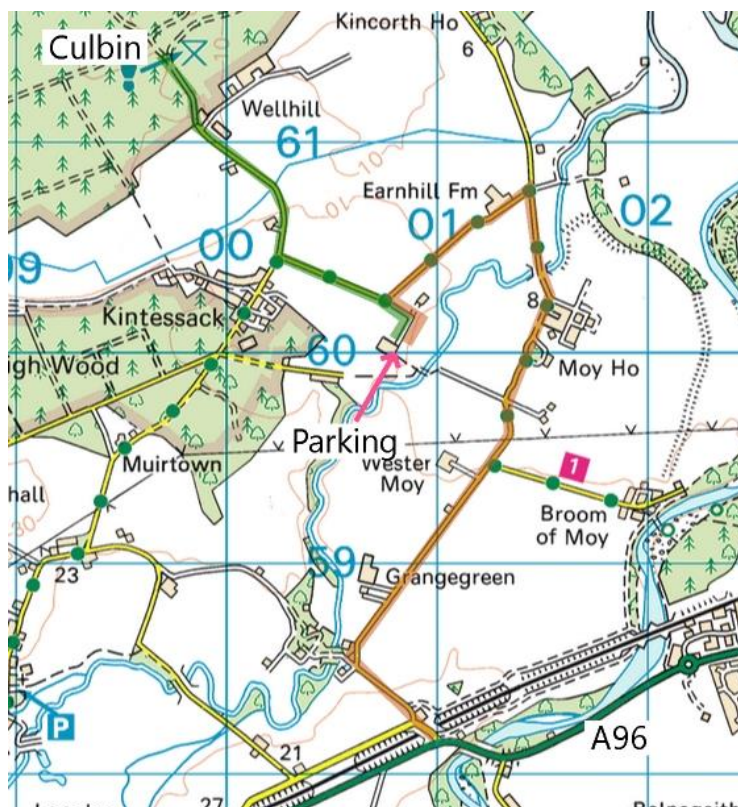
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### Directions:

The route to parking is highlighted in brown on the map below.

1km west of Forres leave the A96 just west of Findhorn bridge, cross the railway bridge and turn immediately right, following signs to Culbin and Kintessack. Follow the minor road past Moy House. After a stone river bridge the road turns sharply left. At the top of the hill turn left down a narrow track with a small sign "Craigfield". Turn right at the T junction to parking.

The walking / cycling route to the forest from parking is highlighted in green. Please do not park at the forest (a condition of our use from Forestry and Land Scotland).



**Parking:** By the planner’s house and in the adjacent farm yard. Parking is limited so please car share if possible and park tidily – do not obstruct the doors of the barns (see image below). The car park will be manned between 12.00 and 13.00. Please arrive during this period if possible. Collect your warmup map from the picnic table on the lawn. Use of the car park is at your own risk.



**Route to forest:** There is a 2km walk to the forest from parking along minor public roads – please take care. The route to the forest will not be marked but is shown (highlighted in green) on the map on p1 of these details.

**Toilets:** There are toilets in the Wellhill car park at Culbin (see map above)

**Courses:**

Course	Length (km)	Climb (m)	Number of Controls	Map Scale
Men	5.8	125	21	1:10,000
Women	4.8	100	18	1:10,000

**Estimated winning times:** 35 minutes

**Terrain:** Pine forest on sand dunes with a great deal of contour detail and considerable variation in visibility and runability.

**Map and special symbols:**

Map scale 1:10,000, using 1:15,000 symbol sizes (as is usual for Culbin maps)

The map has been newly produced using LiDAR data by Jon Hollingdale, April – July, 2022.



Areas of white forest with deep heather have been mapped using the “407: vegetation slow running” symbol (vertical green lines) – this is to inform route-choice: the edges of the vegetation screen area are indicative and should **not** be relied on for fine navigation.

Indistinct paths are in some cases very indistinct / overgrown.

**SI Air:** SPORTident timing will be used, and controls will be SIAC-enabled. **There will be a punching start and punching finish.** There will be a SIAC battery check at the start.

**Start times:** 14.00 – 14.50

Start lists are published to <http://www.masterplanadventure.uk/>

**Courses close:** 16.00

**Warm up:** A warmup map may be collected from parking area. The warm-up area is alongside the route to the start. The map shows a small number of control sites which have been hung with numbered mini-kites. All areas outwith the mapped area are strictly out of bounds but are **not** delineated on the ground.

**Start:** The start area is 800m from the toilets in the Welhill carpark. The route to the start is not marked but it is shown on the warm-up map – competitors must stay within the mapped area.

**Start procedure:** Call-up will be 4 minutes before start time.

Loose control descriptions will be available

The penultimate box will include a taped route of ~100m.

There will be a punching start.

**Start box layout :**



**Finish:** There will be a punching finish.

**Download:** Will be adjacent to finish. You may need to download twice: once for the results capture and once to produce splits from a mini-printer.

After downloading follow the taped route back to the pre-start area.

**Results:** A splits printout will be available

Provision of online results will be dependent on mobile signal.

Link: <https://center.sportident.com/events/2022/gb-test-race-middle-culbin>

Results will be posted on the Masterplan Adventure website as soon as possible after the event.

**Members of the public:** Culbin is a popular recreation forest, especially on a weekend during the school holidays: please be aware that you may encounter family groups, walkers, dogs, cyclists and horse-riders, especially in the Wellhill carpark and on the way to and from the start/finish area

Both courses cross the main path to the Hill 99 tower, this is a popular route and likely to be busy on the day of the event: please take extra care and treat other forest users with courtesy.

**Safety and Risk:** A comprehensive risk assessment has been carried out by the organiser, but **participants take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety during the event.**

**Clothing and weather:** The course is entirely in woodland and is usually very sheltered. Full leg covering should be worn. There are many ticks and mosquitoes in the forest: insect repellent is recommended.

**Water:** None provided. Competitors should bring their own drinks and ensure adequate hydration before, during and after, the event

**Biosecurity precautions and hygiene:** The spread of tree diseases and invasive species is a major threat to British woodlands. Competitors should arrive with all kit cleaned following use at any previous location and clean their kit after this event before use anywhere else.

**First Aid:** There will be a first aid kit available, please be as self-sufficient as possible. The closest Accident and Emergency department is at Dr Gray's Hospital, Elgin.

**Privacy:** Note that your name may appear in the results section of the website or in newspaper reports.

**Covid:** Please don't come to the event if you have Covid or have any symptoms of Covid. Please also always try to:

1. Respect other people's personal space.
2. Make use of the hand sanitiser available.

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